

Bethesda Lutheran Church Council Meeting

May 20, 2026

Attendee: Jane Edwards, Darin Anderson, Pastor Connie Monson, Cris Lien, Bob Eicher (ZOOM), Paul Lundberg (ZOOM)

Absent: Sarah Lund

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Darin Anderson.

Pastor Connie started the meeting with a review of Chapter 8 of the Autopsy book. This chapter is about pastor tenure. This is supposed to be a sign of church stability. She wants to review this chapter next time, pages 58-60.

She opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the April 2026 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Cris to approve the minutes, seconded by Paul.

Treasurers Report:

A copy of the current Treasurer's Report was distributed. Paul reviewed and once again said we were doing well. Cris commented on the utilities being high. Jane made a motion to approve the treasurers report as presented, seconded by Cris.

Presidents Report:

Darin stated that he had no report.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor had two items to report, one that she, Darin and Diane Fizell attended the area synod meeting. She commented on all the things that the Synod does for area churches. Cris asked what items besides money does the Synod need. Pastor said she will followup on that.

Her second concern was funerals. More funerals are being held without a Funeral Home present. She thanked the Brunch Bunch for pitching in the way they did, but there were other things like greeters, making the church ready as turning on air conditioning or heat that needs to be addressed.

Old Business:

Darin has discussed getting Bayfield Wireless as our Internet provider with all interested parties, he suggested that we approve their new service. Bob made a motion to accept their proposal. Seconded by Cris. Motion passed.

Darin said that he stopped at Dad's Electronics in Duluth and discussed our system with them. He wants to move the altar microphone, before we make any real decision.

Chuy has moved, the apartment looks good, just some minor things to clean up.

Jane will contact the others on the Endowment Committee to make a decision.

Pastor said she discussed passing the collection plate with the Altar Group. Cris suggested that we put the options in the morning bulletin.

The pancake breakfast will be served at the end of this month and then stopped for the summer. We need to discuss this next fall. Perhaps teams.

New Business:

Sandy Paavola has told us that she can no longer bring fresh flowers. We will post a sign up sheet.

Jane has volunteered to attend the 100 who Care meeting and represent the church, June 1. She will contact Diane and ride with her.

The combined church service is June 21st, at 10:30 in Corny. Bethesda has been asked to bring desserts. There also needs to be two volunteers from each church to help set-up, serve, and cleanup. More on this later.

Cohl has offered to paint the outdoor sign. That will be greatly appreciated.

Bob and Darin have offered to mow the lawn this summer.

Bob commented that the air conditioning seems to be working, good sign!

The next meeting will be June 17th, at Immanuel Church.

At 8:15 Paul made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jane . Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Edwards- Secretary