

Salem Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2026

Attending: Phil Barker (absent), Matt Gaines (absent), Deb Hofbauer, Pastor Aaron Holmgren, Debbie Lee, Louise Nesdahl, Lana Pemberton, Jack Schlukebier, Janet Sell, Nancy Wyatt.

The meeting began at 7:04 pm.
Council read the covenant.

Opening: Talking with a friend about his collection of hymnals. Pastor said he remembered he had found a hymnal written by a group from his Seminary. He read a passage from this hymnal.

Minutes from the July Meeting written by Jack Schlukebier: Jack made a motion that the minutes be approved as corrected. Louise seconded. Motion passed.

Action Items from the last month were completed.

Reports

Properties & Operations: No report received. New doors installed. Waiting for a fix on the parking lot door. May need to make fixes to the windows in the future. Received about \$2500 refund on solar. Still working on receiving a better response on insurance cost.

Evangelism: Report received. Night to Unite and Joint Worship Church service are done.

Stewardship: Met last Friday. Brainstorming 2026 Stewardship campaign this fall.

Education: Joint session with St. Stephens for planning. Registration is now open.

Missions: God's Work, Our Hands on 9-13. Two activities will be available. Newborn kits go to Global Missions. People can take homeless kits. Those leftover will go to Listening House.

Music & Worship: No report.

Pastor's Report: Report received. Has been a very active summer.

Parish Nurse: Report received. Having Health Ministry meeting on Thursday. The next blood pressure Sunday will be August 30th.

Financials: Meeting on Wednesday. Janet has been working on cleaning up the accounts for a smooth transition to the new computer program.

Calendar: Items from Education Report need to be added by Debbie. Blood pressure schedule should be added, Louise will handle.

New Business: Pastor's review needs to be completed. Setting a date for Pastor's review during September or October. Audit people want to see the quarterly Endowment reports from 2024 on.
What is the pickup schedule for the compost. Need to get volunteers.

Thank You's:

Pastors from Salem and St. Stephen's for joint worship.

Action Items:

Lana- Audit people want to see the quarterly Endowment reports from 2024 on.

Lana- Set date for Pastor's review. Notify review committee.
Stewardship committee- Need volunteers for compost pickup.
Pastor Aaron- Beginning draft in response to Synod's gun violence resolution.
Louise- List of blood pressure dates to be posted in Narthex.

Louise is on prayer assignment for September.
Jack made a motion to adjourn the meeting after the closing prayer. Louise seconded. Motion carried.
Debbie closed out the meeting with prayer.

The meeting ended at 08:07 pm.
Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Wyatt, Secretary