

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER --- CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 2025  
6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm Council Meeting

Council Members: Ryan Nuttall, Ann DeSpiegler, Gwen McGillivray, Jessica Kruse , Alan Stager, Jan Birkeland, Kim Pearson, Cindy Day, Matt Blackwelder

Advisory: Pastor Dan Overbo and Pastor Laura Overbo.

Those Absent: Gwen McGillivray , Alan Stager

Call to Order:

Opening Devotions/Caring Conversation: Pastor Dan

Welcome New Council Members:

- Binders / Pictures / Mailbox
- Expectations of Church Council
- Google Doc and Drive Tutorial

**Approve Agenda:** Motion made by Jan Birkeland to add Easter Worship Time discussion to New Business. Second by Ann DeSpiegler . Motion passed.

**Approve Minutes:** Jessica Kruse made a motion to approve the January 7, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. Second by Matt Blackwelder . Motion passed.

Ann DeSpiegler made a motion to approve the January 26, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes. Second by Jan Birkeland.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jessica Kruse presented the January 2025 Treasurer's Report. Accepted by Matt Blackwelder and seconded by Ryan Nuttall . Motion passed.

**Pastors' Reports:**

PD attended the Senior Pastors Conference

Planning Lent themes, worship experiences, and times

Planning Lent Church School- pr Laura is writing the Lenten church school curriculum based on the theme, "Step Stones of Lent."

Pr Laura writing Church School curriculum for regular Sundays (Formerly Faith Formation Position)

Pr Laura and Pr Dan were selected for the "Compelling Preaching" course from August through December. All expenses are paid through Luther Seminary and the Lily Grant.

Faith-Based Security Webinar Feb 19 at 3:00

LCOOR will participate in Watertown Area Ministerial Lenten worship. Noon at Congregational Church  
LCOOR will provide a meal on April 9 and Pastor will preach on the topic, "Questions Jesus Asked."

"Generosity Project" training about stewardship

Staff Planning Day Feb 25 from 12-3:00. Phones will be unattended during this time.

There is no **Old Business**.

### **New Business**

- **Worship Time:**  
Discussion was held regarding Sunday worship time for Summer at Memorial Park and Year-Around worship (in town) at LCOOR. Feedback was shared from LCOOR members, praise band members, LCOOR parents of church school students.  
The Worship and music committee asked the council to consider changing Easter worship to 8:00 and 10:00 instead of 7:00, 8:30 and 10:00.  
Ryan Nuttall made a motion to keep the Lake worship at 9:00, LCOOR Sanctuary worship at 9:30 year around and move Easter to 8:00 and 10:00. Motion Seconded by Cindy Day. Motion carried.
- **Air Conditioning:**  
\*2 Bids To Replace the Air Conditioning Unit between the Great Hall and Sanctuary. One bid from Johnson Controls for \$76K and a second bid from Active Heating for \$79560. Work has been completed by Johnson Controls in the past. The property board recommended replacing the Air Conditioning Unit rather than a repair. Matt Blackwelder made a motion to use Johnson Controls and pay for it from the PPP money with the remaining PPP to be moved to the capital improvement fund; motion second by Jessica Kruse . After discussion, the motion was amended by Ann Despiegler to leave any remaining balance of the PPP in the current account rather than move it to the capital improvement fund. The council will revisit this balance at the March meeting. Second by Matt Blackwelder . Motion passed
- **Committee Assignments- Volunteer Liaisons listed under Committee Reports**
- **Lenten Offering designated to "Youth Outdoor Area." Motion made by Jessica Kruse , Second by Ann DeSpiegler, motion carried.**
- **The motion was made by Kim Pearson, Second by Cindy Day to update the Authorized Signer on the following Accounts. Motion carried.**
  1. Reliabank-Accounts 187095 and 187096
    - Remove Arthur M Hopper and Laurie A Tennis
    - Keep Jodi L Spilde
    - Add Jan Birkland and Jessica Kruse

2. Reliabank Business Credit Card Account - Change of Authorized Business Officers/Owners (Authorized Signers)
  - Remove Laurie A Tennis
  - Keep Jodi L. Spilde
  - Add Jessica Kruse
3. Reliabank-Big Sioux Wealth Management-Account 84847610
  - Remove Beverly Splinter and Laurie A Tennis
  - Keep Jodi L Spilde
  - Add Jan Birkland and Jessica Kruse
4. First Interstate Bank-Account 3300412103518
  - Remove Arthur M Hopper and Laurie A Tennis
  - Keep Jodi L Spilde
  - Add Jan Birkland and Jessica Kruse
5. Signature Card Update at First Premier Bank-Account 506400902
  - Remove Arthur M Hopper and Laurie A Tennis
  - Keep Jodi L Spilde
  - Add Jan Birkland and Jessica Kruse

### Committee Reports

- Faith Formation- Jessica Kruse
- Fellowship - Gwen McGillivray
- Mission & Endowment- Ann DeSpiegler- Grants given out at the Annual Meeting.
- Policy- Ryan Nuttall
- Preschool - Kim Pearson
- Property - Alan Stager
- Stewardship Jan Birkeland. Met in February. Will present information about the mission of the month.
- Worship and Music- Cindy Day Met on 2/11/25 and discussed the Easter theme. Will serve rolls on Palm Sunday to raise money for an updated soundboard, iPads, and monitors.
- Youth and Family- Matt Blackwelder
- Directory- Jessica Kruse said an updated copy will arrive soon for the final proof.

Next Meeting: Mar 11, 2025

- Executive committee- 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m
- Church council- 6:30 p.m.

Treats for March: Cindy Day

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Meeting Adjourned: Ryan Nuttal, Ann DeSpiegler Second 8:15 p,m

**Upcoming Events:**

February 16 No Church School

February 19 3:00 Faith-Based Security Webinar

February 23 Conference Assembly at NeSoDak

February 23 6:00 Family Movie Night showing "IF"

SignUp Genius sent out for volunteers to bring treats.

March 5 12:30 Ash Wednesday Worship and Soup Meal following  
6:30 Ash Wednesday Worship