

1. **Call to Order**

Wendy Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Council Members Present

Wendy Schmidt Cindy Hagen Dan Dahlberg Pastor Manda Mike Papke
Craig Moulton Becky Winberg Susie Griffin

Council Members Absent

Sheila Zaske

Reading of Council Covenant - Wendy Schmidt

Devotion - Pastor Manda

2. **Approval of Agenda**

01132209: Motion to approve August 11, 2025 agenda with additions: Motion made by Mike Papke; seconded by Dan Dahlberg. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

01132210: Motion to approve regular meeting minutes on July 21, 2025 with corrections Motion made by Dan Dahlberg; seconded by Craig Moulton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

4. **Items for Discussion**

A. Finance Going Forward - Discussion

01132211: Move that in 2026 First Lutheran Rush City will only accept donations to the General Fund or the Memorial Fund. Motion made by Mike Papke; seconded by Becky Winberg. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

01132212: Move that the Council of First Lutheran Rush City ask the bookkeeper to clean up our chart of accounts and to prioritize the following categories: Property, Benevolence, Children/Youth/Family, Personnel, Staff, Office and Music and Worship. Motion made by Dan Dahlberg; seconded by Craig Moulton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

01132213: Motion to contract with CFR for bookkeeping and payroll and to have CFR to clean up our accounts as soon as possible Motion made by Dan Dahlberg; seconded by Craig Moulton. All voted Aye. Motion carried.

B. Determine Date for Youth Programming Meeting - Discussion. 1st Meeting: September 10, 2025 6:00 p.m.
2nd Meeting: September 17, 2025 6:00 p.m.

C. Membership Update - calls must be completed by October 1, 2025.

D. Prayer List/Prayer Chain approval- Discussion tabled to September

E. Roofing - Mike Griffin has the authority to approve any overage for the roofing project.

6. **Action/Communication Items to complete:**

A. **Finance;** Dan, Pastor and Susie will meet and draft new language and decision for the roles of people and groups in regards to stewardship and finance

Sue and Pastor will work to switch our church contract from Currie Meyer & Associates to Clergy Financial Resources to do/end bookkeeping and payroll

Craig and Personnel Committee will update Kayleen's job description to remove the Accounts Payable duties as appropriate with our new relationship with Clergy Financial Resources

A budget meeting with committee & ministry leaders is set for September 14, 2025 after church. Sue Griffiths will contact committee chairs and get help from Wendy as necessary.

Temple Talk regarding future financial plans and visions - Wendy

Pastor will print the finance reports to be available for the Sunday of the temple talk

B. Youth Programming Meeting Announcement - Craig will write an announcement for the bulletin, give an announcement in church, and send an email to the parents to invite them to the meetings on September 10 & 17

C. All council members will call the people on their call lists by October 1st with the goal of helping as many people as possible to complete and return the form.

D. Cindy will write up explanations for the prayer list to be discussed at the September council meeting

7. **Next Month**

A. Date: September 8, 2025 6:00 p.m.

B. Prayer List

C. Plan for the budget conversation

D. Plan for the CYF conversation

8. **Announcements:**

A. Piecemakers Quilt Guild use of Fellowship Hall October 12-14, 2025

9. **Closing Prayer** - Pastor Manda

10. **Motion to Adjourn**

0113214: Motion to Adjourn: Made Mike Papke; seconded by Dan Dahlberg. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Hagen, Secretary