

**Lebanon Lutheran Church
Congregation Council
Minutes of June 17, 2025 Meeting
In Person - In Church Lounge**

In Attendance: Pastor Doug Ogden, President Wietse Schaafsma, 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 p.m. Wietse then called for the **Agenda Review**. Cheri asked if we could discuss whether or not to have a July meeting. It was decided to add that discussion at the end of Unfinished Business. With that change, the agenda was accepted as written.

Opening Devotion: Wietse read a passage from *Little Book of Daily Sunshine* by Clare Josa. It advised that if we slow down, we will get more done. Our multitasking is done at the price of being less aware of the present. Wietse then related some personal experiences to illustrate these truths.

Future Devotions: (No meeting in July), August - Amy

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

Secretary's Minutes: Council reviewed the April Council Meeting minutes and the minutes of the June 8th Special Congregation Meeting concerning proposed flat roof repairs. Laura moved, Amy seconded, and both minutes were accepted as written.

Financial Reports: (See Financial Reports to the Church Council for May and June 2025):

Curt noted that expenses are running just a little over budget. April and May income was good, picking up from a slow first quarter. He advised that the Brotherhood Mutual Insurances' property deductible had increased from \$1000 to \$5000, and to \$10,000 for wind and hail damage. Gifts qualifying for matching funds for our flat roof repair is \$700 to date.

Pastor's report: (See Pastor's Report to the Church Council June 17, 2025): Pastor Doug reminded Council that John Jacks, representing Samaritas, would be Lebanon's guest speaker on June 29. Acolyte training is scheduled to begin at the end of this month. Pastor commented that the increase in number of young people attending is because of Kids Klub. Volunteers are needed for greeting, serving and clean-up at the Methodist Community Meal on the fifth Thursday in July. Our Scouts may be able to help in that effort. Pastor Doug said that the projected cost of the new Food Pantry/Scout House continues to increase. He recommended that we make a transfer of funds from the Food Pantry Account to the Food Pantry/Scout House Account. Wietse made the motion that the funds be transferred, seconded by David. The motion passed unanimously.

New or Urgent Business:

- 1. Good gifts person:** Curt said that we have \$930 designated for good gifts. We need a person to decide what to order and to fill out the paperwork. Council decided to send this back to the Executive Committee.

- 2. Property Committee Notes & Concerns:** Wietse said that the Property Committee would be spending \$590 of it's budget to spray for spiders that are causing damage to the exterior paint. The elevator to the food pantry is having issues.
- 3. Event Planning:** July 10th Smorgasbord. Terry has a Thrivent card that he will give to Flo for that event.
- 4. Thrivent Action Cards/Calendar:** No new suggestions

Emphasis of the Month:

July - Living Lutheran: Al will ask Michele or Barb Aardema.

August - Backpacks: Jenna?

September - Faith Formation: Amy

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Flat Roof Concerns:** Done
- 2. Outdoor Sign for May/June:** Swimming Lessons, Backpack event
- 3. Balcony Project:** On hold until Mike determines the schedule.
- 4. July Meeting:** It was decided to cancel the July meeting.

Calendar and Adjournment: At 7:41 Cheri moved to adjourn and Amy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Al Wheeler