



**Council Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2026**

Call to Order: 6:40 pm

Establish a quorum/present: Pastor Kjell Ferris, Laura Magnuson, Lindsey Cornell, Brian Gieseke, Dan Bishop, Matt Goldade, Cassie Olson, Debbie Church, Sharon Steinhoff-Smith, Nikki Sames

Devotion by Sharon Steinhoff-Smith

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda and March Minutes by Cornell, second by Steinhoff-Smith. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report:

Visitations, worship planning and Lent feedback
Vacation Bible School time change this year, moved to mornings
RibFest organization is well underway

President's Report:

Motion to approve the following Mission Outreach grants by Bishop, seconded by Church:

- \$5000 for Cristo Obrero operating funds
 - \$400 for hygiene kits for Little Pantry, in coordination with Youth Ministry
 - \$300 for snack packs for homeless youth - packed at Synod Assembly
 - Up to \$1000 for Cuddle and Kind dolls for baptisms
 - \$500 for Ruth's House, domestic violence survivor shelters in Faribault/Northfield
- Motion approved.

Reminder of summer office hours to begin Memorial weekend
Council Welcome Training with Jan Nolting-Carter - Recap
Church Council Retreat planned for May at Bishop Investments on May 18 at 5:30 pm

Treasurer's Report

- NEXT Campaign Pledges:
 - 2023 Pledges Received: \$ 42,700.00
 - 2024 Pledges Received: \$715,725.08
 - 2024 Unpledged Received: \$241,650.92
 - 2025 Pledges Received: \$298,911.34
 - 2026 Pledges Received: \$104,093.09
 - **Total Received: \$1,403.080**

PLEDGES as of March 31, 2026	NEXT Campaign 2024 thru 2026
Total Pledged	\$1,252,399
Total Received	\$ 1,161,430
Remaining Pledges	\$90,969

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 March 31, 2026	March Budget	March Actual
Revenue	\$50,601	\$53,359
Expenses	\$51,359	\$53,467
Revenue - Expenses	-\$758	-\$108

Finances as of March 31, 2026	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual
Revenue	\$166,418	\$181,835
Expenses	\$160,105	\$166,319
Revenue - Expenses	\$6,313	\$15,516

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Magnuson second by Bishop. Motion approved.

New Business:

- Helen Blier-Kindle grant follow-up
- Resource Development Committee Selection

Motion to approve the applicant's membership to the Resource Development Committee by Cornell, second by Steinhoff-Smith including:

- Pat Remfert
- Phillip Knutson
- Anna Winzenburg
- Justin Scharpen
- Pastor Kjell Ferris
- Staff Liaison Gina Fadden
- Council Liaison Matt Goldade

Old Business:

Motion to approve the following Policies by Bishop, second by Goldade.

- **Federal Law Enforcement Policy**
- **Refuge Policy**
- **Emergency Evacuation Policy**
- **Shelter in Place Policy**

Motion approved.

Call Committee Update

The committee conducted first round interviews of two new candidates recently provided by the synod. Another candidate is pending a first round interview. Currently one candidate will move forward to a second interview round.

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

Adjournment of Meeting at 8:20 pm: Motion by Steinhoff-Smith, seconded by Bishop.
Motion approved.

Next Meeting: Monday May 18th, 2026 at 5:30pm

Important Dates:

Thursday, May 7 National Day of Prayer – New Prague City Hall at noon.

Sunday, May 10 & Wednesday, May 13 Youth led Worship - also last Wednesday worship

Sunday May 17, High School Senior led Worship

Summer weekday worship on the front lawn, June 24 bike blessing & July 22 pet blessing.