

Board Name: Church Council	Board Members Present: Nate Anderson (phone), 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, Kevin McMullen (guest)
Meeting in the Parsonage	
Meeting date: 7/21/26 (Monthly Meeting 6:30 pm)	

Church Council Meeting

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

Agenda Adoption

- CC7.26MMS01 Adopt Agenda **JC/JB** motion carries unanimously

Approval of Minutes CC

- CC7.26MMS02 Approve Minutes **CC/KM** motion carries unanimously

Consent Agenda/Team Reports

- CC7.26MMS03 Approve Minutes **KM/BE** motion carries unanimously

Financial Report (prepared by Lexi Frank, presented by Jarod Wasson)

- Balance Sheet
 - \$7,804,689.96 assets and \$6,522.09 liabilities
- Profit and Loss/Operating
 - FLC is +\$18,153 net income year-to-date, and approximately \$40,000 below budget in expenses
 - Buildings & Grounds Team is over \$12,000 below budget for year due to decrease in snow removal and repair expenses
 - No expenses this year for the Food Booth
- Memorial and Gifts
 - \$509,225.73 approximate balance
- CC7.26MMS04 Accept Financial Report **JC/TE** motion carries unanimously

Ministry Report/Update Items- Pr. Michael

- First Presbyterian Church offered to merge with FLC and use their building. We would become one joint congregation, belonging to both ELCA and Presbyterian Organization.
- Mission Trip was completed successfully
- Over 80 children are signed up for VBS, held August 3-5
- Worship in the Park scheduled for August 9
- First Fest will be called “One Church, One Table” and be held on Sept. 27
- Rock Co. Faith Partners event to be held on August 26 from 6-9pm
- Discernment Retreat—need focus groups to discuss options, possibly from the wider community as well as FLC members. Tammy volunteered to help craft a survey. Jarod and John said they would help select focus groups, and Elisa said she would help convert any document formats that may be needed.
- July 25 date is too soon for next retreat, so decided to shoot for August 29.

Synod and Churchwide Updates

- Pastor Michael, Jer Carpenter, John Bjoin, Kurt Saterbak and Tim Drinkwater attended the ELCA Leaders gathering

Unfinished Business

- A) Winterization needs—refurbish 1 existing boiler to heat the building just enough so that it stays above freezing. Estimated cost: \$30-40,000.
CC7.26MMS05 to authorize Flood Recovery Team to spend up to \$50,000 to fix boiler **TE/JB motion carries unanimously**
- B) First Fest—Now calling the event “One Church, One Table”. Relationship Building Team in charge, asking for help from other teams. Providing shredded beef and chicken, asking congregation to bring sides.
- C) Alex Loftus update—Jim Meier will send the Council an email with details

New Business

- A) Need a liaison for Youth and Family Engagement team
- B) Parking Lot Engineering—Kevin McMullen is working with Batterman Engineering who will run models with different rainfall amounts and scenarios to prepare FLC for the future. Different options available, including installing a check-valve system, creating a retention pond, reconstructing landscaping, installing water-tight doors
CC7.26MMS06 to pay Batterman \$8,000 to do proposed modeling **ER/CC motion carries unanimously**
- C) CC7.26MMS07 to allow Arwen to apply for FEMA loan **TE/ER motion carries unanimously**
- D) HR Consultant—Job descriptions have changed since the flood. Discussed hiring a consultant to review salaries and benefits during this temporary period. Arwen will talk to Brian Gohlke to see if he would be interested. Hiring an outside consultant is tabled.
CC7.26MMS08 to switch to Hourly payroll company at Arwen’s discretion **BE/JW motion carries Unanimously**
- E) Fair Parking Price—no price increase this year

For the Good of the Church

- Masterpiece dinner turnout was just as large as pre-flood
- Everyone involved with planning VBS
- Fair Task Force

Highlights to Share:

- Worship in the Park
- Drive-in Service will continue until Sept. 20
- One Church, One Table will be held on Sept. 27 outside behind the parsonage.

- **Time for Reflection and Closing Prayer**
- Closing prayer

Action Items

- Arwen will call Brian Gohlke about doing an HR review
- Flood Recovery Team will fix 1 boiler to winterize church (Arwen)
- Barb and Relationship Building Team will recruit other teams to help with One Church, One Table festival
- Tammy will put together a survey on future FLC options to go out to congregation and wider community

Adjourn Meeting

- CC7.26MMS08 Adjourn Meeting **JC/BE All Approve.**

Next meeting: August 18, 2026, 6:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Dorscheid, Secretary

