

**Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 17th, 2025**

Council Meeting was called to order at 5:06

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

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

a. **Devotion** – Presented by Gina - Be Diligent and Steadfast.

b. **Quorum** – Established

c. **Approval of May Minutes** - Motion made by Jayne Kraemer and 2nd by Gina.

Approved unanimously

d. **Approve Agenda** – Motion to approve Jayne, 2nd by Sara, Approved unanimously.

New Business

- a. **Staff Recaps – Cindy** – Previous top concern with team on communications has been addressed with the addition of our Interim Pastor Steve Brandsrud.
- b. **Call Committee** – Working on hosting them for a potential lunch.
- c. **Children's Music** – Johnny Sundby and Mark VanAlstyne are not moving forward in their roles and replacements need to be found (recruited). Notice to congregation will be communicated that we need new leaders.
- d. **Funeral Meals** – Were discussed as to “Why” we were currently utilizing contracted caterers for support. Discussion centered on the changes that had occurred with both paid staff and volunteer groups and how this decision was made. Later a list of the approved caterers was shared that all the funeral homes have. No changes imminent in the current structure but tweaks to this could be developed.

Old Business

a. **SD Synod Annual Meeting Update – Julie** –

*a test of electronic voting proved that more work needs to be done to support that system.

*The ELCA invested communication time into addressing rumors of their desire to manage properties. They are completely uninterested.

*New compensation salary structures were presented and approved.

*Notable appointment – Becky Piper involved in Rural Ministry's

*Congregation Members Dennis Thompson -re-elected as Vice Chairman and Cheryl Chapman elected to serve on the Support Ministries Committee.

Rostered Leaders Reports

- a. **Interim Pastor Steve** – On learning curve since he just got started but has been approved to visit at the hospital and is working on a shut-in list.
- b. **Deacon Tom**- Final Rummage Sale totals were \$10,659. Tremendous success that will take financial pressure off the Youth Groups coming travel to Nashville. Additionally, items that were unsold were able to be gifted to younger woman with child who was in need. Furniture items for her were greatly appreciated. Special appreciation to the Women's Bible Study Group who provided hours of support assistance on Mondays to help set up the sale efforts.
- c. **Finance Tammy** – the big news was breaking even! The incomes for May have seen a slowing in the category of Undesignated Offerings but strong early year contributions still have us up \$36,952 over the year prior. Total Incomes remained up over the year prior by \$24,741. Expenses year to date are down (\$12,037). Of note is the investment in Rostered Leaders has been a savings for part of this year and now additional expense will be seen in support of our Interim Pastor. As of the end of May the performance in these categories leaves us in a positive position of \$40,148.
- d. **Elevator Discussion** – The Finance Committee was presented 2 different estimates on the repair of the elevator. A stop gap effort with a cost of \$3,300 and one complete replacement quote of \$44,295. Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the stop gap effort. Jayne indicated that other vendors would be sources in the next 30 days as a sanity check to the price structures quoted by current vendor Otis Elevator. Motion was made by Troy Kilpatrick to approve and accept the Stop Gap recommendation, 2nd by Julie Richter. A special note was that the cost of repair was to be taken from fiscal operating funds. Approved unanimously by the Council.
- e. **Committee Reports** – No committee reports for this month.

Meeting Wrap Up

- a. Mention of making sure that the Nursery is unlocked for services was requested. Additionally, Tom indicated his looking for new toys to freshen up space.
- b. School Drive was discussed and the need to gather donations for kids' activity kits.
- c. Motion to Adjourn – Gina, 2nd by Zach – Unanimous – Next Meeting July 17th.

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