

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

August 20, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Conference Room

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

Members absent: Bob Baumann, Denise Wetzel and Pastor Mark Narum

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Devotions were given by Londa Rodahl.

Approval of Agenda:

Request was made to add two items to the agenda:

--Flooring proposal

--Photos in community center request

It was moved by Barb Pfeifer and seconded by Lucas Teigen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Consent Agenda:

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

Approval of Electronic Vote Minutes:

It was moved by Lucas Teigen and seconded by Londa Rodahl to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2026, email vote on an additional Trust Grant Application. Motion carried.

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

Dwelling in the World: Council discussed the question of what Trinity provides for the “everyday people”. How can we address the concerns, issues, and struggles that do not fall into any of the populations we have identified through other groups such as the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force, the Grief group, and the Reentry Meal.

Old Business:

Carpeting update:

The replacement of the rugs in the south foyer to a covering that is more permanent has been completed and the bill paid!.

Communications Audit:

The survey will be ready shortly. Trinity members, guests, and neighbors will be invited to complete the survey which may be accessed online or may be completed on paper. We will have people on hand at or between services to assist with questions or access.

Dream Center Board Member

The Dream Center is seeking a Trinity member to serve on its board in the wake of Mike Baltzer’s passing. The pastors have some names in mind and will keep us updated.

New Business:

Rally Days Activities:

Rally Days will be on Wednesday, September 9, and Sunday, September 13, 2026. FOMO ice cream will be served after the Wednesday service.

There will be an “all church” art project creating a vine and branches, prayer stations, and tours of the updated and renovated church school areas.

Flooring proposal:

A proposal to replace all of the purple carpet was distributed for council’s consideration.

This is not a rush, so council decided to table any action on this under Pastor Mark returns from sabbatical.

Wedding Photo request:

A couple renting the Community Center for a wedding inquired whether they would be able to take photos from the balcony. Council discussed the liability concerns and determined it would help to have our current disclaimer reviewed by synod counsel. It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Lucas Teigen, that Pastor Martha would contact synod counsel and follow his advice re: whether the disclaimer is adequate to protect Trinity from liability or Trinity should discourage/deny requests to be in the balcony in the Community Center.

Motion carried.

Next meeting is Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions for September: Julie Leer

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 7:08 p.m.

Submitted,
Julie Leer, Secretary