

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

April 16, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Conference Room

Members present: Colleen Peterson (President), Mitch Becker, Phil Murdoff, Barb Pfeifer, Dean Natwick, Londa Rodahl, Mark Wagner, Lucas Teigen, Denise Wetzel, Bob Baumann, Julie Leer, Pastor Mark Narum, and Pastor Martha HarriSon

Members absent: None

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m.

Dwelling in the World: Representatives from Welcome House shared with Trinity the mission of Welcome House. They explained their 12-week Pathways to Progress program (which was developed by Welcome House) and gave examples of community members they have been able to help. The capacity of their facility is 6 families and the average length of stay is 97 days. Welcome House was the recipient of the special Easter Offering in the amount of \$8634.00.

When asked what Welcome House would want Trinity (or anyone) to know about homelessness, they said don't place blame the people experiencing homelessness for the situation they are in and if someone needs help, send them to Welcome House.

Devotions were given by Colleen Peterson.

Approval of Agenda:

It was requested that the following items be added to the agenda under New Business:

- Synod Assembly delegate
- Church School Proposal

It was moved by Barb Peifer and seconded by Mark Wagner to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Consent Agenda:

It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Denise Wetzel to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Londa Rodahl presented the Financial Report. See Attachment A. It was moved by Phil Murdoff and seconded by Denise Wetzel to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Personnel Policy update:

The updates continue.

Celebration of the completion of the Capital Campaign:

The lighting project, the final project of the Capital Campaign, is complete!

Without taking out a loan or paying any interest, Trinity's capital campaign included \$1.4M worth of maintenance and improvements to Trinity Lutheran Church!!! Well done and thank you!

A celebration will be held this fall!

Londa Rodahl and Colleen Peterson will spearhead the committee for the celebration.

Palm Sunday Breakfast:

Another smashing success! Over 200 plates were served and \$1295.00 was raised. We already have volunteers signing up for next year!

Other Old Business:

Carpeting installation is anticipated to begin in mid-May.
Church School area is ready for paint!
Everyone really appreciated the Easter Sunday services.
Mitch shared with the offeror that the purchase offer for the Third Street Parking was rejected. The offeror took it well.

New Business:

Council Retreat:

May 2, 2026 from 9 a.m. through lunch. Done by 1 p.m.
--Invited Property and Trust to tour the building and to discuss and re-evaluate the project list.
--Tentative Agenda:
 Building Tour with Property and Trust
 Team Building Exercise
 What do we want to accomplish this year?

Synod Assembly:

One of Trinity's delegates is unable to attend this year's Synod Assembly in Watford City. Julie Leer was requested to attend instead. It was moved by Mitch Becker and seconded by Denise Wetzel to approve Julie as a delegate. Motion carried.

Sunday School Room sponsorship:

The idea was presented that it would be nice to give Trinity's congregation the option to contribute for the updates to the Sunday School rooms. People can give what ever they would like but would have the option of sponsoring entire rooms in the following amounts:

- \$1400 each for 3 of the rooms
- \$2100 each for a couple of the rooms
- \$2500 each for one of the rooms
- \$4500 each for one of the rooms

Council agreed that's a great idea and pledged to sponsor one of the rooms as a group.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions for May: Lucas Teigen

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted,
Julie Leer, Secretary