

Faith Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting

September 10, 2024

Attendance (“P” = present)

Kay Brossard – P Lisa Chile – P Leslie Edgerton - A Jamie Estill – P Greg John – P	Linda Mihalov - A Ralph Minor - P Jim Musar - A Jill Richmond - P	Mark Strom – P <i>Ex officio:</i> Shannyn Fuerst – On sabbatical Wally Powelson - P
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Topic	Discussion and Action Items
Call to Order	Mark Strom @ 8:02
Devotional	Wally Powelson led our conversation.
Approval of Minutes	The August meeting minutes were approved.
Finance Committee and Financial Report	Wally shared the latest finance report. Typical summer lull.
Faith Constitution Changes	<p>The proposed constitution changes were sent out and an informational meeting is being held on Sept. 15.</p> <p>Dates for Congregational Meetings to ratify changes to the Constitution: October 6, 2024 and December 8, 2024 (Constitution requires 60 days between presentation of Constitution amendments, Synod approval, and final vote to ratify changes. There can be no changes once sent to the synod.)</p>
Church water damage update	Wally presented an update on the water damage work in the new addition. Contractor found mold damage into the roof. The total cost ended up coming in at \$44k, and at this time the work is nearly complete. We are transferring \$24k into the property reserve fund to cover the initial work and will be discussing options for the remaining \$20k.
Bridge of Promise	Rebecca Keith joined the meeting and provided an update on Bridge of Promise. Bridge of Promise was initially delayed in finalizing the contract due to staffing changes and other efforts. Bridge of Promise has hired support and is ready to move forward with the finalizing contract and their presence at Faith. Their goal is to start 2-3 days a week once the contract is signed. Thank you to the congregation members who are working to ready the space.
Projects in Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark gave an update that Faith is getting bids to upgrade the 25+ year old Audio system. The frequency is out-of-compliance in addition to being outdated. Due to cost, the plan would be to stage upgrades starting with microphones. • There is a desire to improve lighting above the alter that does not function properly and to improve the in-person and online experience. Research is underway, but will not be funded till a future year.

Prayer/Adjourn	Mark adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm with prayer led by the council.
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Submitted by Jill Richmond, 2024-25 secretary

Next meeting date: October 8, 2024