

**Lebanon Lutheran Church  
Congregation Council  
Minutes of October 21, 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, Amy Swope, David Dusenberry, Secretary Al Wheeler

President Wietse Schaafsma called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Wietse then called for the **Agenda Review**. Terry asked that we add the new mechanical Service agreement to new business. It was added under Property Notes and Concerns.

**Opening Devotion:** Cheri discussed the topic of gratitude as presented in the book, *Breath of the Seoul* by Joan Chittister. She explained gratitude as being part of the works of God and said that we must experience need in order to understand gratitude.

**Future Devotions:** November - Wietse

**Recent Signs of God's Grace** were shared by participants.

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

**Pastor's report: (See Pastor's Report to the Church Council October 21, 2025):** Pastor Doug, who had just returned from a Joint Synod Pastor's Meeting, reviewed his report with Council. He then drew attention to the ceiling tiles that had been replaced by the property committee following the roof repairs. He updated Council on his Mother's progress dealing with cancer.

**Financial Reports: (See Financial Reports to the Church Council for October 21, 2025):**

Curt stated that we were at 75.45% of budgeted expenses at the end of the third quarter and that normally the fourth quarter expenses were not as high as the others. He is optimistic about our being within budget on both expenses and income in 2025. Food Pantry income continues to out pace expenses largely due to new sources of food being found by Paul Collins. It was noted that the number of people who are dependent on the pantry is increasing.

**New or Urgent Business:**

1. **Plan in place for active shooter? (Discussion):** Pastor Doug added the topic of fire emergency readiness. He stated that designated persons should be at the ready to make 911 calls and to assist evacuation in case of any emergency. Suggestions were made as to how this might be done. Dave will try to arrange a meeting with Fire Chief Pete McCarthy.
2. **Hayride - October 26 (Details):** Details were reviewed and determined to be complete.
3. **Venture Accounts New Resolution:** Wietse read the resolution concerning the changing of persons who are authorized to sign for four Accounts at HarborLight Credit Union. The resolution requires that the name Ryanne Jones be deleted from all accounts. The signatories for the four accounts will be as follows:

Acct. .....5006 - James Lutrull, Matthew Cope, Nancy Cope, Cheri Crouch, Douglas Ogden. Acct. .....3004 - Robert Markiewicz, Cheri Crouch, Douglas Ogden. Acct. .....5000 - Matthew Cope, Douglas Ogden, Cheri Crouch. Acct. .....ouse - Douglas Ogden, Cheri Crouch. The motion was made to accept the resolution as read by Cheri and seconded by Dave. The motion passed unanimously then all present Voting Council Members signed the document.

4. **Property Committee Notes & Concerns:** Terry reported that the new maintenance agreement from Hurst Mechanical Service had been reviewed and approved by the Property Committee. The new plan is approximately \$270 more than the previous year.
5. **Event Planning:** Nov. 23 Cello/Piano Recital is set. Council discussed possible Breakfast with Santa and also the Bubble Circus event at The Playhouse at White Lake on Dec. 6.
5. **Thrivent Action Cards/Calendar:** Breakfast With Santa? Bubble Circus? Cards are still available.

**Emphasis of the Month:**

**November - Worship:** Suzanne  
**December - Music:** Kids' Klub Kazoo Band?  
**January - Quilting:**

**Unfinished Business:**

1. **Outdoor Sign for May/June:** Welcome new members
3. **Balcony Project:** On hold until Mike determines the schedule.

**Calendar and Adjournment:** At 7:59 Cheri moved to adjourn and Amy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Al Wheeler