
	<p>Council Meeting</p> <p>Date: 05/13/2026</p> <p>Start: 7:00 pm</p> <p>Adjourned:8:20</p>	<p>Next Meetings:</p> <p>Exec Committee: Thursday 06/04/26 7:00PM</p> <p>Council: Wednesday 06/10/26 7:00PM</p> <p>Attendees:</p> <p>Pastor Dave, Jennifer Lafollete, Cherie Lauck, Lynda Grymala, Matt Lyman, Rene Hollebrandse, Mel Siebert, Shari Fletcher, Rob Cutler, Shawn Garner</p>	
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Time	Topic	Topic Details	Responsible	Discussion / Actions	Goal for completion
7:00	Call to Order Opening Prayer		Jennifer PD	PD led with a song and prayer.	
	Approval of Agenda	Additions / Changes	Jennifer	No changes were requested.	
	Consent Agenda	April Minutes Staff Reports Pastor Report EC Report	Jennifer	Unanimous approval of consent agenda. PD added that a list was being passed around the council table showing his actual and planned visitations for April and May and asked the council to add anyone they deem appropriate.	
Recurring items					
	Financial Report	The April Report was received in a new format. It was noted that the Income and Expense Report and the Income Report are for calendar months, while the Balance Report will be for the date the report is printed. Both the format and report were unanimously approved.			

Cherie requested having a thorough discussion in the November Congregational Meeting handout describing our accounts.

A new Memorial Fund Bank Account has been established. The Reserve account, which has acted as a savings account, will be moved into this bank account, along with the Memorial funds. In book-keeping terms the Memorial account will become a sub-account of the Reserve account. Both the Reserve account and the Memorial account are used at the discretion of Council pursuant to spending limits outlined in the Constitution.

SREC income (for the sale of solar energy credits) will be placed in the General Fund. When an IRS refund for the original solar panel installation is received, it will probably go into the Solar Account.

The following summarizes a motion to clean up accounts and categories in the Designated Account:

1. The Adult Ministries category, which is no longer active, will be discontinued with the remaining \$1709.76 balance rolled into the general fund.
2. The Senior Adult Ministries category, which is no longer active, will be discontinued with the remaining \$268 balance rolled into the general fund.
3. The Faith Community Nurse category, which is no longer active, will be discontinued with the remaining \$225 balance rolled into the general fund.
4. The Bethel Park Category, which is no longer active, will be discontinued with the remaining \$1,757 balance rolled into the general fund.
5. The Children's Ministry designated account is no longer active and will be discontinued. The \$746 balance in the Children's Ministry designated account will be used to reimburse a portion of the last two years of Sunday School that have been paid from the General Fund.
6. The Women's Retreat category will be discontinued, and funds will be rolled into the Women's Ministries category.
7. We still receive money for BLC and New Day. Future donations to these discontinued programs will be placed in the Reserve account and these categories will be discontinued.
8. The \$8084 balance in the Designated Account for Mortgage Paydown will be added to the next monthly mortgage payment as an additional principal payment. In the future, collections designated for Mortgage Paydown will be added to the next monthly mortgage payment.
9. Donors to GRACES, CCAP and WATTS will be encouraged to give directly to those organizations to eliminate the extra charges we incur for handling these donations. The categories will remain for now.

Remaining categories in the Designated Account:

- Tanzania - Selian Hospital and Nursing School
- Tanzania - Masai Girls School

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	Facilities Report	Written Reports Updates	Shawn	Some carpenter bee damage will be repaired, and Council agreed to pay a \$15/quarter fee for continued carpenter bee protection.	
Ministry / TEAM Reports					
	Faith Building	Cherie, LeeAnne, Rene			
	Community Relations	Shari, Rob, Matt		Shepherds have been assigned for the newest members who joined Bethel in April. Weekly campfires may be held when there is no burn ban.	
	People Resources	Lynda, Mel, Jennifer		PD distributed a letter he intends to send to the congregation.	
Old Business					
	Internal (Finance) Review			A member is considering whether to perform the Finance Review.	
	Fundraisers			Bright Futures food items have been collected in the Spring in previous years. Due to a late start, we will not have a Spring	

			collection this year. Cherie will check on having a July or August food and / or school supply drive. PD suggested we investigate participating in workdays again.	
New Business				
	Sabbatical Fund			PD and Heidi are considering establishing a Sabbatical fund for Bethel. Council will consider the offer.
Upcoming Events				
	Confirmation and Senior Quilt Day	May 17		
	Pentecost PD Farewell Lunch	May 24		
	Memorial Day	May 25		
	Conversation with Council	June 7		Council Room
	Council Meeting	June 10		
	Congregational Joys and Concerns	All		Brief Sharing for Prayer
	Closing Prayer and Adjournment			