

Faith Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting November 7, 2023

Attendance (“P” = present)

Sally Avenson - P Kay Brossard - P Jamie Estill - P Greg John – P Diane Machatka - P	Linda Mihalov - P Ralph Minor - P Jim Musar - P Jill Richmond - P Theo Roe - Absent	Mark Strom – P <i>Ex officio:</i> Shannyn Fuerst - P Wally Powelson - P
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Topic	Discussion and Action Items
Call to Order	Jamie Estill @ 7:00 PM
Devotional	Ralph Minor led our caring conversation.
Approval of Minutes	October 2023 minutes were approved as distributed.
Preschool	Council approved a request from the preschool to spread wood chips in a play area, and to develop an outside wall as a music wall. A request to cover the hole under the exterior stairs out of the social hall was referred back to Kari Monsen for further information. There is already a metal grill over this hole, which provides some ventilation and daylight to the stairwell leading into the preschool entrance, so we are not clear why there is a safety concern.
Finance Committee and Financial Report Review	Wally presented the proposed 2024 budget. He noted that 2023 income is falling well short of 2023 budgeted income. Overall income has remained constant across the years even as attendance and number of givers has steadily declined. If we budget for a new part time staff line, income will have to be at least 11% higher than current giving. Council discussed how we talk at Faith about our giving and what we do with our funds. We hope that there is more capacity for giving in the congregation, and would like to discuss that with people before drawing conclusions on this question. Pastor Shannyn proposes a preaching series on stewardship and giving. Jill and Mark volunteered to help with telling our “money stories.”
Prayer/Adjourn	Adjourned at 8:32 pm with the Lord’s prayer.

Submitted by Diane Machatka, secretary

2024 Meeting Schedule

- Executive Committee Meetings (1st Tuesday of the month) – Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 5, Apr 2, May 7
- Council Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month) – Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 12, Apr 9, May 14
- spring congregational meeting - TBD

Caring Conversation Schedule

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December - Theo Roe ● January - Mark Strom ● February - Sally Avenson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March - Kay Brossard ● April - Jamie Estill ● May – Diane Machatka |
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