

	Council Meeting Date: 08/12/2026 Start: 7:00 pm Adjourned: 8:47 pm	Next Meetings: Exec Committee: Wednesday 09/02/26 7:00PM Council: Wednesday 09/09/26 7:00PM Attendees: Pastor Deanna Boynton, Jennifer LaFollete, Cherie Lauck, Lynda Grymala, Matt Lyman, Rene Hollebrandse, Mel Siebert, Rob Cutler, Tamar Yager, Shawn Garner	
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Time	Topic	Topic Details	Responsible	Discussion / Actions
7:00	Call to Order Opening Prayer		Jennifer/ Pastor Boynton	Prior to opening with prayer, Pastor Boynton suggested we review John Chapter 11 to reflect upon grief and grieving.
	Approval of Agenda	Additions / Changes	Jennifer	
	Fire Ring / Eagle Scout Project		Elisha Newcomer, Eagle Scout Candidate	Elisha introduced himself and discussed building a fire ring area near the Pavillion. Council asked that the surround be made from flagstone set in a suitable base, and the flagstone should be level with the surrounding lawn area. A wooden border will be set around the fire area and be level with the ground. Elisha will develop his plan and submit it to the Scout Council for approval, then show it to Bethel for our approval. All funding will be Elisha's responsibility.
	Consent Agenda	July Minutes Staff Reports Vice Pastor report EC Report	Jennifer	Approved
	July Financial Report	Review and approve	Shawn	Approved
	Financial		Shawn	Council voted to approve the remaining \$1250 to complete the second quarter contribution to Synod. The Spending and Financial Approval Policy was approved as written.
	Facilities		Shawn	After discussion of flooring and painting in Fellowship Hall, and the likely need for three new HVAC units in the near future, Council voted to replace the remaining flooring and forego painting. Valley Flooring will be used to install flooring we will purchase. Donations of \$6500 have already been received for this project and

				Bethel will use up to \$5,000 from the Memorial Fund to complete the flooring.
	Shrimp Boil			Price for the Shrimp Boil will be raised from \$12 for adults. The price for children will remain the same. Adults \$15 each Children (6 – 12) \$6 each
	Holiday Planning – Advent and Christmas			Cherie and Rob will join a group as council members to plan for Christmas and Advent programs, including weekly Advent services. Additional Bethel members will be asked to join the planning committee.
	Stewardship Sunday			October 18 – Lynda will review the list of work areas and leaders to prepare for the handouts for Stewardship Sunday.
	Sunday School			LeeAnne has prepared a plan for rooms and classroom leaders and assistants.
	Council Nominations			We will need to fill four Council positions this year. Candidates must be identified by October so they can be included in the November Congregational Meeting mailing.
	MSP / Budget			Work on this plan must start in time for Congregational Meeting mailing.
	Pastoral Transition		Jennifer	MSP Update: Several Documents have been placed in a Bethel Council Call Process folder on the shared drive. These include Survey results and summaries, and compensation guidelines. Council will use this information, along with feedback from the Listening Sessions to fill out the Ministry Site Profile for Synod to begin their interview process.
	Upcoming Events		Jennifer/All	● Listening Session August 13, 6:30 pm ● Trivia, August 21 ● Listening Session August 23, 11 am ● Council meeting, September 9 ● God's Work, Our Hands, September 13 ● Sunday School Rally, September 20 ● Shrimp Boil, September 27
	Congregational Joys and Concerns		All	Brief Sharing for Prayer
	Closing Prayer and Adjournment		Pastor Boynton	

