

**Lebanon Lutheran Church  
Congregation Council  
Minutes of May 20, 2025 Meeting  
In Person - In Church Lounge**

**In Attendance:** Pastor Doug Ogden, President Wietse Schaafsma, Vice President Sarah Schmaltz, Treasurer Terry Beekman, Financial Secretary Curt Crouch, Cheri Crouch, Laura Hollister, David Dusenberry, Amy Swope, Secretary Al Wheeler

President Wietse Schaafsma called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Wietse then called for the **Agenda Review**. The agenda was accepted as written.

**Opening Devotion:** Cheri shared some fascinating stories from the Crouch's recent trip to Greece and Turkey where they followed in the footsteps of St Paul as told in The Book of Acts. Their daughter, Pastor Megan Crouch, helped to lead the small tour group and offered many prayers and blessings while on their journey.

**Future Devotions:** June - Wietse

Participants shared **Recent Signs of God's Grace**.

**Secretary's Minutes:** Council reviewed the April minutes. Amy moved, Laura seconded, and the minutes were accepted as written.

**Pastor's report: (See Pastor's Report to the Church Council May 20, 2025):** Pastor Doug had just returned from the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly Meeting where our new bishop, Julie Schneider Thomas was elected. He discussed highlights of that meeting. Pastor Doug then reminded Council that the White Lake Area Historical Society will be meeting this Thursday at Lebanon Lutheran where he will discuss the history of our church.

**Financial Reports: (Financial Reports to the Church Council April 15, 2025):** This report was postponed until next month due to Curt having just returned from vacation.

**New or Urgent Business:**

1. **Council Rep to Endowment Committee:** It was noted that Council had not yet made an appointment for this position. Al moved and Amy seconded that Terry Beekman be appointed. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Property Committee Notes & Concerns:** Terry presented the one-page report, *Property Committee Recommendation for Roof Repair*. Terry said that three bids had been requested, and two were received, for repair of the two flat roof areas. The two bids received were comparable in scope. The lowest bid was from Certified Building Solutions and included both roof areas for a total of \$65,380. The Committee recommended acceptance of that bid, to be funded from Investments. Cheri moved and David seconded that the Committee's recommendation be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Terry noted that the Church's Constitution requires a Special Meeting of the Congregation be held for authorization to spend large amounts above the budget and that meeting must be announced in advance. Pastor Doug suggested June 8 for the Special Congregation Meeting, with announcements to be made on Sundays, May 25 and June 1, and also in the weekly newsletters.

3. **Event Planning:** Council will be responsible for providing ice cream following the first service of Pentecost on June 8.
4. **Thrivent Action Cards/Calendar:** Cheri has requested an Action Card for ice cream following the June 8 Sunday service.

**Emphasis of the Month:**

**May - Synod Benevolence:** Frank Hollister made a great, informative presentation.

**June - Samaritas:** Pastor Doug will talk with Samaritas to see if they might provide a speaker.

**July - Living Lutheran:** No suggestions.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. **Flat Roof Concerns:** See "Property Committee Notes & Concerns" above.
2. **Outdoor Sign for May/June:** Happy 154th Anniversary, Notice of Special Congregation Meeting, Swimming Lessons
3. **Balcony Project:** On hold until Mike determines the schedule.
4. **Put up new Council pictures:** New pictures have been sent to Margaret. Pastor Doug will check with her.
5. **Pentecost Fellowship Hour:** See "Event Planning" above.

Pastor Doug commented that the *White Lake Mirror* advertisement is ready and will soon appear in that publication once a month.

**Calendar and Adjournment:** At 7:23 Cheri moved to adjourn and Amy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Al Wheeler