

ELC Church Council Meeting - August 19, 2025

Present: Ashley, LuAnn, Pastor Jenny, Patti, Ed, Ann, Barb, Peter, Sue (substitute - secretary)

1. Meeting called to order at 6 pm. Instead of Devotions, we started with Bible trivia. Was a great way to share bible verses and bible information. Thanks, Peter.
2. Committee Reports
 - a. W/ELCA - Starting meetings up again in September. More people are attending as they are having speakers each month. 2nd Wednesday of the month - lunch and speaker.
 - i. No Bake, Bake Sale - encouraged women to assist with financial donations to help with projects.
 - b. Stewardship - Meeting in June/July
 - i. Theme - Imagine Together. Letter - October 10 and then October 26 - kick off. Simple approach to pledging. Would like to promote more frequently - give and give generously Council would like to 'list' a goal for giving. November 16 - Consecration Sunday (receive pledges)
 - ii. Legacy giving - talk about estate planning - beginning stages
 - iii. Next meeting - August 28, 2025 (6 pm)
 - iv. Red Envelopes - Council would like to see 12 causes. Would like committee to review data to determine the best approach.
 - c. Mighty Table - 15,000 meals prepared
 - i. Continually adding foster families
 - ii. Year end looks good financially
 - iii. Refrigerator repair bill (slow leak of coolant) - New Commercial refrigerator (7000.00). Parts available to report - 1700.00 Will need to discuss ways to pay this bill.
 - d. Education - All good. Budget great for rest of year.
 - i. VBS - went well. (50 people)
 - ii. Sunday School - first day: September 28
 - iii. Confirmation - Email interest. October 5 (maybe 12)
 - iv. God's Work/Our Hands - activities planned. (Cards/Crafts, Weeding/Garbage pick-up, Survival Kits prep)
 - e. Youth/Family
 - i. Women's Group - continue this.
 1. Wreath making - December
 - ii. Sunday School Parent meet-up will re-visit
 - f. Worship
 - i. Would need coverage October 19 and October 26
 1. Ask Peter if interested (10/19) - YES
 2. Ask Paul if interested in Reformation Sunday (10/26)

- ii. Would like Advent Decorations completed by Nov 30th. Suggested date - Nov. 28 or 29th to allow for students to participate. Pastor Jenny will ask Altar Guild.
 - iii. Stipend for Hatfield Coordinator - we are going to add this as line item for 25/26 budget. (1500.00)
 - 1. New registration process for Clark County starting Jan 1, 2026.
We should have a committee to assist with computer registration.
 - 2. Would like to fill 'volunteer sheet' before Memorial Day starts
 - iv. Prayer List - fresh list starting September 1
- g. Building/Grounds
 - i. Trying to complete projects from 'last year's list'
 - ii. Rolo - completed initial facility audit
 - 1. Three areas - moisture questions
 - 2. Would like preventative maintenance plan so that these action items will be on a 'rotating basis' for services.
 - 3. Carpet complete - turned out fantastic.
 - 4. Potential Big Ticket items for 25/26
 - a. Work on Sunday School area (16,000)
 - b. New South parking lot (85,000)
 - iii. Thank you to Ed for power-washing the building.
- h. Pastor Report
 - i. Potential training for "narcan" usage.
 - ii. Reading the Bible - Starts September 28th
 - 1. Each week - information (Bible 365)
 - 2. All age participants
 - 3. QR Code - "you version"
 - i. Technology Report
 - i. Train a set of people to assist with "tech" functions
- 3. Use of building/planning - help each other out: Communicate.
 - a. Who else is affected by the activities happening at church?
 - b. Create 'new' process for 'calendar'ing'.
- 4. Treasurer Report - Barb
 - a. Very detailed accounting - thank you.
 - b. Weekly giving is down. Typical for summer months.
 - c. Motion to approve - Ed 1st, Ann 2nd.
- 5. Table Secretary Report until next month
- 6. Jess Raise Discussion - Tabled as our budget is currently over budget.
- 7. Budgeting 2026
 - a. First draft in October - each committee should be reviewing their expenses during the month of September
 - b. Final draft in December
- 8. Next meeting - September 9, 2025 at 6 pm.
- 9. Closing Prayer - Lord's Prayer
 - a. Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm.