



**Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

Call to Order: 5:39 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.

Devotion by Debbie Church

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

Pastor's Report:

- Constitution highlights during transition

President's Report:

- Transition/Call Discernment Forms – several dozen were received
- Rekindle Hearth online course offerings from Columbia Theological Seminary are live. Sharon Steinhoff Smith sent an email with link for registration to leadership for participation.
- The 2025/2026 long-range program calendar was provided by Jamie Bisek.
- A Notice of Variance was received from the City of New Prague to allow a building sign that is larger than the ordinance allowed, 6 sq ft by 10 ft height at the Bohemia Flats apartments, 102 Chalupsky Ave SE. The meeting will be held July 30.

Treasurer Report: Next Campaign Pledges:

- 2023 Pledges Received: \$42,700
- 2024 Pledges Received: \$715,725
- 2024 Unpledged Received: \$241,651
- 2025 Pledges Received: \$196,270
- **Total Received: \$1,196,346**

PLEDGES as of June 30, 2025	NEXT Campaign 2024 thru 2026
Total Pledged	\$1,252,399
Total Received	\$ 954,695
Remaining Pledges	\$297,704

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 June 30, 2025	June Budget	June Actual
Revenue	\$76,815	\$58,799
Expenses	\$63,495	\$53,026
Revenue – Expenses	\$13,320	\$5,773

YTD Finances as of June 30, 2025	Year-To-Date Budget	Year-To-Date Actual
YTD Revenue	\$353,028	\$368,690
YTD Expenses	\$347,161	\$360,366
YTD Revenue – Expenses	\$5,867	\$8,324

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

Old Business:

- Door 2 Entrance/Kitchen Update – Laura Magnuson reported that the outstanding hood vent installation is complete. Gas line work is in process, with inspection requested.
- Road Update – Dan Bishop, engineering plans remain pending to date.
- RibFest was a successful event despite the weather, with 239 rib tickets sold (41 were given to various groups - staff, band, meat vendor, and hospitality) and 40 hot dog tickets. Expenses were \$6858.23, resulting in \$22422.75 revenue. Profit of \$15564.52, which is a 15.55% increase over 2024.
- Scholarship Update Seminary Students – Brian Gieseke reported that Pastor Ben has continued discussions with Luther Seminary to ensure continuity and potential financial support. More to come in September.

New Business:

- Transition, Call, and Welcome Committee formation (pending confirmation of participants and call committee congregation vote):

Transition Committee:

Debbie Church
Jessica Gallagher
Michelle Newman
Philip Knutson
Linnea Hautman
Jon Berquist

Suzanne Meyer
Melissa Horejsi

Call Committee:

Sharon Steinhoff Smith
Pat Remfert
Karla Klingfus
Darcey Schoenebeck
Tara Duering
Luke Friendshuh
Alternates: Amber Kahnke, Maggie Golade

Welcome Committee:

Maggie Golade
Pam O'Brien
Audrey Johnson
Robin Lichtblau
Sande Schoenecker

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 Steinhoff-Smith, second by Church. Motion approved

Adjournment of Meeting: 8:45 pm