	Council Meeting Date: 10/14/2026 Start: 7:00 pm Adjourned: 8:50	**Next Meetings:** Exec Committee: Wednesday 11/04/26 7:00PM Council: Wednesday 11/11/26 7:00PM **Attendees:** Pastor Deanna Boynton, Jennifer LaFollete, Cherie Lauck, Matt Lyman, Mel Siebert, Rob Cutler, Betty Puffinburger	

Time	Topic	Topic Details	Responsible	Discussion / Actions
7:00	Call to Order Opening Prayer		Jennifer/ Pastor Boynton	
	Approval of Agenda	Additions / Changes	Jennifer	Accepted by acclimation
	Consent Agenda	September Minutes Staff Reports Vice Pastor report EC Report	Jennifer	Accepted by acclimation
	Sept. Financial Report	Review and Approve	Shawn	The September Report was approved. It was noted that August Income included SMS payment for August and September, so September income appears low. The net for September was -$3,790, and YTD -$11,294.
	Facilities		Shawn	• A $6790 quote for repairing the walking path was received from Reading Landscaping. Council decided to delay acceptance. • Reading has maintained the scatter garden in the past at no cost to Bethel. Shawn will request a quote to continue maintenance. • A quote for removing the dead maple tree next to the front parking lot is forthcoming. • Council discussed Phase 2 of the Solar Power plan. A vote on the handling of the Phase 1 rebate is planned for the Congregational meeting in November.

	Sound System Improvements	Two Proposals	Matt	Kingdom Solutions has provided two proposals. The first is to improve the sound system in the music area, along with improving the on-line music mixing and replacing the pulpit mike for about $8,000. The second is to improve the sanctuary sound system with new speakers and baffling, for about $9,800. Council decided to delay consideration while the last improvements are being evaluated. Kingdom will be informed.

	Ministry Spend Plan		Jennifer	After some discussion about differences between the 26 MSP and 27 MSP, Council unanimously approved the 27 MSP for presentation at the Congregational Meeting.
	Christmas Committee			An ad hoc committee formed to plan for this year's Advent and Christmas season. The plan is that there will not be Wednesday evening services or Christmas-in-a-Barn. The children's sermons for the four Sundays of Advent will share a common theme, Advent Wreath making will be held November 29, the Christmas Cantata will be held on December 13, and Fellowship time will be offered after service on the other two Advent Sundays.
	College Care Packages		Mel	Several people have asked if will start sending care packages again. Mel will use a Thrivent card to help fund the effort and will coordinate a group to assemble and ship the packages.
	Pastoral Transition		Jennifer	The Call Committee has interviewed one candidate and is prayerfully considering the next step.
	New Members		Cherie	Four people plan to join Bethel, and another person plans to transfer membership to Bethel on November 1. Another person plans to transfer membership to Bethel in January. Short bios have been requested for introduction.
	Council Nominations		Jennifer	Kayleigh Potter, Cindy Lauster and Rebecca Miller have agreed to serve on Council, and Rene Hollebrandse has offered to remain on Council.
	Stewardship Sunday		Jennifer	A basket will be placed at the front of the Church on Stewardship Sunday for collection of forms.

	Ads in Narthex			Discussion of a Communication and Promotion Policy was postponed to next month.
	Upcoming Events		Jennifer/All	● Trivia. October 16 ● Perrone Funeral, October 17 ● Stewardship Sunday, October 18 ● Reformation Sunday, October 25 ● Pack 10 Trunk or Treat, October 31 ● All Saints Sunday, November 1 ● Congregational Meeting, November 8 ● Council Meeting, November 11 ● Bishop Milton Visit / Karen Nguyen Installation, November 15
	Congregational Joys and Concerns		All	Brief Sharing for Prayer
	Closing Prayer and Adjournment		Pastor Boynton	