

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2025

Commenced: 7:00 p.m. Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.

Members present: Steve Grossmann (late), Missy Keller, Chris Lundberg, Erica Paffel, Lori Sampson, Katie Schmidt, Pastor Brian King, Melissa Rambow, Anthony Weber

Member absent: Michael Weiss

Staff member present: Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant

Call to order: President Lori Sampson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening scripture/prayer: Prayer and devotions were led by Pastor Brian King, reflecting on John 12:24 and how our “harvest” is unpredictable, but if we plant the right seeds it is worth the wait.

Approval of agenda: Katie Schmidt moved to approve; Anthony Weber seconded; motion passed.

Communion/offering schedule: Lori Sampson circulated the schedule. We discussed needing better organization for Easter next year by assigning bread or wine and location of station to us ahead of time, and only needing 4 stations. There may be additional usher training as well.

Approval of April 15, 2025 council minutes: Missy Keller moved to approve; Chris Lundberg seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer’s report: Chris Lundberg provided the report. April had total revenues of \$50,389.00 and total expenditures of (\$44,196.00), with a net profit of \$6,193.00. Our larger expenses included a quarterly insurance payment and flowers for the Palm Sunday and Easter services. Our YTD deficit of (\$4,598.00) is an improvement over last year’s deficit of (\$27,115.00). Anthony Weber moved to approve; Katie Schmidt seconded; motion passed.

Pastor’s report: Pastor Brian King reported that he attended the Synod Assembly where safety of congregational members of all ages was the focus. We had very good attendance for Maundy Thursday and Easter services. Confirmation Sunday went well, with 11 youth being confirmed. There is a proposal for an additional 10:30 am summer outdoor worship

service following our 9:00 am service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, taking place by the public docks or possibly Loren's Park. Name options include "WOW"-Worship On the Water or "SOS"-Services On the Shore. The goal is to attract boaters, tourists, and more locals. Concerns include more volunteers needed for the sound system, interfering with dock traffic, weather unpredictability, and checking with the city about any legalities. Anthony Weber made a motion to further pursue the potential of WOW/SOS; Missy Keller seconded; motion passed.

Committee reports:

- **Children, Youth & Family:** Missy Keller provided the report. Palm Sunday breakfast, Easter rolls, flower sales, and the upcoming rummage sale (July 24-25) are all successful fund raisers. We received a donation of \$1,800.00 for camperships, resulting in \$160.00 per child (5 attending Klein Ranch and 6 to Milwaukee mission trip). We will also contribute \$40.00 per child from the youth account. Recycling and rummage sale profits will cover the chaperone and gas expenses.
- **Finance:** Chris Lundberg reported that there is a large to-do list, and there will be updates next month.
- **Historical:** Anthony Weber and Lori Sampson discussed that Mark and Barb Wikelius have led some tours and provided refreshments, for which we are very thankful.
- **Memorial, Mission & Ministry (3M):** Chris Lundberg provided the report. 3M has line item 7.11 designated for capital campaign funds. However, we will use an Edward Jones or Mission Investment Fund money market account for ease of timely withdrawal of funds when expenses arise.
- **Outreach:** Lori Sampson provided a handout listing events needing volunteers, including Harmony in the Park, FIKA, Karl Oskar Days, Wanigan Days, Center City Days, and Relay for Life.
- **Property:** Steve Grossmann provided the report. We are currently working with CWS to replace and add more cameras to improve visibility and security in the parking lots and throughout the church. The County Soil and Water district continues to work on our upper parking lot hill erosion problem. They have secured \$85,000.00 for this project and we will fund 15% of the total. The project will be rebid.
- **Worship & Music:** Pastor Brian King discussed that they are training others to fill in for A-V coverage, but are still looking for someone to replace Brayden Bresnahan.

They are also interested in hiring a music coordinator. Both of these are paid positions. We believe and hope Barb Yotter will continue to lead the Tree of Life Choir and Chime Choir.

Old business:

- 1. Grants:** Chris Lundberg reported that she attended an open house for grants. There is a large door grant we would qualify for, with a deadline of September 12, 2025. There are many requirements including, but not limited to, independent historical status for CLLC, hiring an architect, a written estimate, door hardware must meet ADA guidelines, and specifications from the door vender.
- 2. Capital Campaign:** Pastor Brian King and Chris Lundberg provided the report. The CLLC Capital Appeal Task Force makes the following recommendations:
 - A.** Capital appeal goal of \$900,000.00
 - B.** Conduct the capital appeal without a professional consultant

There will be an updated, prioritized list of improvements with approximate prices at our next meeting.

- 3. Mailboxes:** Council decided to revive the use of our mailboxes located in the undercroft. We also want to make that section look more inviting as a children's educational area.

New business:

- 1. Building Use Request:** Kelly Nygard with Live 2 B Healthy requested to use the church rent-free for senior fitness classes. Since she charges for her classes, we risk our 501(c)(3) nonprofit standing, unless we also charge her fair market value to rent a space. Steve Grossmann made a motion to deny the request; Anthony Weber seconded; motion passed.

Adjournment & closing prayer:

Melissa Rambow moved to adjourn; Chris Lundberg seconded; motion passed.

The next meeting will be held June 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Paffel, Council Secretary