

St. John's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
MINUTES
June 16, 2026 6:30pm - 8:00pm

In attendance— Jerry Kilbert, Joan Slabaugh, Lynne Gilbertson, Catherine Slabaugh, Pastor Paul Baglyos, Pastor Jon Haug, Micah Metts-Houston, Melanie Schindel, Mike Long, Bonnie Lindgren, John Bailey, Lynne Gilbertsen, Bridget Malme, Steven Johnson, Jeremy Kaetzel, Rita Blomster, Kat Thorp, Karen Ross, Nicole Oehmke, John Bologni, Karen Olson

- Call to Order Jerry Kilbert
- Devotion Lynne Gilbertson
- Approval of minutes from May 19th meeting Joan Slabaugh
 - [Draft Minutes for 5/19/26](#)
 - No corrections so approved as is
- Treasurer's Report John Bailey
 - Things are looking good at this point
 - Key points
 - Security is back to schedule of four sweeps a day (some confusion on our contract due to our rep no longer being with the company)
 - New dishwasher is only going to cost close to \$5000, which is about half of what was requested
 - Just received \$17,000 from an estate closure that is not designated
 - Art work was donated from estate of Larry Stenzel as per his will (plus we will get 10% of the funds from the estate when it is finalized)
 - Need to decide what to do with it
 - Sana's Cafe is on track
 - We had budgeted \$25,000 for moving expenses of the new senior pastor that we will not need to use for that
- Directors' Reports
 - Steven Johnson
 - New sound system is needed
 - John Bologni presented two proposals for the sanctuary and explained the difference between the two
 - Also provided info on what is needed to upgrade both Oehler and The Gathering Place
 - The bottom line is the total cost would be no more \$50,000
 - The council asked for a more specific proposal to be presented at a future meeting for approval

- Kat Thorp
 - EV charger update
 - Still working on options and hoping to have a proposal ready for next council meeting
 - Window update
 - They over estimated the cost so it will be a bit less than expected
- Pastor Paul
 - Clarified how he plans to implement his proposed projects
 - Question was raised (based on being brought up at the meet and greet) about bringing more traditional liturgical elements back into the service
 - Suggestion of maybe adding a worship committee?
- Pastor Haug
 - Added that he has now officially completed his chaplaincy program
 - Exploring job options as there are not many chaplaincy positions in this area
 - We need to vote on accepting the three recent confirmands as members of St. John's—Mike made a motion to accept the three confirmands (Kylan Malme, Elise Beckwith, Landen Haug) as new members of St. John's, Bridget seconded, motion was unanimously carried
 - Scholarship awards will be given on August 2nd
- Synod Assembly report Attendees
 - Experiences were shared—all very positive
- Announcements Jerry Kilbert
 - Candidate Meet and Greet on Sunday
 - Discussed concerns and questions that were brought up
 - Congregational Meeting on June 28th at 1:00
 - Written vote to accept the call and it is anonymous, even on Zoom
 - Assuming the candidate is approved then we vote by voice to accept the compensation package
- Closing Prayer
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

