Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Council Meeting: Sunday, May 4, 2025

Minutes

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|  |  | In attendance? |
| President | Helen Hicks-Wenthold | Yes |
| Vice President | Jeff Greeley | Yes  |
| Financial Secretary | Debra Blum | Yes |
| Treasurer | Stan Harlow | Yes |
| Secretary | Rachel Hawk | Yes |
| Members | McKenzie Temme | Yes  |
| Al Davis | Excused |
| Morgen Benner | Excused |
| Marcy Hintzman | Yes |
| Linda Hedman | Yes  |
| Pastor  | Gladys Nwabah | Yes |

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| **Topic** |
| Topic 1: Greetings* Greetings– Hello from/to All
* Quorum

Yes, there is a quorum.  |
| Topic 2: Administrative Topics * Approve April minutes.

**Deb moved to approve the April minutes which were amended and resent to council; approved via voice vote.*** Approve May draft agenda.

**Marcy moved to approve the revised May draft agenda with additional topics of Morgen’s confirmation and the Habitat for Humanity funding request; approved via voice vote.** |
| Topic 3: Devotions* Jeff led us.
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| Topic 4: Pastor’s Update* Pastor has continued to do visitations, but they have slowed down the past few weeks. If you hear of anyone who needs a visit by Pastor, then let her know.
* The office hours are continuing under the revised hours we discussed last month.
* Morgen will be leaving council so we need to start thinking about a potential replacement to nominate. Please let Pastor know if there are any recommendations. One idea is Judy Korschot so Pastor will reach out to her. Marcy can resume being the council liaison for the technology committee. Mike Anderson, Dan Lokke, and Bob Everson would be other potential options so Pastor will also reach out to them.
* Pastor will be out May 25th-June 25th for vacation and continuing education.
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| Topic 5: Update on Call Committee next steps* Call committee update—ministry profile has been posted. Committee meeting May 13th to discuss the next steps.
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| Topic 6: Proposal for Morgen to be Confirmed* Morgan Weathers has been approved by council for confirmation
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| Topic 7: E-Connect Update Debra* Our lay E-Connect committee (Nita Cunningham, Kevin Hintzman, Helen Hicks-Wenthold, Debra) & Pastor is currently working with congregation members to come up with a Mission/Action plan in 6 different areas.
* Our next retreat will be October 2nd-3rd, and this will be the final retreat where we have our completed Mission Plan.
* The E-Connect team now has mentors from the Synod and the E-Connect team would like to meet with Council at a meeting to discuss how to move forward to address the identified needs in our community. Debra will find out what dates work for them and will let Rachel know and Rachel will send a doodle poll to align on a date. The best options are probably before or after church one Sunday (but not conflicting with council meeting).
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| Topic 8: Committee Reports Treasurer’s Report* Stan distributed a hard copy of the report to council members. Contributions have now caught up to our deficit spending so we should be fine if things hold steady.
* **Deb moves we accept the April Treasurer’s report as presented. All approved via voice vote.**

Property * Committee meeting has not yet met for this month so no update.

Worship and Music* Carol is the chair of the committee.
* There was a request for a service of healing so committee will be looking at that now that we’re past Easter.

Christian Education* McKenzie is the chair. The summer schedule for evening worships/meals was sent yesterday via email. McKenzie will ask the foundation for $500 to cover the meal costs. They will start working on the Bible study content.
* McKenzie would like to schedule a meeting with the council to discuss how to staff and run Sunday School for next fall. McKenzie will propose some times to this group via email.
* May 18th will be the last day of Sunday school, and we’ll have a picnic. McKenzie will contact office so we can add note that members should bring sides/desserts to share.
* Family nights are June 11th and June 18th and July 2nd and July 16th.
* Confirmation camp will be at Lutheran Hills June 22nd-27th.

Technology Update* Kevin and Bill worked several hours to have Kevin trained in how to manage the streaming. Kevin will manage the streaming for the next few weeks to get fully comfortable with it. A training will be set up for doing the sound board part and we’ll have several of the high schoolers and any others who are interested for that.

Outreach* Stan is the chair of this committee. There was a successful Kairos weekend where they successfully ministered to 12 adults.
* **Evangelism**
* Linda is the chair of this committee.
* Linda created a chart for 4 weeks to determine who may not have been in attendance in that timeframe. We have 71 people who have not been here so we should try to reach out to them. We can also check to see which of these on the list may have moved out of the area or are home bound. Please review the list and get back to Linda with feedback.
* The nursing home ministry is going very well. The people at St. Mary’s are appreciative and we have ~10 people there each time. We have now started at Heritage Health care and we have open slots at Cumberland Park.
* **Faith and Finance Team (Stewardship)**
* Pastor Nwabah, Pastor Peugot, Pastor Lichtenberger, Professor Greeley, Albert are the members. Pastor Jim will be the chair of this committee.
* The committee has not yet met for this month.
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| Walk-in and Other topics* Synod Assembly is June 5-7 in Indianapolis.  Stan and Linda volunteered to attend the assembly.  Stan will sign them up online.
* Sue Davis is organizing a women's build for Habitat for Humanity.  The date is August 7th 8am-4pm and they will be mostly painting.  They need at least 8 people for the team and so far, Sue, Pat, Debra, Nita, and Missy will be helping.  Helen volunteered to be a part of the team.  They are still looking for at least 2 more people.  Contact Sue Davis if you want to be a part of the team.  You must sign up by 5/14/25 online.  Also needed is $2500.  Deb said they are applying for $1000 from the foundation and Stan said they could also use an additional $1000 from our local benevolence fund, as none of that money has been used this year yet.  They still need an additional $500, which the team will discuss how they can get the funds.  The money is needed by June 20th.
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| Topic 11 Closing* Prayers

Next meeting is June 8th.  We need a lead for devotions.  |

Devotions schedule 2025

June:        Open

July:         Linda

August:     Rachel

September:  Helen

October:     Al

November:   McKenzie

December:      Open