



**Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

Call to Order: 6:37 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, Nate Borwege, Pat Remfelt, George Winn.

Devotion by Nate Borwege

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

Pastor's Report:

- Transition Team Orientation occurred 9/4/2025. Next meeting 9/18/2025

President's Report:

- Endowment Committee proposes the following allocations:
 - LeSueur County Santa Anonymous - \$1,000
 - Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner - \$1,500 (with proposal to deliver meals to individuals who cannot attend in person)
 - Community Christmas Caroling, Cookies, and Cocoa - \$500

Motion to Approve Request by Endowment Committee by Lee, second by Bishop. 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: \$220,144
- **Total Received: \$1,220,219**

PLEDGES as of August 31, 2025	NEXT Campaign 2024 thru 2026
Total Pledged	\$1,252,399
Total Received	\$978,569
Remaining Pledges	\$273,830

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 August 31, 2025	August Budget	August Actual
Revenue	\$51,823	\$26,877
Expenses	\$52,713	\$43,848
Revenue – Expenses	-\$890	-\$16,971

YTD Finances as of August 31, 2025	Year-To-Date Budget	Year-To-Date Actual
YTD Revenue	\$456,674	\$436,726
YTD Expenses	\$454,708	\$450,686
YTD Revenue – Expenses	\$1,966	-\$13,960

MOTION to approve the Treasurer's Report by Tietz, seconded by Jacobson. Motion approved.

Old Business:

- Kitchen Update/Certificate of Occupancy – Laura Magnuson reported she received the final sign-off from the city.
- Road Update – On August 29, George Winn delivered the Road Extension Project Proposal, dated 6/26/2025, requesting the Church Council President's signature in order to be hand-delivered to the City of New Prague. Via email, the following motion was conducted.

Motion to approve the plans and Deutsch construction proposal to begin work by Bishop, seconded by Gieseke. Motion Approved.

George Winn provided a project update at the 9/16/2025 council meeting. The project should be completed in a few weeks, which includes tree and dirt removal, manhole for water runoff, a driveway, curb and street. The project also provides evidence to the city that the parking lot work has been initiated. Therefore, the city will allow for the parking lot to be completed under current code.

- FCA facility proposal tabled.

New Business:

- Reconciliation in Christ (RIC) - Pat Remfert presented a PowerPoint requesting to explore this program, where Lutheran communities publicly commit to welcoming and affirming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, while working for racial equity.

Motion to approve the formation of the RIC Task Force made by Jacobson, seconded by Bishop. Motion approved.

- 9/24/25 - Congregational Meeting to vote Call Committee

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

Closing Prayer: Pastor Joy

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

Adjournment of Meeting: 8:36 pm

Next Council Meeting: October 21, 2025