

# Salem Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

## April 20, 2026

Attending: Phil Barker, Matt Gaines (absent), Deb Hofbauer, Aaron Holmgren, Debbie Lee, Louise Nesdahl (absent), Lana Pemberton, Jack Schlukebier, Janet Sell, Nancy Wyatt, and Scott Reed (guest from Properties.)

The meeting began at 7:08 pm.  
Council read the covenant.

Opening: While weeding Pastor Aaron thought about the need to go back to the daily work after the big bloom of Easter, the need to rest.

Minutes from the March Meeting: Jack made a motion that the minutes be approved as written. Janet seconded. Motion passed.

Planting Hope Project: Proposed by Janet. Her instructor would come for 6 weeks with instruction. Grant would pay for instructor and supplies.

### Reports

Property & Operations: Proposal to replace the Narthex doors ~\$17,000. Emergency phone has been installed in the elevator. Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Evangelism: Easter Fun Day had about 40 children. Phil distributed about 100 fliers in the neighborhood. June 6<sup>th</sup> will be the West St. Paul parade.

Education: Faith Formation has started back up.

Missions: Setting up a call to Magome. Eleven members volunteered at *Feed My Starving Children*. They packed 130 boxes which is the equivalent of 28,080 meals; enough to feed 17 kids a meal a day for a year.

Worship: Beer, Burgers, & Hymns scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Parish Nurse: Blood drive coming up.

Stewardship: Didn't meet this month.

Financial: Have spent \$12,000 more than we took in. Endowment Fund: Have about \$42,000 plus a \$25,000 CD. The money from the Easter Breakfast was deposited in the Youth Events fund.

Proposal for new Narthex doors (Scott Reed): **Update on Hall Side Glass Doors Locking Issues** – Nancy Schmidt distributed and committee reviewed and discussed proposal to replace door and frame of Hall side glass doors, replacement of Narthex doors and replacement of lower Narthex push bar on the door which is wearing out. With the age of our doors and settling of the foundation, etc., the doors can no longer sustain any kind of repair, which is a security concern to the building, staff and members. The Hall Street door is the worst and the upper Narthex door is starting to have the same problems with not locking or difficulty locking. The push bar on the lower Narthex door is wearing out, and a replacement will solve that problem. Warranties are also included in the proposal. The cost for all repairs, including disposal of all materials from project is: \$17,900.00. Committee discussed possible ways to pay for project. Committee voted unanimously to approve repairs as stated in the proposal. Not replacing the elevator level door but will be making repairs to it. Contractor is BridgePoint Glass, 2511 Ventura Dr, Woodbury, MN 55125, [tim@bridgepointglass.com](mailto:tim@bridgepointglass.com). Contractor needs 6 weeks' lead time. Installation of new doors should take one day. Required down payment isn't known. Proposal is on the floor, Deb Seconded. Janet called for a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Funding for proposal: History of the Bequest Fund contains a large donation, so in the past Council voted to let this fund be spent at the discretion of the Council. Janet made a motion that we pay for the proposal from the Bequest Fund. Aaron seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Received donations from the two Choral Groups that performed at Salem last Saturday and Sunday. Also received a check from the Klondike Kates.

Calendar: Everything is current on the calendar.

Other Business:

Thank You's:

Deb will be thanking all those that helped with the Easter Fun Day.

Pastor and Michelle will put up a thank you on the bulletin board.

Action Items:

Debbie is on prayer assignment for May.

Jack made a motion to adjourn the meeting after the closing prayer. Phil seconded. Motion carried.

Jack closed out the meeting with prayer.

The meeting ended at 08:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Wyatt, Secretary