

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

September 17, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Conference Room

Members present: Colleen Peterson (President), Mitch Becker, Londa Rodahl, Mark Wagner, Bob Baumann, Denise Wetzel, Lucas Teigen, Julie Leer, and Pastor Martha HarriSon

Members absent: Phil Murdoff, Dean Natwick, Barb Pfeifer, and Pastor Mark Narum

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Devotions were given by Julie Leer.

Approval of Agenda:

It was moved by Mark Wagner and seconded by Denise Wetzel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Consent Agenda:

It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Mark Wagner to remove the August Minutes from the Consent Agenda for purposes of amending the minutes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Lucas Teigen to accept the Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Approval of August Minutes:

The August Minutes incorrectly identified Mark Wagner as present. It was moved by Julie Leer and seconded by Denise Wetzel to approve the August Minutes with the correction to properly represent the members in attendance. Motion carried.

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

Dwelling in the World: Council discussed “Faith over Fear”. How do we provide respite in fearful times?

Old Business:

Communications Audit:

The survey is available for completion. The responses are coming in pretty slowly. Need to work on messaging to inform Trinity members, guests, and neighbors they are invited to complete the survey which may be accessed online or may be completed on paper. Colleen Peterson, Mitch Becker, and Denise Wetzel volunteered to be available before and after services to assist people with completing the survey and answer questions about it.

Dream Center Board Member:

Larry Herman has been selected as the Trinity Representative on the Dream Center Board.

Liability Policy:

During the August meeting, we discussed whether our messaging re: liability for use of the community center is adequate. Pastor Martha followed up with synod counsel Murray Sagsveen. Murray’s only suggestion was to add signage in the balcony cautioning those who use it.

New Business:

Palm Sunday Path:

Plans are in the works for the Palm Sunday Path again this year. Organizers have asked if the walk could begin at Trinity, again. It is anticipated it will end at the Capitol. Pastor Martha is in charge of logistics. It was moved by Colleen Peterson and seconded by Lucas Teigen to allow the walk to begin at Trinity. Motion carried.

Portico Insurance for Pastors for 2027:

Council discussed the options for insurance for the Pastors among the proposals available through Portico. After reviewing the options available, it was moved by Mark Wagner and seconded by Julie Leer that Council approve the Pastors continuing on the Select CoPay plans. Motion carried.

Trust Grant request:

Request \$2736.25 to purchase the daily scripture reading books that we give to the congregation each year. These books provide resources for growing in our faith. This request comes from the Pastors.

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

Signage for the main north entrance:

Council discussed the need for signage to clearly identify the north entrance as the church's main entrance. Additionally, it would be beneficial to include hours the church is open and hours of services.

Tour Church School Area:

Council was invited to tour the church school area after the meeting adjourned to see the results of all the hard work that has gone into renovating the area over the past several months.

Next meeting is Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Devotions for October: Mitch Becker

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:29 p.m.

Submitted,
Julie Leer, Secretary