

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2025

Commenced: 7:05 p.m. Adjourned: 9:22 p.m.

Members present: Steve Grossmann, Missy Keller, Chris Lundberg, Erica Paffel, Lori Sampson, Katie Schmidt, Pastor Brian King, Michael Weiss, Melissa Rambow

Member absent: Anthony Weber

Staff member present: Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant

Call to order: President Lori Sampson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Opening scripture/prayer: Prayer and devotions were led by Pastor Brian King, reflecting on Acts 2:41-42, and when congregations are healthy, they grow naturally the way God intends.

Approval of agenda: Chris Lundberg moved to approve; Missy Keller seconded; motion passed.

Communion/offering schedule: Lori Sampson circulated the schedule.

Approval of July 15, 2025 council minutes: Michael Weiss moved to approve as corrected; Melissa Rambow seconded; motion passed.

Approval of July 24, 2025 special meeting minutes: Steve Grossmann moved to approve with the ratification of the Special Congregational Meeting date change from August 17, 2025 to August 24, 2025 per the July 28th email vote; Katie Schmidt seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Chris Lundberg and Stephanie Wendel provided the report. July had total revenues of \$41,361.00 and total expenditures of \$47,841.00, with a net deficit of (\$6,480.00). Our larger expenses included final payment of the cameras and the quarterly insurance invoice. Worship and Music had the renewal of the Right Now Media subscription, and we purchased a new speaker for the Worship On the Water service. Melissa Rambow moved to approve; Missy Keller seconded; motion passed.

Pastor's report: Pastor Brian King reported that he is thankful for the prayers and concerns for his granddaughter Eliana. She was discharged home after 35 days in the NICU. We had our farewell for Brayden Bresnahan, which was after service on August 17, 2025, and well

attended. Khloe Bresnahan will be taking his place for A-V coverage, but will be unable to do Tuesday evenings. We are hoping for a volunteer to cover that shift.

Committee reports:

- **Children, Youth & Family:** Missy Keller provided the report. The rummage sale and youth trips were all successful. Upcoming events include the backpack blessing during service on August 31, 2025, orientation for confirmation on September 3, 2025 and Rally Day on September 14, 2025. We are considering initiating the Guardian Angel program again and trying to start a Sr. High group, as well.
- **Historical:** Lori Sampson reported that the tours during the pig roast went well. Susan Dickens is planning another tour on September 8, 2025 with guests from Sweden and Doug Ohman is bringing a tour bus through on September 15, 2025.
- **Memorial, Mission & Ministry (3M):** Chris Lundberg provided the report. There were donations totaling \$175.00. \$200.00 was approved for Center City Days per council request, and noted 3M would approve a higher amount for next year.
- **Property:** Steve Grossmann provided the report. There was water in the boiler room due to collapse of tanks that damaged the plumbing. The old coal shoot needs repair, but the candelabra lighting is fixed. Chris Lundberg submitted the Summit Fire Protection proposal and contract for review. We all need to remember that the last person to leave is responsible for locking the church doors and to make sure they are closed tightly.

Old business:

1. All Committee Night Review:

Lori Sampson recommended that we all check in with our committee members for feedback on the meetings.

2. Media/AV:

In the event we have any technical difficulties, there is now a handbook, that includes pictures, to assist if the need arises. Our equipment is starting to age, so we should consider budgeting for new.

3. FEMA:

Chris Lundberg reported that in December 2024 the Safety and Security Taskforce applied for a grant from FEMA to help fund our door, camera, and lighting updates. Thereafter, the FEMA funding was frozen, but it is currently accepting applications again for non-profit organizations that are at risk for terrorism. We only applied for \$156,000.00, and they contacted us to let us

know we could apply for up to \$200,000.00. Property committee will consider adding outdoor lighting to our grant application to increase the amount requested.

4. Relay for Life:

Relay for Life is on Friday, August 22, 2025. It starts at 6:00 p.m., with the lighting of the luminaries at 8:00 p.m. Help is needed both before and after for set-up and take down. Our team has raised more than \$7,300.00 so far, which is more than any other team. 100% of the revenues go to the American Cancer Society.

5. Pig Roast:

The Pig Roast was a success. We served about 360 people and had approximately 25 volunteers. We extend a special thank you to Ben Rambow for preparing the pork.

6. Capital Campaign:

We are holding a special congregational meeting on August 24, 2025 in the fellowship hall following service to vote on the authorization of a capital appeal. We need 40 voting members to constitute a quorum, and will start with a voice vote. If needed, we will take a hand vote. There was much discussion on how to present the rules of the meeting to maintain order and organization. The council is serving treats and coffee.

At 8:48 p.m. Pastor Brian King made a motion to extend our meeting past 9:00 p.m.; Chris Lundberg seconded; motion passed.

New business:

1. 24th Annual Church Bazaar:

Our annual church bazaar will be held Saturday, December 6, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Church prep will be Thursday, December 4, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and taping will begin at 1:00 p.m. Vendors may set up on Friday, December 5, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will need volunteers for this event.

2. Parking Lot Use:

Tony Dehn is requesting the use of 2 of our parking spots in our lower lot for his bed & breakfast guests. Melissa Rambow made a motion to allow Tony Dehn 2 parking spaces from our lower lot, with a memorandum of understanding that we are not required to maintain those spots (example: snow plow in the winter); Pastor Brian seconded; motion passed.

3. God's Work/Our Hands:

Lori Sampson recommended we provide personal care bags and purchase gift cards to local restaurants for law enforcement and potentially first responders to use for community members in need.

- 4. Emergency Use Visa Cards:** Steve Grossmann stated that he would like to see our church be one of the first on the scene of a fire, or other crisis, to offer a \$250.00 gift card to people in emergency situations. Lori Sampson will make a request to 3M for up to \$2500.00 from community outreach funds to be used for this purpose. Melissa Rambow made a motion to work with the Center City Fire Department to distribute \$250.00 gift cards to families in crisis; Chris Lundberg seconded; motion passed.

Adjournment & closing prayer:

At 9:22 p.m. Katie Schmidt moved to adjourn; Steve Grossmann seconded; motion passed.

The next meeting will be held September 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Paffel, Council Secretary