

Board Name: Church Council	<b>Board Members Present:</b> Nate Anderson, Jon Bjoin, Jer Carpenter, <del>Carrie Chesebro</del> , Tom Dorscheid, Tammy Eckley, Barb Evert, Alexis Frank, Kathy Meier, Pr. Michael Mueller, <del>Elisa Ried</del> , Kurt Saterbak, Arwen Twitchett, Jarod Wasson, <del>Christina Zink</del>
Meeting at Good Shepherd	
Meeting date:5/19/2026 (Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm)	

### Church Council Meeting

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

### Agenda Adoption

- CC5.19MMS01 Adopt Agenda NA/JC **motion carries unanimously**

### Approval of Minutes CC

- CC5.19MMS02 Approve Minutes CORRECTION: “Team” reports NOT “Board” reports  
**TD/JB motion carries unanimously**

### Consent Agenda/Team Reports

- CC5.19MMS03 motion to table approval of team reports as less than a quorum of the council had received the team reports. **KS/TD motion carries unanimously**

### Financial Report (Jarod Wasson)

- Balance Sheet
- \$7,671,906.53 assets and \$12,828.93 liabilities
- Profit and Loss/Operating
- FLC is just over \$34,000 short of our budgeted income year-to-date but FLC expenses are about \$31,000 less than anticipated year-to-date. Our net loss year-to-date is approximately \$2,800
- Memorial and Gifts - \$367,000 approximate balance
- The financial team is exploring alternate sources of funds for the flood recovery effort
- CC5.19MMS04 Motion to enter into engagement agreement with the Loftus & Eisenberg Law Firm to evaluate potential sources of recovery. **TD/TE motion carries with two abstentions**
- CC5.19MMS05 Accept Financial Report **KS/NA motion carries unanimously**

### Ministry Report / Update Items- Pr. Michael

- Visioning Priorities 2025-26 - Implementing the new organizational model and develop a coordinated financial strategy and discipleship development (learning to live like Christ and the First Step series has become a discipleship mini-retreat)
- Practicing the Way course has continued at Good Shepherd without any significant issues
- The inclusion event of April 12<sup>th</sup> drew a good response and engaged discussion
- Congregational encouragement to complete the short survey on inclusion at [tinyurl.com/5x8u3v42](https://tinyurl.com/5x8u3v42)
- CROP Walk had 26 walkers and raised \$7047 exceeding our \$6000 goal !
- Summer Worship service schedule begins this Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> with the Drive-In **8AM** service at FLC and indoor service at Good Shepherd at **10AM**. No Sunday School Memorial Day weekend. Sunday School resumes May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10AM.
- If desired, someone or some group needs to take the lead for coffee hour fellowship time between the two services now and/or throughout the summer.

- Ecumenical Prayer for Unity is on Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM at Asbury United Methodist Church 1810 Kellogg Avenue
- ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Drive-In service @ 8AM and 9:30 meeting at Craig H.S.
- The all-teams meeting scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup> has been postponed
- 3 deaths in April & May since last council meeting

### Synod and Church wide Updates

- This years South-Central Synod of WI Assembly was held last weekend May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> at the Woodman Center in Janesville. Voting members from FLC were Barb Evert, Jon Bjoin, Lexi Frank, Jarrod Wasson and Pastor Michael Mueller.
- Bishop Joy Mortensen-Wiebe was re-elected for a second 6-year term

### Unfinished Business

- Flood Response Update
  - Congregational Meeting Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm at Good Shepherd to address flood recovery
  - Hoping to get permanent temporary power yet this week
  - The Flood Recovery Task Force Team is meeting weekly by zoom: Pastor Michael, Jude Tropp, Arwen Twitchett, Nate Anderson, John Westphal, Kevin McMullen, Kristi Reuter, Tim Drinkwater
  - TD is tackling remediation; KM leads preservation; NA has the parsonage
  - Hoping the parsonage is approved by the city for temporary church office occupancy by mid-June
  - There have been \$115,000 in donations for the recovery and about \$68,000 of that has been spent with another \$25,000 ear-marked for the parsonage temporary renovations
- Organizational Structure meeting 6/20/26 has been postponed
- Council Representatives Needed
  - Foundation Board representative will be Jon Bjoin
  - Communications Ministry team representative will be Tammy Eckley
  - Building and Grounds team representative will continue to be Nate Anderson
  - CC5.19MMS06 approve Michael Palmer for the Building and Grounds Team **KS/TD motion carries unanimously**

### New Business

- Preparation for Congregational Meeting May 26
  - Council spent the majority of the 3-½ hour meeting addressing the plan & format for the Flood Recovery Congregational Meeting next Tuesday. It will be months before the congregation will be ready to decide if we should rebuild or remodel or relocate. Gathering all the necessary information on those three options will be challenging and will take a lot of time. Presenting that information and the options to the congregation will be very challenging in and of itself. This will be a very daunting task for the Flood Recovery Task Force Team and the staff and church council. It is challenging to determine efficiently when that decision needs to or should be made.
  - The Lutheran Disaster Response representative will be at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - The Leighton Ford group has provided beneficial direction for the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and the flood recovery process going forward
- Preparation for Annual meeting-June 14
  - Budgets/By-laws review and update - CC5.19MMS07 approve proposed budget for presentation to the congregation **KS/NA motion carries unanimously**
  - All current council members have agreed to continue in their current capacity
  - Executive Board Positions will be elected by the council following the annual meeting
- CC5.19MMS08 proposal for Special Service in the Park on either August 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> depending on location and availability - probably at Riverside Park. **KS/TD motion carries unanimously**

### **For the Good of the Church**

- Arwen Twitchett for all her work throughout this flood recovery process
- All the volunteers who have tirelessly given of their time & talents throughout this flood recovery process
- The Flood Task Force Team - Pastor Michael, Jude Tropp, Arwen Twitchett, Nate Anderson, John Westphal, Kevin McMullen, Kristi Reuter, Tim Drinkwater
- Nate Anderson for his time & commitment in taking on the challenge of leading the Flood Task Force Team
- South-Central Synod of WI Assembly
- The young leaders accepting the challenge at FLC - Sierra Spiering, Ben Spiering, Nate Anderson, Michael Palmer, Lexi Frank, Jarod Wasson and Jesse Garvin

### **Time for Reflection and Closing Prayer**

- Closing prayer

### **Action Items**

- Arwen will contact FLC property insurer to address the change in occupancy exposure of the church building. Arwen will also advise Good Shepherd to notify their property insurer of the same and inquire of any potential premium cost increase.
- Nate and Pastor Michael this week will further address the Flood Recovery meeting scheduled for next Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Adjourn Meeting**

- CC5.19MMS09 Adjourn Meeting @ 9:50 **JC/JB motion carries unanimously.**

Next meeting: June 16, 2026, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, ,Temporary Secretary - Jer Carpenter