



# Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 14, 2024, 10:25 am

Next meeting May 12

“Proclaim the gospel and Serve our neighbors.”

**Members Present:** Rose Anderson, Miriam Flysjo, Craig Loen, Becky Hulden, Kathy Carlsted, Pastor Dwight Rudquist      **Members Absent:** none

Becky called the meeting to order at 10:25. Rose led devotions. Pastor Dwight volunteered to lead devotions in May.

Craig, Kathy and Becky shared stories about God’s love in their lives.

Because of Lent and Holy Week, Pastor Dwight officiated many services this month. He also visited parishioners at home. In addition Pastor Dwight helped pack meals for Feed my Starving Children.

Craig presented the treasurer’s report. We are 75% through our fiscal year. Our income is 76.61% of our budget. Our expenses are at 76% of the budget.

The Lenten offering was split between Feed My Starving Children and the Backpack food program for Taylors Falls elementary school. FMSC received \$614 and the backpack food program will receive \$613.85.

Kathy made the motion and Rose seconded it to use money from line item 3035 (maple syrup fund) to pay \$4450 for tree removal by Wild River Tree Service, LLC. The Motion passed.

Miriam made motion and Becky seconded it to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed.

The property committee is still planning to remodel the mens’ room downstairs and the rest room on main floor. Regrading the south side of the church will be done this spring. Pastor Dwight will look into new chairs for the fellowship hall. We will consider a change to the constitution to raise the amount the council can approve without a special congregational meeting to \$5000. We will take advantage of the Taylors Falls clean up day to dispose of an air conditioner and dehumidifier.

The Season of Renewal task force met on Friday, April 12. The group set goals and generated a document of expectations for an accountability statement. The congregation will be informed of the groups’ progress in an announcement during the service. May 4 is the first meeting with other congregations in our cohort at Como Park Lutheran Church.

Bill Davids has agreed to present the next Mission Moments on April 21 or 28.

Sunday School for young children has met twice. There have been 7 students both times. The sessions have focused on a Bible story: Jesus riding into Jerusalem and David and Goliath. The lessons consist of the reading and discussing the story, movement activities and often a craft. Parents and grandparents have been very willing to help make the lessons successful. The plan is to continue the lessons on the second Sunday through the summer.

The council reviewed the events during Lent. People liked the simple meal preceding the Wednesday service at 5:00. It was suggested that the supper could be a few minutes longer. Using the Hidden with Christ service was good.

Everyone really enjoyed the breakfast following Palm Sunday service.

People appreciated the music and the style of service at the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

Easter service was good. The trumpet music helped set the tone.

Craig motioned and Rose seconded to adjourn at 11:30.

Faithfully submitted,

Miriam Flysjo, council secretary