



Pastoral Council

**Mary of the Visitation
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 26th, 2025
West Campus, Becker**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Members Present
 - a. Father Mike, Rond Dietl, Bill Lyons, Scott Marquis, Peter Nguyen, Kelly Berglund, Emily Adelman, Sandi Ferris,
 - b. [Parish Council 24-25](#)
3. [Approval of June 2025 Minutes](#)
 - a. Minutes approved - No additions or adjustments
 - b. No meeting was held in July 2025
4. Parish Council Introductions
 - a. New Members - WELCOME AND THANK YOU for joining. You are GREATLY APPRECIATED!!
 - i. Kelly Berglund, Peter Nguyen, Emily Adelman
5. Parishioner Input - None
6. Ministry Team Updates
 - a. Youth Group: Margaret/Sandi
 - i. Margaret created an overview video of the Revive program. Emily gave updates on Revive registration information. All things are coming together. The program is a different model. Father asked if there were any needs. There may be needs with greeters, helpers etc. If there is anyone interested in helping let Emily know.
 - b. Liturgy: Father
 - i. The next meeting is next week. At the liturgy meeting they will be talking about people we can serve in both buildings and parishes as members are attending in both locations.
 - ii. Mass space discussion. We were worried about the space at our 10 am mass. So far it has not been a problem. We might get more crowded after summer. We will have a TV set up here in Becker that we can use if needed. We could use some sort of cheat sheet. Father will work on that and share with others. Ushers need to be more

aware of squishing together. We can announce and encourage the people to get closer together. Emily will communicate with the ushers as well. Ushers need to actively ask the people to move in. An announcement can and will be made during mass. We will be more conscious of the needs.

c. Building & Grounds: Ron

- i. James Adelman is the new contact point. Lexi joined as well. There is a lot of planning and items that they are working on. There is a game plan as we move into the fall. Lights were replaced in Big Lake. Assigning tasks for people to do. They are working on a spreadsheet, a calendar of tasks and taking an inventory. Ron has a client that can perhaps help us save money on ordering items. She will be meeting with Lexi, finance manager, to hopefully streamline some of our ordering.

d. Faith Formation: Emily

- i. Emily is working on a calendar with all events and Revive updates. Kick off for Revive is Sept 24th. Starting in Oct will follow the schedule: Sunday - K-4. 1st Wed - Middle School. 2nd Wed - High School. Family Session in December. Early spring a service project is an idea.

e. Knights of Columbus: Bill

- i. Jeff Larch is the new leader. There were about 10-12 who attended . Looking for new members if you know of anyone. Becker Robot team presented and to thank them for their support.
- ii. Breakfast will continue but not sure what that it will exactly look like. Mass times will affect the times with only having a 10 am

f. Hospitality: Sandi

- i. Nothing to report.

g. Outreach: Sandi

- i. Sandi will meet with them and see what we can do to help. They don't formally meet but have projects that they work on and just get things done.

h. Grief Group - Amber/Sandi

- i. Our Grief Social has been happening once/month and we consistently have 5-8 people there! Amber went to a Grief Conference last week put on by Brighter Days Family Grief Center and learned a lot. She will be evaluating the information she took in and bring it to our Bereavement Ministers. She is still looking into other training for our Bereavement Ministers.

i. All Things New Committee - Emily

- i. ACC Sherburne County consists of 4 surrounding parishes: Mary of the Visitation, Christ Our Light (Princeton/Zimmerman), St Andrews (Elk River), and St Marcus (Clear Lake). Father appointed 4 representatives to meet with that group. We are a large ACC group. We formed another group at our parish to discuss and be in the know.

We identified 30 people that we thought would be good to represent all the ideas from our parish. 12 have accepted and 10-12 have been. They get together to discuss ideas and plans to move forward.

- ii. Sherburne ACC Meeting every two weeks. There were 2 people from the diocese that were there. We will present our plan or plans to the committee. The deadline for submitting to the diocese is December 31st. There are guidelines that the diocese needs us to follow. There is information in on our website and the

- iii. Finance: Scott

1. Finished the budget at the end of June. We have a positive cash flow for the year.
2. Building Project in Becker. We have settled with the contractor that we had been working with. He wanted 72,000. We offered him \$10,000 to settle with him. He accepted that offer. We no longer have any affiliation with that. We wanted and needed to get out of that before moving forward.
3. We contacted BCI Construction from Sauk Rapids.. They gave a presentation at a meeting in July. They will be working on fixing the door in Becker. We also have insurance money to fix the roof. We are going to remove the skylight. Put in support beams. The insurance funded us 86500 to get rid of the skylight. They will not give us anything to replace it, but will pay us to remove it. We originally were going to do some efface work but decided not to do that. We will be adding some lighting and have new glass doors. The total cost is \$108,000. They also quoted us that adding a button for handicapped would be \$18,500. Total cost for adding that would be approximately \$120,000. Using the insurance money we don't need to get the diocese approval. We just would need approval from the Finance Committee and Pastoral Council. Both groups approved.
4. Timeline - Scott will work with BCI and Boulder Creek. Hopefully we will be able to start by Oct 1st. Scott will be there for the whole project. We are hoping to be completed by Oct 31st. We are making plans for building usage during the construction time.

- iv. Building Project Update - See Finance Committee Update

7. Freedom Fest Update

- a. Boy Scouts Rib Cook Off. Father was going to be a judge. Sat before freedom fest. Good PR.

8. Closing Prayer

9. Next meeting - September 23rd, 2025