

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 8, 2024, in the church library
Note: No council meeting was held in August 2024
Next meeting: October 13, 2024

Minutes

Council Members: Rose Anderson, Kathy Carlsted, Don Hansen, Becky Hulden, Craig Loen, Pastor Dwight Rudquist

A. Opening Devotions – Becky-Prayer for the future.
October -

B. Sharing Stories of God’s Love in our Lives -

C. Pastor’s Report- Pastor Dwight-See Attached below
Visits- Pete and Donna Lindgren
Farmers Market sept 15 October 13, on the overlook
Still looking at conversations with Justin on working with Amelund

D. Treasurer’s Report – Craig

Craig was directed to change credit card to Auto Pay and receive paper statements to eliminate late fees.

Motion:Julie

Seconded-Kathy

Motion carried

1. Payment of roof project- Payment will be mailed 09/08/2024

E. Motion to approve:Kathy

F. Seconded:Julie

E. Property Committee Projects

1. Elevator - rusty ceiling / roof leaking on Education Wing-Repaired vent on roof
2. Bathrooms - next project-womens bathroom
3. Regrading, south side
4. Chairs
5. Trees falling on parking lot.... prevention plan?
6. Sign out front-part of the Welcoming assessment from Task Group.
7. South education wing door needs attention
8. Concrete rail on front of Church needs repair
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6. Approval to advertise for two, no expense events Braver Angels()and Christian Nationalism(Oct 1)n St. Croix Falls.

Motion to Approve:Craig

Second:Kathy

Motion approved

Check for ceiling tile replacement from water damage.

Becky to order changing table for downstairs bath

F. Funeral Lunches / Kitchen Management

1. Funeral policy for members / nonmembers-work group to
Update the policy for weddings and funerals. Kathy,Rose,Wendy Dwight

G. Vision Group

1. Season of Renewal – FELC group met 8/31 with coach Mary Francis via zoom
2. Next meeting: September 14th with the cohort congregations.St. Timothy Lutheran Church in 1465 Victoria. Next 90 plan will be how to be more welcoming.

H. Mission Statement

1. Mission moments – none in July and August. June-- Wendy S. – Together with Friends
2. Julie Valez-Library update-

I. Sunday School – Report from Miriam- see attached

J. Upcoming events:

K. Motion to Adjourn:Kathy Carlsted ,seconded:Julie Valez

Attachments: Pastors report

Pastor Rudquist's Council Report – September 8, 2024

Participated in Worship:

- July 14, 2024
- July 21, 2024
- July 28, 2024
- August 4, 2024
- August 25, 2024
- September 1, 2024

Visits:

- In person visit with:
 - Pete & Donna Lindgren
- Phone visits with:
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Funerals:

- Donna Lindgren

Other:

- Church Council - 7/14/2024
- Choir Sang on 8/4
- Newsletter Article for August & September
- Services at The Lodge – July 24th & August 21st
- What's Next Task Group Meetings – 7/31, 8/22, & 9/4
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Thoughts/Reflections:

- What's Next Task Group Update
- Roof Payment?
- Discuss Funeral Meals
- Approval to advertise two events – Braver Angels & Christian Nationalism
- Discuss Removal of Sign in Lawn
- Approval to have credit card on auto payment.
- Worship Task Group – When? How? What?
- Vacation Schedule
 - January 1-21, 2025 (tentative dates to be in Namibia – 3 Sundays – Jan. 5, 12, 19)

Sunday School Report

From: **Miriam Flysjo** <m.flysjo@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 4, 2024, 9:20 AM

Subject: Sunday school report

To: Rebecca Hulden <rhulden5@gmail.com>

Hi Becky

Since I have given monthly reports in the past this report is only September.

Sunday School Report Sept 2024

In August we learned about baby Moses being put in a basket by his sister and saved by the princess. I found some fun activities including "hide baby Moses", a Baby relay race which involved wrapping a doll in a blanket, placing the doll in a basket and running to the weeds and a treat in which the kids made a basket from chocolate frosting and crunchy chow mein noodles, a baby carrot and a piece of fruit roll up for the blanket. They loved the activities. PJ was even the first to volunteer to hide the baby, which was exciting since he has been so shy. I have wondered if they are getting the stories and have been told that the kids talk about it on the way home in the car. We have had from 4-8 kids per lesson.

Every Sunday we meet, we have a Bible story and some sort of activity like chalk drawing or acting out the lesson. Many Sundays we sang a song like "head, shoulders, knees and toes" or "Jesus Loves me". I usually have some sort of coloring sheet to send home which reminds the parents to ask the child about the day's lesson.

Khrissy Linnerooth and Angela Dahlstrom have been enthusiastic helpers. We plan to meet Sept 12 to look at our Christmas pageant costumes and see what needs to be fixed or adjusted before Dec.

I have tried to email the parents/grandparents to remind them about Sunday school. All the parents know about the Christmas pageant on Dec. 8.

Upcoming events:

December 8- Low key Christmas Pageant during the regular service. (whoever shows up gets a part.) The kids will "act" while someone reads the story. None of the children will have speaking parts. We will sing Away in the Manger with the congregation.