



**Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 24, 2025**

Call to Order: 6:39 pm

Establish a quorum/present: Pastor Joy Bussert, Lindsey Cornell, Sharon Steinhoff Smith, Dan Bishop, Dan Jacobson, Debbie Church, Jackie Lee, Brian Gieseke, Dennis Tietz, Laura Magnuson, Nate Norwege.

Devotion by Dennis Tietz

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda and May Meeting Minutes by Steinhoff-Smith, second by Bishop. Motion approved.

President's Report:

- Transition/Call Discernment Forms
- Timeline for Transition/Call Activity
The above content supporting the transition process was discussed and will remain "embargoed" exclusively in the hands of the council members until the July 6th Temple Talk introducing the next transition steps.
- In early May, Pastor Ben approached members who served as the executive team and leaders on the Strategic Plan 2.0 with interest in attending the Re Kindle conference in October 2025. The conference theme is *transitions*. This is an opportunity to follow up from the work done at HTLC with other churches who also received this grant.
Three members, Lindsey Cornell, Matt Goldade and Sharon Steinhoff Smith, will represent Holy Trinity at the retreat. An estimate of travel expenses is forthcoming.
- Jed Becher reached out in May regarding treating trees for Dutch Elm. An estimate is forthcoming.
- The Mission Outreach Team has a request for \$2500 for back-to-school supplies
Motion to approve the \$2500 for school supplies for the Mission Outreach Team by Tietz, second by Jacobsen. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: Next Campaign Pledges:

- 2023 Pledges Received: \$42,700
- 2024 Pledges Received: \$715,725
- 2024 Unpledged Received: \$241,651
- 2025 Pledges Received: \$188,203
- **Total Received: \$1,188,279**

PLEDGES as of May 31, 2025	NEXT Campaign 2024 thru 2026
Total Pledged	\$1,252,399
Total Received	\$ 946,628
Remaining Pledges	\$305,771

Unpledged Gifts \$241,651
 Organ & Chairs - \$196,000
Remaining Gifts = \$45,651
Land Proceeds + \$84,000
Total Add'l Funds = \$129,651

Finances as of May 31, 2025	May Budget	May Actual
Revenue	\$54,537	\$69,990
Expenses	\$53,923	\$81,724
Revenue – Expenses	\$614	-\$11,734

YTD Finances as of May 31, 2025	Year-To-Date Budget	Year-To-Date Actual
YTD Revenue	\$276,213	\$309,890
YTD Expenses	\$283,666	\$307,339
YTD Revenue – Expenses	-\$7,453	\$2,551

150k Matching Update - \$5,326.00

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report by Steinhoff-Smith, seconded by Gieseke.
Motion approved.

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Old Business:

- Door 2 Entrance/Kitchen Update – Laura Magnuson worked with Langer Construction to close-out the loan without the certificate by 06/07/2025. Today, the hood vent installation was to occur, but parts were missing. Approximately \$11,000 is anticipated in outstanding expenses.
- Road Update – Dan Bishop is designated as the Council point person and liaison regarding the potential road construction project. He reported that George and Joan Winn have hired Deutch construction to remove trees and develop engineering plans which will lead to next steps, to be approved by the Council. The Winns have agreed to cover the costs associated with the road extension.
- RibFest was a successful event despite the weather. The facility expansion supported the back-up plan to hold RibFest indoors. Further details are to be provided after all expenses have been received.
- Seminary Students – Brian Gieseke reported that Pastor Ben had followed-up on the pending activities for Holy Trinity seminary students to ensure continuity and ongoing spiritual and financial support with communication for Luther Seminary. Council members all agreed that Brian inform Pastor Ben to move forward to ensure that connection of communication for those seminary students.

New Business:

- In addition to the Rekindle 3-day conference, Columbia Theological Seminary is offering online courses this summer/fall. Course descriptions and registration details will be provided to the congregation via the newsletter.

Communicate to members that any member questions/concern can be sent to council email for reply.

Closing Prayer: Lord's Prayer

Motion to Adjourn by Church, second by Steinhoff-Smith. Motion approved

Adjournment of Meeting: 8:24 pm