

**Salem Lutheran Church Council
April 21st, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Todd Osman, Robin Schwaegerl, Naomi McVay, Dori Bechtle, Kent Weckwerth, Duane Eull, Pastor Sam Kautz

Others: Jackie Lindvall

Call to Order at 7:00 pm by Robin Schwaegerl

Opening Prayer by Pastor Sam Kautz

Secretary's Report for March 2026 Meeting

Motion: Approve the Secretary's Minutes of the March 17th, 2026 meeting

Motion made by Naomi McVay 2nd by Dori Bechtle Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Given by Jackie Lindvall – Reviewed March 2026/YTD Assets & Liabilities as well as Income Statement notable items.

Motion: Approve the March 2026 Treasurer's Report.

Motion was made to approve by Kent Weckwerth 2nd by Duane Eull Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda:

- **Discussion on how to process and manage large donation gifts.**
 - Discussed making a resolution, identifying members who will be authorized to proceed with communication with the bank concerning activities/options to release the funds. Motion was made to approve Jackie Lindvall (residing at 720 N 5th Street, Montevideo, MN, 56265) Todd Osman (residing at 815 Grove Ave, Montevideo, MN 56265), and Naomi McVay (residing at 5025 100th Ave NW, Milan, MN 56262). Motion was made by Robin Schwaegerl. 2nd by Kent Weckwerth. Motion carried.
 - Attending council members also discussed options to consider for handling and managing funds based on what may best represent the donor, along with financial advisor advice and research of similar types of donation gifts.
- **May 6th Montevideo Members Scholarships / TBD: Granite Falls Members Scholarships**
- **Ice Cream Social-** Carman Moore plans to chair activity and made a request for date to hold event. Council recommends Wed. June 24th, 2026. This will allow Carman to contact the community band to determine if they can perform. Council was also asked for recommendations on determining where free will donation fund should be applied? Council recommended MN River Valley Cancer Connections and/or Rice Hospital Hospice for possible options.
- **Outside Banners-** Robin Schwaegerl will ask how many banners and amount of yardage is needed along with pole and equipment needed to support this activity. Upon receiving this information, Council will determine options for funding.

Pastor's Report –

- **Update - Middle School "Kids in Community Day" (Friday, May 8th) (\$\$ Support/Work Activities or Projects?)**
 - Pastor Sam had discussions with UMC and Heritage Haven on funds needing to be raised and available for hygiene kits. Received estimated costs related to these items and amount anticipated to be distributed. Salem plans to apply for a grant from Thrivent Choice Dollars of \$250 and request donations of \$250 for a total of \$500. Motion made by Kent Weckwerth. 2nd by Dori Bechtle. Motion carried.
- **"What would it look like?"** - Understanding needs and vision of church to properly cover summer months and future requirements, allowing Pastoral efforts to be aligned with church.

Committee Reports -

***Fellowship/Outreach/ Social Ministry and Evangelism** – Received grant for \$500 from CCM Health.

***Stewardship** – Update: Parking lot fund raising & options to complete goal. Plan to identify final amount of funds needed for full coverage with a temple talk on May 3rd church service.

***Property** – Signing of Resealment Contract: Waiting to receive contract from provider for review and to fully execute with signatures.

***Worship and Music** – Memorial Day Weekend (Worship on May 24th). Also looking at what needs to be repaired on organ.

Committee rescheduled meeting to discuss other items on 4/23.

***Christian Education/Youth** – Church Council approval on Confirmands at Salem Lutheran per attached letter submitted by Carman and Esther Mills. Motion made by Robin Schwaegerl to approve confirmands. 2nd by Todd Osman. Motion carried.

***Endowment** – No Update.

Old Business

- **Final edits review of Constitution, By-Laws, Continuing Resolutions & Support Documents.** Waiting on response from Synod. Jackie Lindvall will reach out to get updated status.
- **Update – Keys to church: Status of updated list of keys released and returned.** Continuing to review list to determine if additional keys need to be made.
- **Update – Lay Delegate(s) to Synod Conference.** Colleen has been registered. Ron DeJong and Pastor Sam Kautz will be registering.

New Business

- Recognized and appreciated the new rugs that were donated and updated by Kent Weckworth in the entry way and kitchen.

Upcoming Dates/FYI

- **April 22nd 6:00-6:30pm** Supper served, **6:30-7:45pm** Childrens Ministry, **6:30-7:00pm** Modified Youth Group, **7:00pm** Confirmation Event (Faith Statements/Projects) in Sanctuary – Ice Cream Treats Afterwords.
- **April 25th 8:30am-10:00am:** The Table Community Breakfast
- **April 26th** Confirmation Sunday
- **Each Tuesday 10:00am Salem Strombeck Room:** Salem Quilters open to all
- **Each Friday 10:00am Salem Strombeck Room:** Friday Morning Coffee open to all

Closing Prayer by Pastor Sam Krautz

Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn Todd Osman by Robin Schwegeral 2nd Motion carried.

Next Meeting May 19th at 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes taken by Todd Osman