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| Board Name: Church Council | Board Members Present: Nate Anderson, Jon Bjoin, Jer Carpenter, Carrie Chesebro , Tom Dorscheid, Tammy Eckley, Barb Evert , Alexis Frank, Kathy Meier, Pr. Michael Mueller, Elisa Ried, Kurt Saterbak, Arwen Twitchett, Jarod Wasson, Christina Zink |
| Meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church | |
| Meeting date: 4/21/2026 (6:30 pm) | |

Church Council Meeting

- Pr. Michael said opening prayer and Vice President Carpenter called the meeting to order.

Agenda Adoption

- **CC4.21MMS01** Adopt Agenda with a combination of the original monthly meeting agenda and the Special Flood Response Planning Agenda. **TD/KM. All Approve**

Approval of Minutes CC

- **CC4.21MMS02** Approve Minutes for 3/17/2026 **JW/LF. All approve**
- **CC4.21MMS03** Approve Minutes for 4/18/2026 after discussion to strike the ballpark figures. **TE/KM. All approve.**

Consent Agenda/Team Reports

- **CC4.21MMS04** Approve Minutes **KS/TD. All Approve**

Financial Report (Jarod Wasson)

- Balance Sheet
 - Combining both the regular and matching donations, we were below budget for contributions by - \$6,628. Total income was also lower than budget by -\$6,241 compared to budget. Expenses in March were almost right on budget so, net income for March was -\$4,275.
 - YTD contributions (including matching, regular, loose and special envelopes) is below budget by - \$70,204 and is higher than last fiscal year by \$8,003. Total income for July through March is below budget by -\$48,806. Income is above what was brought in for the 24-25 fiscal year by \$36,534 (due to Foundation grants and the Visitation pastor donation).
- Profit and Loss/Operating
 - Personnel is under as there have been less support staff hours for worship services and youth and family staff.
 - Administration is below budget with less spent on office supplies and office equipment.
 - Buildings and grounds is under budget but interior plaster repairs will bring this closer to budget by next month.
 - Communication is under budget with less spent on advertising.
 - Church Programs is under budget as less has been spent on youth programs, communion and devotional supplies, the fair food booth expenses were below budget, and first fest costs were lower.
- Memorial and Gifts
 - Personnel – Coaching sessions with Jim Singleton and exponential conference
 - Building and Grounds – Plumbing work for water main installation, exterior cleaning and HVAC expenses.
 - Communications – A/V storage cart and supplies
 - Church Programs – Winter chill and Mission trip initial expenses, and handbell repair
 - Community Connections – First Events programs, help for needy families and treat street
 - Misc – FLCW expenses

- **CC4.21MMS05** Accept Financial Report **TD/KM. All Approve.**

Ministry Report/Update Items- Pr. Michael

- Holy Week was successful
 - Stormy Maundy Thursday
 - Very moving Good Friday service
 - Easter was well attended
- 1 funeral
- 4 new members were at the brunch and plan to join May 10th
- The Inclusion Event was a great first step.
- Practicing the Way was well attended with over 40 participants at the first 2 offerings.

Synod and Church wide Updates

- Assembly is in May - preparation dates have been shared with attendees

Special Flood Response Flooding

Updates

- All personal property is removed
- ServPro has been in and out and believe they will need 1-2 weeks for completion of remediation
- Westphal and a specialist are coming in to determine electrical needs
- Steve Shulta stopped in and helped give insight to things in the building he could be of assistance with
- Butters Fetting is getting a temporary water supply set up for ServPro - they are donating the labor
- Appliances are left outside the church while decisions are made about the possibility of repair. Stove will be scrapped.
 - Action Item - Arwen will ask ServPro if the industrial refrigerator can be repaired or if it will have to be scrapped.

Immediate Needs/Response Review and Process/Operation Plan

- Building and Grounds made a motion to drain their Memorial and Gifts account to help get all immediate services started - approximately \$20,000.
- **CC4.21MMS06** Motion to call a special congregational meeting to discuss the current state of the church after the flood and present and vote on a not to exceed preliminary authorization plan on May 4, 2026 at 6:30. **KS/TE. All Approve.**
 - Action Item - Arwen will work with Jeanie to get the email and letter notification out to the church 10 days before the May 4, 2026 meeting.
- Discussion of a fair task force to include Nate Anderson, Tim Drinkwater, Kevin McMullen, Jude, Arwen, Pastor Michael and other members as appointed.
- **CC4.21MMS07** Motion to develop a flood task force as described of a minimum of 5 people and not going over 10 people to manage the cleanup, storage and rebuilding from the 2026 flood at First Lutheran Church. To help recruit volunteers, coordinate management of the reconstruction process. This is a temporary task force that reports to the council. **NA/KM. All approve.**
 - Action Item - Pastor Michael will reach out to John Westphal and Nate will reach out to Kristie Reuter to seek their participation on the fair task force.
- **CC4.21MMS08** Motion to approve \$50,000 to the Flood Task Force to use to start the hiring for assessments and building repairs. **NA/LF. All Approve**

Questions and Concerns

- Office/Building Update
 - Phones are good
 - Quickbooks is currently not accessible but Arwen has some work arounds
 - Doors to the building are lockable.

- **CC4.21MMS09** Motion to pay the part time custodial staff wages until they are back in the building. KM/TD. **All approve.**
- Daycare and LSS leases are suspended until they can come in the building.
 - Action Item - Arwen to notify tenants that their leases are suspended until they can operate in the building.
- Good Shepherd is offering us the use of their building for services and meetings as much as they have available.
- **CC4.21MMS10** Motion to give the loose offering on Sundays while we are using Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. **JW/KM. All Approve.**
- The insurance company and David Moore have confirmed that we are owed \$10,000 in flood coverage.
 - Action Item - Arwen will call the insurance company and accept the \$10,000 in flood insurance.

Financial Impacts

- Jer has called 211 and reported our flood.
- The Bishop is reaching out to the Lutheran Disaster Relief Fund
- Finance Team is meeting 4/22/2026 to discuss options
- **CC4.21MMS11** Motion completed online on 4/21/2026 to allow Child's First Daycare to have a giving link through our giving platform. **All approved.**

Communication Strategies

- Wednesday email will be sent with congregational updates and planning.
- Need to let the congregation know the May 3rd work day is canceled.

Old Business

- Fair Booth
 - The fair task force met their volunteer need (not the supervisor need)
 - All supplies and needed kitchen space were lost to the flood.
- **CC4.21MMS12** Motion to discontinue the fair food booth in the light of losing all items to support the booth in the flood. **JW/KM. All approve.**
 - Action Item - Arwen will notify the fair that we are giving up our booth.
- Bylaws were shared and need to be looked over for updates.
 - Action Item - Arwen will email the Bylaws for email discussion and approval.

For the Good of the Church

- Volunteers who helped over the weekend and continue to do so and all that made supply and food donations.
- Arwen for working hard and having so many action items to complete.
- Nate for all of his tireless work since the flood and his leadership.
- Sierra Spiering for her sermon and the Inclusion and Integration program.
- Chad Measner for his food he shared on the days following the flood.
- Good Shepherd for the generous use of their space.
- That the Dulcimer group got our safely
- Church Council for their willingness to meet and lead the clean-out process.

Highlights to Share:

- A flood task force was created.
- Special Congregation Meeting to be held on May 4th at 6:30 pm
- May 3rd clean-up is canceled
- Fair Food Booth is discontinued.

Time for Reflection and Closing Prayer

- Closing prayer

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Adjourn Meeting

- **CC4.21MMS13** Adjourn Meeting **JW/LF All Approve.**

Next meeting: May 17, 2026 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Elisa Ried, Secretary