

Bethany Lutheran Church- Council Minutes September 8th, 2025

Call to Order at 6:37pm by President Courtney Heid

Members Present: Dale Swenson, Pastor Chad, Jessica Fonseca, Courtney Heid, Darla Crosthwaite, Curt Casper, Heidi Christensen, Pat Cassabaum

Members absent: Kristen Van Scoyoc, Jon Twing

Opening Prayer & Discussion

Pastors Report

Joys and Thanksgivings

- God's Work. Our Hands. – All around great day. Good participation and worship attendance. Thanks to all who helped organize!
- Fountain dedication, water bottle distribution and brunch was a wonderful morning too. Great work by the stewardship committee!

Pastoral Happenings

- 12 visits
- 3 premarital counseling sessions
 - Jim and Alycia Friis wedding – September 6th
 - Andrew Samuelson and Cecilia Jergens upcoming wedding – October 11th
- Faith Forward meeting with coach (Final session)
- Faith Forward planning for October 15th event
- Meeting at Synod Office
 - ELCA Innovation Team
 - Pastor Hougen also attended
 - Mostly a listening session
- Crestview Worship
 - Nice attendance last month (7 or 8)
- Weekly newsletter
- Work with Heidi continuing to bring her up to speed with everything
- Worship and sermon preparation
- Wednesday Men's Bible Study
- Prayer

Upcoming

- WBARC 9/11 @ Bethany
- Outdoor worship and Brunch 9/14
- Annual Fall Theological Conference through Southeastern Iowa Synod 9/29-30 in Des Moines
- Faith Forward Family Night 10/15

Secretary's Report-

- August Council Meeting Minutes
 - Jessica moved to approve; Pat seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jon

- August Treasurer's Report via email submitted report by Jon
 - Dale moved to approve; Jess seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds – Curt

- Bell tower needs painted – will need to hire someone to paint as it will require a bucket truck. Will likely need to wait until next spring to work on this but could be done if we can find a bucket truck.

Education & Youth- Kristen & Jessica

- Sunday School starts 9/14
- Faith Formation starts 9/24

Evangelism & Missions – Darla

- GWOH went very well!
 - 55 volunteers for 11 separate jobs.
 - Substantial amount of school supplies donated!

Fellowship – Pat

- 9/14 outdoor worship with brunch following

Stewardship – Dale

- Great crowd for water bottle station blessing
- Planning for stewardship event in October

Worship and Music – Heidi

- Reformation Sunday & Confirmation 10/26
- All Saints Sunday 11/2

Old Business

- Solar tax credit update
 - No new information
- Capital Improvement
 - Parsonage flooring project is complete
 - Working on plans for upstairs bathroom

New Business

- None

Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm, Darla seconded. Motion approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Regular Meeting October 13th, 2025