

Call to Order at 6:31pm by President Courtney Heid

Members Present: Jon Twing, Dale Swenson, Pastor Chad, Kristen Van Scoyoc, Jessica Fonseca, Courtney Heid, Darla Crosthwaite

Members absent: Curt Casper, Heidi Christensen, Pat Cassabaum

Opening Prayer & Discussion

Joys and Thanksgivings

- VBS – Another great year!
- Vacation – Grateful for opportunity to get away for some rest and renewal.
- Church Council leadership and faithful service

Ministry Happenings

- 14 visits
- Faith Forward meeting
- Attend 1 high school graduation open house
- Crestview worship (2x)
- Continual work with Heidi
- Wednesday Men's Bible Study
 - Breakfast along with discussion of the upcoming Sunday gospel
 - All men welcome to attend at 7:00 AM.
- Design template and prepare weekly electronic newsletter
- Weekly activities: sermon preparation, bulletin and worship preparation
- Attend confirmation youth baseball game
- With Officer Steen, met and welcomed new WBUMC pastor
- Pre-Marital Sessions (2x)
 - Jim Friis and Alycia Hicks-Horras (September 6)

Community Happenings

- Plan for 8th Annual Chipaway at Childhood Hunger golf tournament to support Operation Backpack program and West Branch Food Pantry
- Community Need (work with WBPD)

Upcoming

- ELCA Innovation Team – August 18, Synod Office
 - From Synod E-news:
 - *On **August 18, 19, and 20**, the Innovation Team from the ELCA will be in our synod with the expressed desire to listen and learn. **You are invited to share and dream with them!** They want to meet you and learn about your particular ministry setting. They want to hear about your joys and concerns. The team will listen and then connect you with*

research, data, grants, and partnerships! They are a wealth of creativity and possibility, as are you! Let's get the synergy flowing.

- Tri-Synod Fall Gathering Sept. 28-29, Clive

Secretary's Report-

- June Council Meeting Minutes
 - Dave moved to approve; Jon seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report- Jon

- June Treasurer's Report
 - Jess moved to approve pending final report; Dave seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Curt

- Old exhaust vent needs to be capped on roof- West Branch Roofing gave estimate to cut existing vent off, fill with insulation and patch roof. Darla motioned to approve bid from West Branch Roofing to close off exhaust vent. Jess seconded the motion.

Education & Youth- Kristen & Jessica

- Average of 50 kids per night during VBS. Thank you to all the volunteers and people who donated.
- Sunday School kicks off Sept. 14th for Pre-k-3rd grade.
- Blessing of backpacks August 24th

Evangelism & Missions – Darla

- Subcommittee created for God's Work Our Hands to start planning.
- Picked school supplies for donation. Link to donate on the website.

Fellowship – Pat

- Good signups for fellowship

Stewardship- Dale

- Aug 24th is water fountain dedication. Breakfast after ceremony. Will plan to pass out water bottles then.
- Working on ideas for stewardship idea in October.

Worship and Music – Heidi

Outdoor worship September 14th

Old Business

- Custodian position filled
 - Hired Moppy Mo's Cleaning Service
 - Email vote: 8 yay, 1 no response
- Parsonage flooring bid approved for purchase
 - Email Vote: 8 yay, 1 no response
- Solar tax credit update
 - Received notification that we will get the status of submitted documents next week. No update as of now.

New Business

- No new business

Jon moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm, Jess seconded. Motion approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Regular Meeting September 8th, 2025