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**Your comments, questions and concerns are
important to us. Feel free to talk to any member of
our staff or Church Council.**

**Rooted in Christ, Growing in
Stewardship...**

The heartland is now awash in various hues of green. The doldrums of winter give way to the colors of spring. Now, the promise of spring gives way to the growth of summer. Fields are planted and sprouted. Gardens are planted. Flowers adorn the beds of neighborhood homes and roadside ditches. Green is the shade of life! Green growth is also the hue of the faithful steward.

The seed of faith planted in human hearts in the waters of Holy Baptism grows as it is nurtured in the Word proclaimed and ingested in the Holy Supper. This faith does indeed save. But our stewardship of the Gospel is also designed to bear fruit for God's glory and the benefit of our neighbor.

To consider this, let us look at the hymn, “Fruitful Trees, the Spirits Sowing” (LSB 691). It is very much a stewardship hymn!

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing, May we ripen and increase, Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

· The tree of faith is not planted in us by us. It is the Spirit's work! We do not claim the title “steward.” Rather, we are created for it (Gen. 1:26–28).

· The Spirit makes it grow in us. The fruits of the Spirit are borne out because we, by grace through faith, are connected to the vine that is Jesus (John 15). Laden branches freely bearing Gifts the Giver loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by sharing, Patience, kindness, gentleness.

· Our stewardship is NOT about what we do. It is about what the Holy Spirit does in and through us. That is the fruit that we bear. His fruit for His purposes.

· But that fruit is lived out through us. The world sees the fruit of our stewardship of the Gospel in lives lived connected to Word and Sacrament. Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly faster, Goodness, faith, and self-control.

· Stewards have been created and redeemed to reflect the image of Jesus in the world. He is the pattern. We reflect to others around us the Light of the Gospel He has shone on us.

· This reflection comes when Christ's goodness flows from us to others.
Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending, May we grow till harvests cease; Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven's love and joy and peace.
· The ultimate goal of our faithful stewardship is eternity. For us. For our neighbor. All worked out by the Spirit.
Green is the color of the world right now. It is also the color of our stewardship and it is growing in us as we are connected to the vine, Jesus! God grant our growth in Christ!

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

As a congregation, we seek to provide the opportunity for all disciples at First English to receive the sacrament of holy communion. For those unable due to illness, age, or disability, we send out disciples to distribute the sacrament in the home, nursing facility, or other setting.

How will this be done? To respect the integrity of the sacrament, the 1st Sunday of each month those taking communion to the homebound are asked to place their communion kits on the altar to be blessed along with the bread and wine that will be received by the congregation. In addition, the individual prepackaged bread and wine sets will be on the altar and blessed. These may be used by those taking communion to our homebound.

Why are we doing this? The pastor has the responsibility to assure the "good order" of the distribution of the sacrament. As Lutherans we understand that Jesus is present in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine as they are blessed in the presence of the worshipping community.

When our homebound ministers share the sacrament with the homebound they say something similar to this: Gathered at the Lord's table, our congregation remembered with thanksgiving that "in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

This is the supper of our Lord Jesus Christ. This same bread and cup, shared in our community of faith, are here given for you.

Thank you to those disciples at First English who serve as communion ministers to our homebound!



A Prayer for Christian Fathers...

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. Amen. - Author Unknown

We say Happy Father's Day to all dads, step-dads, and to all those who play a fatherly role in our lives. Have a wonderful day!



First English Mission Statement

*Our mission is to grow in faith,
serve our neighbors, and
support one another.*



June Worship Schedule...

June 1: **6th Sunday of Easter**
Worship at 9:00 a.m.
with Affirmation of Baptism(Confirmation)

June 8: **Day of Pentecost**
Worship at 9:00 a.m.
Wear something red which is the
color of the day.

June 15: **The Holy Trinity**
Worship at 9:00 a.m.

June 22: **2nd Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship at 9:00 a.m.

June 29: **3rd Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday Night Worship:
June 5, 12, 19, 26
in the sanctuary – 6:00 p.m.



Tuesday, June 3

We'll begin at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Then we will adjourn to our individual meetings
If you are a committee chairperson, be prepared
to briefly share a bit about what your committee
has done in the past and any new goals for the
future. See you there!

Charity Circle

will meet on Tuesday,
June 10, at 9:00 a.m.
Due to the Treasure Sale,
we will meet in the narthex in the back of the
church instead of the Bethany Room. We will not
meet in July and August.



Shalom Circle

will resume meetings in September.

Summer Church Office Hours...

Beginning Tuesday, May 27
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
(closed for lunch: Noon – 1:00 p.m.)



Deadlines:

Bulletin: Wednesday afternoon
Lantern: 20th of each month

Personal Care Kits...

It's that time of year again and I'm looking for
donations of **Dark Colored Bath Towels** for my
project of assembling Personal Care Kits for
Lutheran World Relief. The best deal for the
Mainstay Bath Towels from Walmart priced at
\$2.94, and they are the required light/medium
weight. (Towels must be at least 20"x40" and no
larger than 52"x27" max). I will be collecting until
mid-August.

Thank you for your help with this project!

-- Lori Heyne

When on vacation

*When on vacation, be with us in spirit.
The rest of the summer, be with us in person.*

Attention, College Students...

Did you know that First English has a



Scholarship Fund available for its members? The Pastor Jay Kamrath Scholarship Fund can help with the tuition of active members of our congregation who are attending a college or seminary. If you are interested, please submit an application letter about yourself to the church

office by July 15, 2025 to be considered for the upcoming school year. You will be notified prior to August 15, 2025 of the results. Thanks!

Our Sincere Congratulations...

to these 2025 graduates of First English:



Wausau West High School

- Bridgette Baumgardt
- Emilio Velasquez

Graduates: remember that no matter where the road leads you or what paths you take, God will be with you. Congratulations and our very best wishes from your First English family!

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11.

Thank You...

"My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! for the Pastors' Appreciation at church on Sunday, May 25. I have been truly blessed by all of you during the past two years as you gave me the opportunity to lead you in worship and provide you with pastoral care.

I love this congregation and the opportunity to serve as your pastor for just a short while has been a huge blessing to me. Thank you for all your support.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Barry"

After Worship Coffee Hours...

Check out the new sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to provide treats and a beverage for worshippers after the service on Sundays.

We extend our worship experience by staying after worship to share some fellowship with each other, especially with a treat! You don't have to provide fancy treats. Simple bars or cookies are just fine, and there is always someone around to help with making coffee! Thanks!



Treasure Sale News...

Dates for the 2025

Treasure Sale:

June 12-14!! Mark your calendars and tell your

We are no longer accepting items for the sale.

Except, if you have furniture or larger items to donate, you may still bring them. These items may be brought upstairs. If you need assistance with your items, let Deb know in advance. We'll have some help for you bring it in.

An Invitation...

On Sunday, June 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., members of FE and your family members are invited to come and shop before the sale begins on June 12. Other than the sale itself, this is the only time you will be able to come and shop. So come and look over the sea of items this year...at reasonable prices!!



Flower Chart for 2025...

The Flower Chart is back! If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion or in memory of a loved one, you will find the chart on the bulletin board in the narthex coat room.

You may go to the florist of your choice and either bring them to the church or have them delivered on the Friday before the Sunday you are providing them. After worship you may take your flowers home.

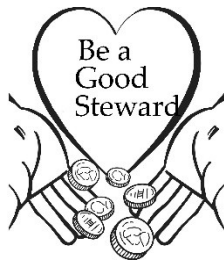


ROCK the BLOCK...

Habitat for Humanity of Wausau is sponsoring their second annual week-long fix-up, clean-up event. This year's effort will focus on a block off 7th St. Jobs range from semi-skilled to merely willing, and may include landscaping, lawn clean-up, weatherization and minor repairs. 20 volunteers are needed for Friday, July 18. We would like to fill as many of those spots as possible with volunteers from First English. We envision a multi-generational effort. Youth under 12 should be eager workers and accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. PLEASE sign up quickly as many churches will be looking to participate during that week. You will find a sheet in the Narthex.

With Summer...

Just around the corner, it's time for relaxing weekends and leisure time with family and friends. However, your congregation still needs your support, even in the summer. We ask and encourage you to remain faithful to your pledge and offerings of financial support. Have a wonderful summer and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. We appreciate your faithfulness and dedicated support!



Let us remember...

those in our congregation who are confined to their homes or are in nursing home or assisted living facilities due to illness, rehab/therapy, or are just unable to attend worship or fellowship activities. They would love and appreciate hearing from their church family with a card, visit, note or phone call.



Cady Home

1805 N. 6th Ave., Wausau WI 54401
- Michelle Detert Room 4

Crossroads Care Center

717 E. Alfred St., Weyauwega, WI 54983
- Rick Petzke

Mountain Terrace Senior Living

3402 Terrace Ct. Wausau WI 54401

- Diane Zuelke Room 133

Primrose Retirement Community

2100 Townline Rd. Wausau WI 54403

- Kathie Peterson Room 228

Rennes Health and Rehab

4810 Barbican Ave. Weston WI 54476

- Joyce Utecht Room 606-2

- Bill Wachholz

Sylvan Crossings on Evergreen

1605 Evergreen Rd., Wausau WI 54403

- Dolores Hintz Room 13

Wausau Manor

3001 Westhill Driver, Wausau 54401

- Alan Sexter (for rehab and therapy)

Wood Aven Living Community

1821 N.4th Ave. Wausau 54401

- Gary Klingbeil Room 110

At Home...

- Ila Bartelt 4602 Barbican Ave. #206
Weston 54476

- Carol Henke 3001 Westhill Dr. #213
Wausau 54403 715-845-9266

Geraldine Hopperdietzel

2505 N. 4th Ave. Wausau 54401

Delphine Saeger

151700 Fern Ln.
Wausau 54401 715-298-3210

Eleanor Thorpe

2901 N. 7th St. Apt. W102
Wausau 54403 715-298-1865

Follow First English Lutheran Church – Wausau on Facebook!

It is a pretty cool way to get some interesting links and notes, thoughts and ideas during the week, and some very nice photos, too!



Thank You...

We thank these members for their recent contributions to First English through their Thrivent Choice Dollars for May...

- Bob Seivert

The Lawn Mowing Schedule...

is on the narthex table for those who would like to mow and trim our church lawn this summer. There are still quite a few slots open. Stop and take a look at the sheet and sign up for the date(s) that best fit your schedule. Thanks!



Worship Servants...

**Acolytes – Greeters – Lectors –
Worship Assistants - Ushers
Communion Set-up / Servers
Communionware Washers**

To all worship servants: if you are unable to serve on the Sunday you are scheduled, please try to switch with someone or find a sub and give Deb a call in the office of the change. Thanks!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

June 1: Connie Vaningan
June 8: Reese Aarthun
June 15: Pat Seivert
June 22: Lynne Santangelo
June 29: Bobbie Levine

July 6: Connie Vaningan
July 13: Reese Aarthun
July 20: Lynne Santangelo
July 27: Pat Seivert

ACOLYTES:

June 1: Kynslei
June 8: Kaedyn
June 15: Brooklyn
June 22: Kynslei
June 29: Kaedyn

July 6: Brooklynn
July 13: Kynslei
July 20: Kaedyn
July 27: Brooklyn

LECTORS:

June 1: Addie Fochs
June 8: Sharon Hunter
June 15: Sue Juedes
June 22: Dawn Kramer
June 29: Barry Levine

July 6: Bobbie Levine
July 13: Russ Michalski
July 20: Karen Otto
July 27: Kalynn Pempek

LECTORS: (Thursday Evening Worship)

June 5: Bobbie Levine
June 12: Barry Levine
June 19: Maralee Moellendorf
June 26: Cheri Breneman

July 3: Bobbie
July 10: Barry
July 17: Maralee
July 24: Cheri Breneman
July 31: Bobbie

ALTAR GUILD:

June: Marla Zumann
July: Deb Kluetz

GREETERS:

June 1: Mike & Connie Vaningan
June 8: Ben & Mia Lodahl
June 15: John & Karen Otto
June 22: Erin and Spencer Radke
June 29: Lynne Santangelo / Lois Stasko

July 6: Gene & Lynn Schulz
July 13: Matt & Dawn Schumitsch
July 20: Mike & Connie Vaningan
July 27: Amy Abitz/Eli Akey/
Steve Wendorf

COMMUNION SET-UP:

June 1: Marla Zumann
June 8: VerJean Detert
June 15: Deb Kluetz
June 22: Dawn Kramer
June 29: Marla Zuman

July 6: VerJean Detert
July 13: Deb Kluetz
July 20: Dawn Kramer
July 27: Marla Zumann

COMMUNION SERVERS:

June 1: Lette Becker
June 8: Sharon Hunter
June 15: Joan Heahlke
June 22: Deb Kufahl
June 29: Scott Kufahl

July 6: Dawn Kramer
July 13: Gene Schulz
July 20: Lynn Schulz
July 27: Emma Schumitsch

COMMUNIONWARE WASHERS:

June 1: Lynne Santangelo
June 8: Neil & Sue Juedes
June 15: Deb Kluetz
June 22: Dawn Kramer
June 29: Bob & Pat Seivert

July 6: Lynne Santangelo
July 13: Neil & Sue Juedes
July 20: Deb Kluetz
July 27: Dawn Kramer

USHERS:

June 1: Earl Zabel / Duane Chapman /
Bob Lampe
June 8: Sue & Neil Juedes / Jenny Blaschka
June 15: Gene & Lynn Schulz / Deb Kluetz /
Lowanne Brokaw
June 22: Lori & Matt Heyne /
Matt Schumitsch

June 29: Mike & Connie Vaningan /
Sharon Hunter

July 6: Scott & Deb Kufahl/Steve Wendorf
July 13: Earl Zabel/Bob Lampe
Duane Chapman

July 20: Sue & Neil Juedes/Jenny Blaschka
July 27: Gene & Lynn Schulz/Deb Kluetz/
Lowanne Brokaw

Subs: Shawn & Jenny Blaschka, Lowanne
Brokaw, Matt & Lori Heyne, Sharon Hunter, Sue
& Neil Juedes, Deb Kluetz, Deb Kufahl, Mike
Vaningan, Earl Zabel

Happy Anniversary, First English!... 1918 – 2025

June 16th marks the 107th anniversary of First
English congregation!

Please use the blue Anniversary envelope in your
packet to offer a gift in thankfulness for God's
steadfast love and grace for these past 107
years.

Psalm 100:5

*For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures
forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*



"Hey, could we have some volunteers
to stay and help clean up?"



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May 2025

Dear friends,

We're thrilled to share that you are among the congregations most generous to ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response! We're so glad to have this opportunity to thank you personally for going above and beyond with your giving and for being one of the most dedicated supporters of these ministries.

Generous congregations such as yours enable these ministries to reach millions of our vulnerable neighbors across the globe. In the face of uncertainty, our work together as a church – and our presence in caring for people in crisis around the world – is more important than ever. **Thank you.**

Please let us know how we can support you. Many educational and general resources are available at

**[ELCA.org/Hunger/Resources](https://www.elca.org/Hunger/Resources) and
[ELCA.org/Disaster/Resources](https://www.elca.org/Disaster/Resources).**

Of course, we would love to hear from you. Don't hesitate to reach out with your stories and questions. We hope we can continue to journey with you in prayer and partnership.

Thank you for your dedication to working toward a just world where all are fed. I give thanks to God for the faithful generosity of members of your congregation as you make an impact now and inspire hope for the future.

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, Congregational Generosity
Daniel.Rift@elca.org

Members of the FE: Congratulations! ...and many thanks for your continued prayers and financial support to help our brothers and sisters around the world. Keep up the good work!

The ELCA...Follow Us On Social Media.

Do you follow the ELCA on social media? Keep informed with church news, event notices, pictures and video across many platforms. Bishop Eaton offers encouraging words as we go through these difficult times. Look for us at [Facebook.com/Lutherans](https://www.facebook.com/Lutherans); [@ELCA](https://twitter.com/ELCA) on Twitter; [@ELCA](https://www.instagram.com/ELCA) on Instagram and [YouTube.com/ELCA](https://www.youtube.com/ELCA). Join this online community of Lutherans!

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Carla Baumgardt, Jenny Blaschka, Karen Czechowicz, Angela Greenfield, Cindy Hermel, Neil Juedes, Michael Klapperich, Russ Michalski, Kalynn Pempek, Dina Santangelo, Nicholas Schumacher, Lois Stasko, Mike Vaningan, and Scott Kufahl (guest).

Members Absent: Sherry Larson, Marla Zumann,

Kalynn Pempek led the opening devotions.

Reports:

March Meeting Minutes: Approved via e-mail.

Financial Reports: The March Financial Reports were not yet received from Wausau Tax & Accounting. Scott Kufahl reviewed the Financial Report Update spreadsheet summary.

Committee Reports:

- **Parish Ed** – Wrapping up the school year. Three-year old through fifth grade taught by two teachers. June 1 is confirmation Sunday with two students being confirmed. Suggest older youth do service projects in additional to fun events. Concern expressed about keeping confirmed youth involved in church after confirmation.
- **Worship & Music** – No report.
- **Stewardship** – Thank you notes to be distributed. More cards will be done at the next meeting.

- **Church & Society** – Planning to do a temple talk about volunteering on April 27 and include a handout of a volunteer survey to gauge the level of community volunteering done by the congregation. A copy of the survey was provided. Discussed the idea of a volunteer info tab added to Web site page.
- **Property** – There is a problem with the Cedar Street door not latching. The Property Committee received a quote from Complete Control to update the security system on the Cedar Street entrance with a new camera and call system. The option of getting a new key pad is to be determined. A motion was made by Kalynn Pempek and seconded by Neil Juedes authorizing the Property Committee to spend up to \$5,000 on a new security system. Key fobs could be available and added on at a later date at an extra cost for entrance and programming times to automatically unlock the doors. The committee is working with Quality Door to replace both Cedar Street doors. Two metal doors with the frame would cost \$6,900. Quality Door is working with Complete Control to coordinate the doors with the new security system. The door and security system replacement would be completed after the elevator project--possibly in August. A motion was made by Mike Vaningan and seconded by Dina Santangelo to approve \$7,000 to move forward with the door replacement project. Motion passed.

Youth – The confirmation students are making their stoles on May 4 after the education hour with Nina Dittmar. Pastor Mary will join them to have an opportunity to get to know them. Pastor Mary has a three-day vacation Bible school program planned. Youth will participate in Mothers' Day service. May 18 is the last Sunday school day. An ice cream party and church grounds garbage pickup is planned. June 1 is confirmation Sunday. On June 14, the youth, both confirmed and non-confirmed, will be walking to benefit Gigi's Playhouse. This event will be open to all members of the church.

- **Wage & Policy** – No report.
- **Fair Stand** – Russ Michalski to speak with Jerome Dahlke about meeting during committee time in June to discuss the fair stand. Pricing is unknown and won't be available until June/July. Propose the vegetable stand complete the chopping earlier so vegetables are ready to for the next day. This will better facilitate day-of food preparation.
- **Treasure Sale** – No report.
- **Call Committee** – See Onboarding Schedule under Old Business.

Old Business:

- **Food Pantry** – We need to determine if we are interested in keeping the food pantry on site or moving to community pantries to handling our contributions. A transition team was created to set a timeline and procedure for transition, if recommended. The team consists of Scott Kufahl, Kalynn Pempek, Bobby Levine, Mike Vaningan, Deb Thumstedter, Deb Kluetz, Cindy Hermel and Lynne Santangelo. The team will present their transfer recommendations and procedures to the council for approval. A community pantry approval, rather than a single donation point, would give the team flexibility to support more organizations. A motion was made by Michael Klapperich and seconded by Nicholas Schumacher for the transition team to have the flexibility to utilize resources within the community for food pantry donations. Motion passed.
- **Onboarding Schedule** – The Call Committee has been working to put together a systemic plan to help Pastor Mary transition to First English. When she arrives on April 25, there will be a fruit basket at her home and Scott Kufahl will be there to pay the movers. On April 30, she will be given a tour of the building, receive a personnel handbook and setup her office. Nina Dittmar will be setting up an email account for her. On May 1, Cindy Petzke will introduce her at the beginning of the Thursday service. On May 2, the transition team will stop in to see if she has any other needs. During the service on May 4, Deb Kluetz will have name

tags available for everyone to help with name recognition. The Call Committee will be taking care of coffee hour. The week of May 5, Scott Kufahl, Mike Vaningan and Cindy Hermel will meet with Pastor Mary and go over the budget, the monthly financial statements, the endowment disbursements, and how the committee structure works. They will also explain the different types of services, i.e. pet blessing, etc. Sharon Hunter will set up a meeting with her to discuss service volunteers to see what her preferences are going forward. A suggestion will be made to Pastors Tryphine and Bill to have lunch with her to discuss anything she would find helpful. The May 13 committee night, Karen Briggs has an ice breaker activity for the group and then she will introduce Pastor Mary to each committee. The committees will be asked to describe their function and the last few things they have accomplished. Kalynn Pempek and Mike Klapperich have posted her photo and bio on the Website. Social media will post insightful questions to be answered by Pastor Mary to share with community as messages from our new pastor. Facebook has a welcome post which links back to Website. Will look for ways to continue posting, like photos of the building tour, committee night or kids holding welcome sign, etc.

- **June 7, 2025 Synod Assembly Meeting Delegate** –Cindy Hermel passed around a pamphlet on meeting. Looking for volunteers. Registration closes in two weeks.
- **Other** – Cindy Hermel thanked everyone for assisting with the Lenten soup supper. We served approximately 30 attendees and raise \$230 to be donated to the Boys & Girls Club.

New Business:

- **Meeting Minutes Approval** – Council minutes are currently circulated via e-mail for approval. However, for whatever reason, a majority approvals are not always communicated through e-mail. On a two-month trial basis, minutes will be sent out via e-mail for review and a request for edits to

be replied back via e-mail. The final approval of the council minutes will take place at the following monthly meeting. The recording secretary will provide the president with an updated version, which will be sent out with the following month's agenda.

- **Cancelation Communication Plan** – Cindy Hermel mentioned some methods she is reviewing of communicating service cancellations to members. Some methods could be e-mail, call tree, text blast, or hiring a service to send a programmed phone message to all members. Lois Stasko to follow up with someone whose congregation utilizes recorded phone message. The Realm System is software that churches use, but Cindy did not know if that would be something to use to communicate. Posting on a television stations as a service announcement is unclear and needs further investigation.
- **Recognition for supply pastors** – The Call Committee suggested May 18 for recognizing our supply pastors in appreciation for filling in for the past two years. A motion was made by Mike Vaningan and seconded by Neil Juedes to give a bonus to each of the supply pastors. Motion passed.
- **Committee Night Date Change (May 13, 2025 6:30 p.m.)**
- **Committee Reports** - Submitting a written report from each committee needs to be provided to Council.
- **Other** – Need to have new photos taken of our new pastors and church staff. Cindy Hermel to contact Mandy Herning. Cindy asked council members for ideas for retaining membership. She will summarize and bring it up at next month's meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 19, 2025

A motion to adjourn was made by Neil Juedes and seconded by Dina Santangelo. Meeting adjourned.

Closing devotions by Kalynn Pempek

Karen Czechowicz, Recording Secretary