

**Lebanon Lutheran Church
Congregation Council
Minutes of August 19, 2025 Meeting
In Person - In Church Lounge**

In Attendance: President Wietse Schaafsma, Vice President Sara Schmalz, Treasurer Terry Beekman, Financial Secretary Curt Crouch, Cheri Crouch, Laura Hollister, Amy Swope, Secretary Al Wheeler

President Wietse Schaafsma called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Wietse then called for the **Agenda Review**. Cheri suggested that we add the maintenance agreement from Hurst. (Terry later suggested that someone first compare our existing contract with Boardwell because there are some changes in what they are expected to do.)

Opening Devotion: Amy commented on the book, *The Seven Generations and the Seven Grandfather Teachings* by James Vukelich Kaagegaabaw. She noted that each of us exists in the middle generation of seven generations of ancestors and descendants. It is possible for us to know people in each of these generations. The Native American traditions described in this book tell of how the strengths of our ancestors are passed through us to future generations.

Future Devotions: September - Al, October - Cheri

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

Secretary's Minutes: Council reviewed the June Council Meeting minutes. (There was no Council meeting in July.) Cheri moved, Sara seconded, and the minutes were accepted as written.

Pastor's report: (See Pastor's Report to the Church Council August 19, 2025): The Pastor's report was read and discussed. Pastor Doug is in Ohio in order to be with his mother for her scheduled cancer operation. He called during the meeting to inform Council that the surgery had been postponed and additional procedures are being done to determine the best course of action for her. Pastor Doug said that he would return to Whitehall tomorrow.

Financial Reports: (See Financial Reports to the Church Council for July and August 2025): Curt noted that Margaret had bought postage and that several annual bills have been paid. Investment earnings are still up and we have received \$11,239 for the roof repair.

New or Urgent Business:

1. **Kids' Klub:** Toni and Amy have planned an entire nine month program, "*Holy Moly*." They now have an actual curriculum for a 45 minute program on the third Sunday of each month. Kids' Klub begins September 21 and will need some equipment so that they can watch video downstairs.
2. **Property Committee Notes & Concerns:** Wietse reported that the spider spray was effective in eliminating any further damage to the outside of the church building.

- 3. Event Planning:** A picnic is planned at Hollister's on September 7. Planning is being done for a hayride in October. Council approved a date of October 26.
- 4. Thrivent Action Cards/Calendar:** No new suggestions

Emphasis of the Month:

September - Faith Formation: Amy

October - Backpacks: Council decided by consensus to change this fund of the month from Samaritas to take advantage of beating price increases in preparation for next year's program. Jenna will be asked to talk.

November - Worship:

Unfinished Business:

- 1. Flat Roof Concerns:** Done
- 2. Outdoor Sign for May/June:** Sunday Kids' Klub to begin Sept 21st - 9:15
- 3. Balcony Project:** On hold until Mike determines the schedule.

Calendar and Adjournment: At 7:21 Cheri moved to adjourn and Amy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Al Wheeler