

Council Meeting Minutes – 5/20/25

Council Meeting Summary

Date: 5/20/25

Prepared by: Tammy Singaas (Recorded on iPhone)

Opening Updates / General Conversation

*Members shared updates about end-of-school activities for their children: field days, finals, and end-of-year dances.

*Troy was absent, currently on a cruise. Meeting is being recorded to assist with documentation.

*Quorum was established.

*Rodney opened with a devotional from Proverbs 11:14 and prayer for the church's leadership.

Meeting Administration

***Approval of April Minutes:** Motion made by Julie, seconded by Jayne. Approved unanimously.

***Agenda Approval:** Additions included:

Senate Assembly update (Julie) – Old Business

Staff meeting updates (Cindy)

New Business

Interim Pastor – Pastor Steve Brandsrud

*Recently retired after 30+ years at American Lutheran in Huron.

*Has served as a supply pastor for Calvary before; well-received by the congregation.

*Pastor Renee and Synod leadership support his potential appointment.

*Council Q&A with Pastor Steve to understand his interest, background, and flexibility (e.g., Wednesday night services, sermons, family in Rapid City, etc.).

*Motion to move forward with Pastor Steve as interim effective June 1:

Motion by Gina, second by Sara. Approved unanimously.

*Contract details to be finalized with Synod. Announcement strategy to be coordinated.

Old Business

Committee Redesign

- *Committee structure being formalized; council liaisons assigned.
- *Exploring adding Congregational Care committee.
- *Subcommittee meetings encouraged for communication and reporting.
- *Planning outreach to invite congregation members to participate.

Call Committee Update

- *Two candidates recently considered:
- *One withdrew due to family relocation concerns.
- *One may be suited for a future associate role.
- *Council voted to reaffirm the current Call Committee.
- *Motion by Rodney, second by Julie. Approved.
- *Planning a recognition dinner for the committee (Cindy to coordinate).

South Dakota Synod Assembly

- *Julie updated on delegate registration.
- *One male spot open; Tom to reach out to Levi Silva (and potentially his wife) to fill it.
- *Council supportive of filling all available spots.

Staff Meeting Attendance

- *Staff now meeting 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9 a.m.
- *Cindy will regularly attend as Council liaison. Others welcome.

Reports

Tom Martin – Deacon & HSY Coordinator

- *Supporting supply pastors and weekly services.
- *Continuing hospital and care center visits.
- *Youth update: 30 average weekly attendance. Mission trip to Nashville in July (9 students, 2 adults).
- *Rummage sale is the sole fundraiser—over \$2K raised already.
- *Welcome team and Sunday morning greeters working well.
- *Discussed name tags, welcome cards, and QR-code bulletin initiative for fall.

Tammy Singaas – Business Fund Account Manager

- *April financials: \$6,300 positive margin; YTD surplus ~\$39,900.
- *Easter offering designated separately at \$10,225.
- *Offering trends down compared to budget goals.
- *Wednesday meal program running a ~\$7,400 deficit.
- *Survey in progress to guide next year.
- *Endowment balance discussion for staff equipment (pastoral laptop).
- *Elevator out of service; significant repair likely needed.
- *Custodial staffing realignment post-Wayne's retirement.
- *Council discussed transparency in giving updates to the congregation.

Jayne Kraemer – Finance Committee

Focused on:

- *Elevator repair
- *Organ repair in progress
- *Offering trends down—considering timing of communication strategy
- *Reiterated concern about summer staff hours and documentation

Meeting Wrap-Up

- *Motion to adjourn made by Sara. Approved unanimously.
- *Next Council Meeting: June 17
- *Devotion by: Gina