

Salem Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2025

Attending: Phil Barker, Aaron Holmgren, Debbie Lee, Louise Nesdahl, Lana Pemberton, Jack Schlukebier, Janet Sell, and Nancy Wyatt.

The meeting began at 7:04 pm.

For opening, Pastor Aaron spoke about the theme of the Synod meeting last weekend. How can we embrace proclaiming the “Good News” wherever we are.

Minutes from April meeting: Jack moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion passed.

Reports

Properties & Operations: Report received.

Education: Report received. Faith Formation ends this week.

Evangelism & Youth and Family: West St. Paul parade coming up. National Night Out is the 1st Tuesday in August, reported incorrectly said 2nd Tuesday.

Stewardship did not meet.

Missions: Report received. Feed My Starving Children July 18th. Tanzania mission trip group (7 travelers) met last night. Quilters have prepared 8 quilts for them to take to Tanzania.

Worship & Music: Report received. August 10th joint worship with St. Stephens and VBS. Lay-led service on August 31st. Beer, Burgers & Hymns is on September 8th.

Pastor’s Report: Report received.

Parish Nurse: Report received.

Solar Project: Report received. TBD for flipping the switch to make the system active.

Synod Assembly: Report received.

Coffee Hour: Talk to Carol Olson about buying compostable items: bill Fellowship budget line 8215.

Salem Vision Statement: Lana felt it was a little too long. She suggested that we use this as a working document. Jack liked the vision statement as it is because it gives clarity. Lana wondered if some of these were values. Pastor Aaron thought we should approve the Vision Statement as it is currently for this year knowing that we will be workshopping this document in the future. Louise moved that we approve the Vision for this year. Jack seconded. Motion passed.

Council Responsibilities: Read through responsibilities. No approval is needed since they are part of the Constitution. Although Council has the written responsibility, the Pastor traditionally gets replacements for himself when he is unavailable.

Review Financials: Each committee came ready to review the items in the budget that belong to their group.

Music and Worship. Remove *Christ in Our Homes* from 5105 and take out of 5415.

Education: Line 5315 includes both Faith Formation and VBS.

Property & Finance: Nancy Schmidt has these under control. Finance items are well understood.

Evangelism: Line 8215 will be the item line used for coffee hour supplies.

Stewardship: Reviewed.

Missions: Reviewed.

Restricted Accounts: Lenten Suppers will be changed to Congregational meals, line 3225.

Thank You’s: Formal thank you to Carl, Judy, and Keith for a wonderful music session. Pastor Aaron will bring the cards in to be signed next Sunday.

Action items for May:

Lana will request that Janet transfer \$2500 from the Bequest Fund to the Magome General Fund.

All dates and events mentioned in this meeting should be put on the church calendar.

Nancy will talk to Carol Olson about buying compostable items for the coffee hour: bill Fellowship line 8215.

Vision Statement—Lana should ask Rebekah Elling if she is still interested in working on modifications.

Pastor Aaron will get Lana the password to the Pastor Supply list.

Pastor Aaron will bring the cards to thank Carl, Judy, and Keith to be signed next Sunday.

Request a \$30 check for Jake Taulman for streaming the service when Paul Wyatt is gone. Paul Wyatt will take responsibility for notifying Pastor Aaron who will request a check.

Jack made a motion to adjourn the meeting following the closing prayer. Phil seconded. Motion passed.

Louise closed the meeting with the words of Pope Leo XIV. Prayer next month: Lana.

The meeting ended at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Wyatt, Secretary