

## Bethany Lutheran Church- Council Minutes June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Call to Order** at 6:32pm by President Courtney Heid

Members Present: Jon Twing, Dale Swenson, Pastor Chad, Kristen Van Scoyoc, Jessica Fonseca, Courtney Heid, Curt Casper, Heidi Christenson

Members absent: Pat Cassabaum, Darla Crosthwaite

### Opening Prayer & Discussion

### Pastor's Report

#### Joys and Thanksgivings

- Youth Happenings
  - Our teachers: Kristin McElhinney, Stacy Beyer, Scott & Amber Marsh
  - Kristen Van Scoyoc for assembling graduate gift baskets
  - Pool Party
- Dave Bahnsen and Laura Twing for attending the Synod Assembly
- Grandview University and opportunity to be part of Faith Forward program
  - Year-long program ended; Bethany will continue with Faith Forward events
  - Thanks to the Bethany team: Nancy Bruns, Brad & Jill Kingsinger, Amanda Whaley and new addition, Shelby Klabo
- Choir gifting us with song during worship

#### Ministry Happenings

- 8 visits
- Faith Forward
  - Attend the 2-day concluding retreat in Des Moines
    - Celebrate accomplishments and welcome a new group of leaders into the program
  - Work with Faith Forward team to prepare bags with summer at-home activities that were handed out to families at Pool Party
  - Will also be working on something for VBS & backpack blessing in August
- Attend high school graduation parties as schedule permitted
- Met with seminary student I am mentoring
- Synod Assembly at Grandview University
- Crestview worship
- Work with Heidi to integrate her into Administrative Assistant role
- Wednesday Men's Bible Study
  - Breakfast along with discussion of the upcoming Sunday gospel
  - All men welcome to attend at 7:00 AM.
- Administrative
  - Post custodial position and update job description as needed
  - Visit with Courtney who will be interviewing candidates

- Assist with newsletter preparation
- Weekly activities: sermon preparation, bulletin and worship preparation

#### Community Happenings

- Plan for 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chipaway at Childhood Hunger golf tournament to support Operation Backpack program and West Branch Food Pantry
- Boys soccer (run scoreboard) & baseball (scoreboard and announce)

#### Upcoming

- Vacation (June 26-July 2)
- Vacation (July 28-August 10); August 10 – Pastor Paul Ostrem leading worship; August 3 (TBD)

#### **Secretary's Report-**

- May Council Meeting Minutes
  - Jon moved to approve; Curt seconded. Motion approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report- Jon**

- May Treasurer's Report
  - Kristen moved to approve; Jess seconded. Motion approved.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### Building and Grounds – Curt

- Water softener to be replaced by Lynch's

##### Education & Youth- Kristen & Jessica

- Pool party was a good turnout. Several non-Bethany members. Approximately 30 people.
- VBS planning underway.

##### Evangelism & Missions – Darla

- No report

##### Fellowship – Pat

- No report

##### Stewardship – Dale

- Process of ordering water bottles
- Water fountain dedication Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>

##### Worship and Music – Heidi

- No report

## **Old Business**

- Capital improvement updates
  - Garage door opener fixed
  - Bachmeier Flooring is coming to measure. Awaiting quote.
- Solar tax update
  - Jon finishing forms to submit to receive tax credit.

## **New Business**

- Custodian position applications
  - Two applicants received. Courtney setting up interviews.
- Summer meetings/Council gathering
  - No July meeting

Kristen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm, Dale seconded. Motion approved.

**Closed** with the Lord's Prayer

Next Regular Meeting August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025