Council Meeting
August 5th, 2025

Present: Pastor Joseph, Lori Chipman, John Webb, Emily Olson, Dick Glime, Jim Timm, Monica Rector, Christine Koblyski

Excused: Susan Hall

Members completed rubbings of Bethany's Ministry Statement prior to the meeting,

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

Jim made a motion to approve the agenda, John seconded. Motion carried, and the agenda was approved.

Pastor Joseph led devotions surrounding the ministry statement and what stands out to us.

Secretary's report was reviewed and placed on file.

Pastor's report was reviewed and placed on file. Brief discussion surrounding Youth and Family programming and what that looks like in the next few years as there are no middle school age youth, so no confirmation. Sunday school numbers are 2-3 kids. Pastor, Paige, and Amanda are meeting tomorrow to discuss plan going forward. Some consideration to combining some youth programming with the Presbyterian Church.

Finance Report was reviewed and placed on file.

**Committee Reports:**

Property Committee: No updates.

Personnel Committee: No updates.

Social Committee:
-Unity Picnic coming up on August 17th. Audrey and Victor Moen are allowing the use of their golf cart to transport older attendees to the shelter from their vehicles. Bethany does not need to plan to provide metal folding chairs at this time, but if it appears additional seating is needed, we may need to bring them over. Bethany is responsible for supplying paper plates. Emily will be providing a pop-up tent.

Music and Worship Committee: No updates

**Old Business**:
-None

**New Business:**
**-Flex Parking Space:**
Hotel next door is for sale. Pastor spoke to the hotel owners next door regarding the space. There was no written agreement, only a verbal one between them and Pastor Craig. The space is technically ours. Need to keep in mind

**-Finances:**
As discussed in finance report, we are >$10,000 behind in giving from this time last year. Current numbers through July show -$27,744 net income from last year.

Pastor reached out to Pastor Peter Thiesen– Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship and Generosity – within the Synod. He has offered to meet with us regarding our financial situation. "Funding Forward" program – would need 2-3 congregation members to work with him to do this here at Bethany. He will be in town next week 8/13 and could meet with persons who are available – Pastor, Dick, Lori, Monica, and Christine expressed interest in meeting with him and are available.

Christine expressed the need to address the issue with the congregation. Discussed holding a special congregational meeting. Emily made a motion to hold a meeting concerning financials of the church, Dick seconded. Motion was carried. **Will plan to hold the meeting on Sunday, September 7th, 2025 after service.**

For double up month, making up envelopes with a colored label – we may have some leftover envelopes.

-Add Confirmation student presentations to the agenda for next month.

**Action Items/Person Responsible:**

| **Double Up Envelopes for September** | **Dick will talk to Karen** |
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Next meeting dates set for **September 9th and October 21st at 6pm.**

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.