



## Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 23, 2026; 5:00PM in Person/Zoom

*Mission – "Gathered faithfully to love and serve God and our neighbors"*

*Values – Mutual Respect, Honesty, Kindness, Service, Forgiveness,  
Commitment, Perseverance, Faithfulness, Compassion, Flexibility*

In Attendance: **ZOOM** - Anita Wooton -Treasurer, **In Person** – Pastor Eric Olsen, Jane Sanks-President, Peggy Ragan, Quyen Dang, Linda Burton, Wayne Head, Scott Rice-Secretary, Ann Greenwood- Vice President, Peggy Ragan, Nancy Flanagan, Jerry Cooper, Julianne Geyser

- **Call to Order:** Jane Sanks opened the meeting at 5:05 PM.
- **Quorum:** Yes
- **Opening Prayer:** Deacon Scott
- **Minutes Approval:**

**A motion was made by Jerry to accept the minutes from the May 26 council meeting. Nancy seconded the motion. No discussion. Unanimous approval.**

- **Consent Agenda:**

**Anita motioned that committee reports be approved by consent. Nancy seconded. No discussion. Approved unanimously.**

- **Treasurer Report: Anita**

May giving was up from prior months. Faith received a special gift of \$100,000. This is a huge blessing for Faith. We also received an \$11,000 bequest from a member's estate. Faith is doubly blessed when members who have joined the Church Triumphant remember their temporal church home with a legacy gift. Expenses are in line with budget, except for Ministry Expense which was higher than budgeted due to increased need. See Financial Report for details.

The audit review is complete. We have again received a clean opinion, with only two minor adjustments. LMCU conversion continues to go well. The Church credit card is transferring from Synovus to LMCU. Authorized users are Pastor Eric and Treasurer Anita; credit limit is \$10,000. Two more fraudulent charge attempts against our one remaining Synovus account were caught.

Our insurance company is reviewing our policy for renewal in September and proposing excluding Sexual Harassment. This change is not specific to Faith but reflects a policy shift that applies to all churches. We are working on adjusting our Sexual Harassment Policy to get this coverage reinstated.

The Reserve Study has been updated with a detailed Air Conditioning Schedule, giving us greater clarity about future needs. Most of our A/C units are from 2008. Replacement cost is approximately \$400,000. We are developing a plan for an infrastructure fund to keep our facility in shape for current and future ministry.

**At 5:28 Jane motioned to go into Executive Session, Ann seconded, all approved.**  
Executive Session ended at 5:39.

### **Pastor's Report**

Our Sanctuary A/C units have been failing. Thanks to Mark Greenwood and John Thompson for their hard work on this issue. We need to protect the space and musical instruments from humidity damage.

2026 is Faith Lutheran Church's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As part of our celebration, we will launch an Infrastructure Fund. In addition to addressing our A/C issue, we will bring our campus up to standard for current and future ministry needs. This will include reconfiguring our infrastructure as necessary for future ministry opportunities. It could also include human resources to manage and maintain our facilities. To date, we have not been funding our Fixed Asset Depreciation. Obviously, this can't continue indefinitely if we are to fulfill our mission. Through discussion with church leaders, we have determined that a \$6,000,000 fund would secure our future. A remarkably generous and visionary church family has offered a \$3,000,000 matching challenge to lead this campaign. Jim Winemiller has agreed to be a chairperson of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning committee. Jim represents a bridge from our past (with Pastor Winemiller), to our future (with Jim's lovely daughters growing in faith and preparing to begin confirmation).

Lisa Olsen has stepped in to cover the office administration position until we can hire a replacement for Carrie, who has left. Lisa will also work on documenting the function's responsibilities and procedures and will train Jane as a back-up. **Jane motions and Linda seconds that Lisa will be compensated at the same hourly rate as Carrie. No discussion. Unanimous approval.**

We need to upgrade our internet infrastructure. It's failing and critical to effective operations. **Pastor motions to spend up to \$15,000 on this. Jane seconds. No discussion. Unanimous approval. Jane motions to spend up to \$32,000 to fix and/or replace sanctuary A/C units. Peggy seconds. No discussion. Unanimous approval.** We have money in the building fund for these expenses.

AJ is doing a good job with the youth – our young folks are enjoying being together and bonding. Vacation Bible School is coming up.

We are exercising our storm shutters in preparation for hurricane season. All are working.

- Pastor closed the meeting with prayer at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Scott Rice, secretary