**Bethesda Lutheran Church Council Meeting**
October 21, 2026

**Attendee:** Jane Edwards, Paul Lundberg, Bob Eicher, Sarah Lund, Cris Lien, Darin Anderson, Pastor Connie Monson

**Guest:** David Saetre

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 by President Darin Anderson.

David had asked to address the Council regarding the new birth of CORE here in Bayfield. He said he started out volunteering to deliver groceries, but soon he was on the Board. He is happy to announce that they are now solvent and are once again serving seniors here in Bayfield, City of Washburn, Town of Russell, and Red Cliff. They are also partnering with the library. When asked what he wanted of Bethesda he said food donations, financing, and participation. He then invited all to attend their 20th Anniversary at the Pavilion on Saturday October 24th, at 5:00 pm.

The minutes were sent prior to the meeting, Darin asked for the approval of the minutes, Paul made a motion to accept them, seconded by Bob.

**Pastor Report:**

Pastor Connie wanted to review the book "Autopsy" and said she is met with indifference with the council, we agreed.

She then started the meeting with Prayer.

She said she had attended a Synod Meeting and that the Bishop was at Messiah in Washburn now. The Sunday after Thanksgiving (November 29th) he would be here.

Advent starts on November 29th, she asked what we wanted it to look like and how the church should be decorated. We need to select a decorating day.

Pastor would like to have Town Hall or Listening Post Day starting Sunday November 8th.

**Presidents Report:**
None.

**Treasurers Report:**

A copy of the current Treasurer's Report was distributed. Paul stated that we are 75% completed with the church year, and are almost where we need to be. Paul reviewed several items. We are currently about $10,000 short of meeting our year end budget. We are hoping we will get large donations, or need to take it from savings. We then discussed the gift we were given by our neighbor, no decision has been made regarding this landfall.

**New Business:**

John Hauser has agreed to plow the parking lot this winter. Darin will ask Cohl Rovi if he would agree to shoveling.

Our neighbors asked if they could use the water hose, unfortunately when they used it, it leaked into our basement. It is turned off now, but will be reconnected next spring. Tom gave us $100 for this service; it will go into our general fund.

The Lutefisk Dinner will be November 14th, Darin asked who would make the lefsa? We will ask an outside volunteer or Immanuel if they would agree to providing 12 dozen pieces. We agreed to give the money to CORE.

Paul said that Paula had received a Thrivent Grant for this event. Darin will make the posters; Bob will post them.

Bob made a motion to accept these changes, seconded by Sarah.

**Old Business:**

Cris said that the Bayfield Civic League had agreed that we could have an outdoor service last September at the Pavilion, unfortunately the weather did no cooperate, we may select any day next year.

Paul made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Edwards, Secretary