

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

May 21, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Conference Room

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

Members absent: Barb Pfeifer, Bob Baumann

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions were given by Lucas Teigen.

Council identified a sympathy card to send.

Approval of Agenda:

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

- Appoint to the Mission and Outreach committee
- Lease offer on the 3rd Street Parking lot

It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Denise Wetzel to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Consent Agenda:

It was moved by Lucas Teigen and seconded by Mark Wagner to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Londa Rodahl presented the Financial Report. See Attachment A. It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Lucas Teigen to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Dwelling in the World: Council discussed “The Why of Trinity” in anticipation of a communications audit.

Old Business:

Carpeting update:

Carpeting installation did not begin in mid-May due to scheduling changes for the contractor. It is anticipated installation will begin mid-June, hoping to be done by mid-July.

New Business:

Communications Audit:

Trinity is pursuing bids for a communications audit from a couple of vendors to review the manner in which Trinity communicates to its members and its community, including a review of the website, Facebook page, print media, etc. The audit will survey congregation members and will likely include focus groups to answer the following questions:

1. How are we doing on communications – both internally and externally?
2. How are members engaging our information?
3. Other questions that arise.

Thanks to Erin Becker for her input in helping us identify the needs and some possible vendors.

Trust Grant Request:

250th Birthday of the United States celebration

The plans are coming along nicely! It will be held on June 28, 2026, after worship (it will actually begin during worship). The meal is being catered. There will be games and music as well. This community event will replace the Block Party/Corn Feed normally held in late summer.

Council discussed the request for a trust grant from the 250th Anniversary Task Force and Community Builders for \$2900 to cover the costs of the celebration.

It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Mitch Becker to recommend the grant request to Trust. Motion carried.

Appointment to Faith Formation:

It was moved by Londa Rodahl and seconded by Mitch Becker that Molly Kleppinger be appointed to the Faith Formation Committee. Motion carried.

Appointment to Mission & Outreach:

It was moved by Denise Wetzal and seconded by Lucas Teigen that MariLynn Herman be appointed to the Mission & Outreach Committee. Motion carried.

3rd Street Parking Lot update:

The party who made an offer to purchase the 3rd Street Parking Lot has approached Trinity about the potential to enter a long-term lease. Council was open to discussing a lease similar to the last one we had which would include a rental amount per parking spot and Trinity would cover snow removal and maintenance consistent with the most recent lease we had with a third-party. Mitch Becker will contact the party to discuss the terms.

Next meeting is Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions for June: Dean Natwick

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted,
Julie Leer, Secretary