

St. John's Lutheran Church Council Minutes – August 13, 2025

The church council met August 13, 2025. Those in attendance were Keith Cornish, Heather Roeske, Amanda Pfenninger, Pat Graham, Travis Lee, Wayne Gisler, and Steve Paulsgrove.

Keith Cornish, president, opened the meeting with prayer at 6:02 PM.

The minutes from the July 9, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Steve moved the minutes be accepted as written; Travis seconded the motion; the motion passed. The July 31, 2025 treasurer's report was reviewed. Wayne moved the treasurer's report be accepted as submitted; Heather seconded the motion; the motion passed. The September calendar was reviewed. No changes were made to the September calendar with the exception of removing the word Communion from the 2nd and 4th Sunday services.

Committee Reports

- **Building and Grounds** – No report.
- **Altar Guild** – No report.
- **Women's Unity** – Pat reported the Women donated \$500 to the Community Foundation of the Hill Country-Kerr County Flood Relief Fund. Teacher Appreciation Day will be on September 22nd. The ladies have scheduled their Women's Day Out for October 25th with an arts and craft activity. The ladies have decided to host a social event of Bunco and refreshments with the Runge women on November 8 from 10 AM until noon.
- **Cemetery** – Pat reported the cemetery was mowed in mid-July and still looks in good condition. Tim Westphal repaired the brick damage at the cemetery entrance at no expense to cemetery funds. We are still waiting for cemetery grave plaques previously ordered. We recently assisted Jimmy Dale Rader's family with ordering a grave plaque.
- **Sunday School, Confirmation** – Rally Day is scheduled for September 7th. Children's Sunday School will occur on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. No decision has been made on confirmation classes.
- **Worship Committee** – The Service Leader Rotation schedule was reviewed. Pastor Reitmeyer has volunteered to participate in our service rotation on a more regular basis. Amanda moved we hire Pastor Reitmeyer for the September 7th service; Travis seconded the motion; the motion passed. There was a discussion on the cost for the two services, travel, and hotel for the Pastor. There is a need to get our parsonage furnished for visiting pastors. Further discussion on this topic is addressed under New Business. Since the internet and phone services for the parsonage is separate from the church invoice, it was decided we drop the services at the parsonage. Heather moved we cancel internet and phone services at the parsonage; Amanda seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Old Business

- **Pastor Plaque** – The pastor plaque in the Narthex has been updated with Pastor Bruno's service to our church.
- **Handicap Accessibility** – Steve led a discussion on making our back door egresses and sidewalk handicap accessible, ADA compliant, and the need for additional safety. Wayne will put together a plan.

New Business

- **Evangelism Tablecloth** – Steve stated the church needs a tablecloth with our church name when we host events at other locations and at our church for special occasions. Heather volunteered to look into the cost and create a design.
- **Organ Repairs** – Keith stated our church organ has keys sticking and is making a static noise. The organ will be serviced by an organ repair professional.
- **New Member Applicant – Debbie Mead** – Debbie Mead has applied for membership to our church. She will join our church during either the August 24th or 31st service.
- **Parsonage Furnishings (& Cleaning)** – There was a discussion on the necessary furnishings needed in the parsonage. It was decided we needed a point person to manage the donation of furnishings. The parsonage would also need cleaning on occasion for occupancy.
- **Pastoral Computer** – Mark Stroman requested the church purchase a dedicated computer to be used for his seminary classroom work and for the pastor's office after he completes his classes. It was decided that Mark select a laptop computer, appropriate software, and licenses to conduct his classroom studies. Wayne moved we approve and set a budget not to exceed \$1200 for Mark to purchase a laptop computer with programs and accessories to be owned by the church. Steve seconded the motion; the motion passed.
- **Pastoral Library** – Mark Stroman requested reimbursement for seminary classroom books which can later be placed in a pastoral library at the church and used by future pastors. The books for each class are approximately \$250 and he plans to take two classes a semester, totaling \$500 each semester. We discussed using money from existing budgeted accounts to cover this expense. Heather moved we approve a budget not to exceed \$500 a semester, using existing monies from budgeted accounts, to purchase Mark's seminary books that will be owned by the church. Wayne seconded the motion; the motion passed.

With no further business, Wayne moved to adjourn the meeting; Amanda seconded the motion; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Graham, Council Secretary