

Bethesda Council Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2026, 7:00 PM.

Attendees: Darin Anderson president, Bob Eicher on phone and zoom, Cris Lien on zoom, Sarah Lund acting secretary, Pastor Connie

Call to Order 7:05 PM

Devotions by Pastor Connie based on the chapter on prayer in Autopsy of a Church. We are asked what can we do to make prayer together more meaningful?

Approval of the July Minutes. Sarah Lund moves to approve. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report from Paul Lundberg. Tabled. We await Paul's return for further consideration, this to include our possible contribution to the synod.

Pastor's Report

There will be an open house celebration of Pastor Connie's marriage to Paul on Oct. 17, 4-7 PM

Prior to inviting the fall speakers', the church will host a weekly educational video series beginning September 14 featuring the Red Cliff Band. Also noted is the free feature film 'Buffalo' to be shown at Big Top on September 8th at 7 PM.

It is noted that September 6 - October 5, Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and various Protestant denominations to participate in a joint Bible Study program entitled A Season of Creation; Feast of Creation in Christ.

September 20, outdoor worship initiative, Yvonne Cox.

October 4 Joint service with the Presbyterians

October 5 there will be a ritual Pet Blessings given outside in front of the church.

OLD BUSINESS:

Wifi update: Improvements have been made in the audio

Apartment situation: Paula Lundberg and Deb Morris have expressed the need for better communication in order to improve the use of the apartment, this to include communication with the tenants.

Contributions to the Synod. Tabled for now.

Leaning Tree: Darin Anderson consulted with Tom Bogarad concerning the leaning tree on the edge of our lot. For now, they agree it is not a concern.

Water Pipe Update: Sarah Lund consulted with City Hall about our pipes. Based on our 2003 renovation, we are approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bethesda Lutheran Church has received a bequest from Fred Pillinger's estate. By prior agreement the house property to the south of the church was to be sold to Tom Bogaard. In order to facilitate the sale, the following **motion** is forwarded by Sarah Lund: *"to authorize the sale of property at 119 S Sixth St to Tom Bogaard, and further, to designate Darin Anderson as Bethesda Council president, as authorized signatory to the sale."* Unanimously passed. Motion Carried. A letter of orientation to the congregation is forthcoming.

Church Picnic August 23. Pot luck. Little Sand Bay.

Snow plowing: John Hauser is under consideration though it is still uncertain how many clients he is able to take on. Brian Erikson is a dependable second possibility.

Food Pantry requests from Red Cliff and CORE (David Saetre): We will continue our food gifts for the Brick in which Pastor Connie is liaison and given the food security issues in our area, the church will strive to give our support to the other organizations when able.

Outdoor worship at Memorial Park on the Lake September 20, Party for Shirley Hanson's 90th: Organizing transportation, administering communion and coordinating the service with the later celebration of Shirley's birthday at the church were discussed.

Next meeting will be a joint meeting held on September 16, 6:30 PM at Immanuel

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was forwarded by Pastor Connie and seconded by Bob Eicher. Motion passed. We adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Lund