

**Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
August 19th, 2025**

Council Meeting was called to order at 5:06

Members present; Joey Younie, Sara Odden, Julie Richter (via Zoom), Gina Nelson, Jayne Kraemer, Rodney Rice, Cindy Kinzley, and Troy Kilpatrick. Zach Finley was absent.

Staff present, Intentional Interim Steve Brandsrud, Deacon Tom Martin and Finance Tammy Singaas

- a. **Devotion** – Sara – from the “Overthinkers Devotional” – “When Plans Change”. Selected because of the challenges of changing our Wednesday meals.
- b. **Quorum** - Established
- c. **Minutes** – July Minutes – Motion to approve by Rod and 2nd by Jayne – Approved Unanimously.
- d. **Agenda** – Motion to approve Troy and 2nd by Jayne - Approved Unanimously.

New Business – Wednesday Meal Service

Due to Carrington’s Resignation and taking into consideration the pending beginning of Wednesday Night education and services multiple options were discussed. Catering options were explored for the short-term with both Pizza Ranch and Angel’s Catering rising to the top of the list. Pizza Ranch’s price structure was much more favorable to consider. We also have a congregation member (Aftin Eich) who is willing to take on the position of Coordinator. Through discussion it was shared that Pizza Ranch nights were very popular. To solve the challenge short-term the following motion was made by Gina. Proposed to approve Pizza Ranch for a minimum of 6 weeks in our Wednesday schedule with a commitment to the first 3 weeks beginning September 10th. Allowing new Coordinator Aftin Eich at least 3 weeks to work through the process. Motion 2nd by Jayne – Approved Unanimously.

Old Business –

- a. **Committees**- No new congregational interest has arisen from advertising efforts. Pastor Steve and Deacon Tom will continue to talk about opportunities in the church through early September.
- b. **Sign Update** – Last month the Council had moved to move forward with the purchase quote of \$44,974. After reviewing the 2 contractor bids from Rosenbaum Signs and Conrad Signs the following motion was made. Motion to enter into contractual agreement with Conrad Signs. Made by Jayne and 2nd by Sara – Approved Unanimously.
- c. **Call Committee** – The Committee has made progress and is hosting a candidate. Members of Council invited to meet with the Council during the candidates visit.

Reports

- a. **Rostered Leaders – Interim Pastor Steve** – Steve is looking forward to the upcoming Wednesday services and has been busy with multiple baptisms while all of this is happening.

Steve also received an inquiry from an Eastern Orthodox Church who was seeking a potential longer-term rental space following our services on Sundays. It was decided that Calvary would like to retain the use of its own facility versus committing to a consistent rental agreement with another church denomination.

- b. **Deacon Tom** – A handout with photos highlighting activities of the Youth Groups visit to Nashville was shared. Our group provided volunteer support at the Parkway Baptist Church, Hope Bokole's Foster Home, DSC Foster Family, Dream Streets West (food pantry), and on their last day worked at group Mission Church.

It wasn't all hard work as the group was also able to have fun and relax visiting the Nashville Zoo, Nashville Shores Waterpark, and the Elry Mills Mall. Plenty of funds remain for the next Youth Trip in 2026.

- c. **Financials Tammy** – The Finance Committee will be adjusting schedules and not necessarily meeting each month. Consideration of a Quarterly calendar is in the making. July was a strong month with good performances in both Income and Expenses. Tammy noted for reference that the most significant variance in year prior exists because of incomes no longer being recognized in Facility Rentals aligned with the year prior Empowered Education agreement. This variance is (\$12,000) less at this point. Additional conversation illustrated some temporary challenges with water bills that were excessively billed. These are being fixed and returned to year prior averages, this will take a couple of months to smooth out. Lastly Brian Baloun (congregational member) is reviewing all church insurance policies and will return with recommendations.

Incomes – In total continue to perform over year prior and are up \$5,173 or 1%.

Expenses - Are below year prior (\$26,932 or 6%). Combine both for a positive position for the church of **\$32,169** for year to date.

- d. **Committees**

Worship and Music – Cindy – Since this is a very diverse area and many groups operating at a high level independently. Examples Puppet Ministry, Alter Guild, and Music. The consideration of making this a quarterly meeting as support to those volunteers involved has been discussed.

No Other Committees Reported – Updates next month.

Motion to adjourn made by Sara and 2nd by Jayne – Approved Unanimously