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Our Redeemer's Lutheran Congregation Council
Meeting Notes – v1.0

21 April 2026

Members present: Allyn Christensen, Ken Holmes, Lora Houska, Roy Lawrenz, Pastor Beth Macha, Erika Schindel, Greg Stabbe, Lowell Suring, and Moira Wirtz.

Agenda items:

- A. President Ken Holmes convened the meeting at 5:00 pm.
- B. Opening devotions/prayer.
 1. Devotions and prayer were led by Erika Schindel on Jerimiah 37 verse 23; I will be your God and you will be my people. We must discern what God wants us to do and strive to do it.
 2. April devotions/prayer will be led by Moira Wirtz.
- C. Review of monthly Council calendar.
 1. Review of the April quarterly meeting will be discussed under New Business
- D. Agenda review and repair.
 1. Roy Lawrenz made a motion to accept the agenda, as amended. Greg Stabbe seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- E. Review, (revise), and accept meeting notes from previous meetings (24 March 2026).
 1. A motion was made by Erika Schindel and seconded by Roy Lawrenz to accept the notes from the Council meeting on 24 March 2026. The motion was passed unanimously.
- F. Approval of the financial reports (until audited).
 1. General fund.
 2. Improvement fund (reviewed quarterly).
 3. Memorial fund.
 4. Blessing Basket fund.
 5. A motion was made by Roy Lawrenz and seconded by Allyn Christensen to accept the financial reports, until audited, of the General, Memorial, and Blessing Basket funds, as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.
- G. Monthly benevolence donations.
 1. Crossways Camp \$100
 2. Nurses Nook \$100
 3. Lutheran Social Services \$900
- H. President's report.
 1. Ken Holmes verbal report – Review of the Quarterly Meeting.
- I. Pastor's report – Pastor Beth Macha.
 1. A written report was provided.

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2. Meetings of committees and Council should be entered on the activities calendar in the Church Office.
3. Erika Schindel noted that Pastor Macha is following up with visitors at worship services.

J. Reports of Committees That Have Met Recently.

1. Blessing Basket.
 - i. The financial report for the month was included in the Quarterly Meeting packet.
2. Building and Improvement/HVAC Sub-committee.
 - i. The report for the month was included in the Quarterly Meeting packet.
3. Constitution.
 - i. A report of recent activities was included in the Quarterly Meeting packet.
4. Evangelism/Stewardship.
 - i. A report of recent activities was included in the Quarterly Meeting packet.
5. Memorial
 - i. The financial report for the month was included in the Quarterly Meeting packet.
5. Women of Our Redeemer's.
 - i. A written report was received.
6. Worship and Music
 - i. A report of recent activities was included in the Quarterly Meeting packet.

K. Old Business.

1. Danish (Abelskiver) Festival.
 - i. A report was included in the Quarterly Meeting packet.
 - ii. Planning is moving along well.
2. ~~Password~~ Day-to-Day Operations Database
 - i. Each person that is leading or coordinating an aspect of the day-to-day operations of the Congregation will define an appropriate strategy for continuing those operations in their absence. The description of that strategy will be placed in an envelope and sealed. When access to a strategy is needed, the sealed envelope will be opened and the process described will be initiated.
 - ii. After an envelope is opened, it will be returned to the person responsible for the strategy and a new envelope will be prepared.
 - iii. This process will be initiated over the next month.
3. Storage of Financial Records Update.
 - i. This will be on the agenda for the May meeting.
4. Insurance Coverage.
 - i. All coverages are current.
 - ii. The inventory of items that may be covered in a loss will be updated (including item in the storage shed).

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L. New Business

1. High School Graduates

- i. Hunter Kuchenbecker and Patience Kussow will be graduating this year
- ii. These accomplishments will be recognized during the worship service on 24 May.

2. September Dates.

- i. The pet blessing will be held on 13 September along with Rally Sunday.
- ii. Sunday School will begin on 20 September.

3. Gillett Independence Day Fireworks.

- i. The organizers of the event requested a donation from the Congregation to support the show.
- ii. Congregation members donated individually to support the event.

4. Office Secretary.

- i. The Office Secretary will be taking some extended time off over the next year.
- ii. The duties of the Office will need to be covered while she is gone.
- iii. A potential fill-in for this position has been identified and will be considering taking on these duties.

M. Monthly opening devotions/prayer for Council meetings.

1. A sign-up sheet has been created so that Council members can select the month(s) they will provide opening devotions/prayer during 2026.

N. The next meeting will be held on 19 May at 6:00 pm.

O. Roy Lawrenz made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Greg Stabbe. The motion passed unanimously.

P. The meeting then ended at 5:50 pm with recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Lowell Suring
Council Secretary