

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025**

Voting Members Present: Afton Brown, Carol Fritz, Judy Holmes, D.J. Klema, Heather Pohlman, Kelvie Reeves, Pastor Teri Sutherlin, Gaylon Walter

Voting Members Excused: Lee Keffer, Melinda Olson, Kylie Stoppel

INVOCATION/CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Gaylon Walter called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm. Pastor Teri Sutherlin led us in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

It was noted that a correction was needed of a misstated date in the December minutes. The children's Christmas program was actually held on December 15th and not the 19th. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the December minutes with the correction of the date.

It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Pastor Teri Sutherlin requested that we add three amendments to the agenda, under New Business. b) technology, c) approving a designee for the thrift shop donation and d) setting a date for installation of new council members.

COMMUNICATIONS

A thank you note was received from Pastor Teri Sutherlin for all of the generosity she was shown during her recovery from her recent surgery.

Gaylon Walter shared a newsletter from The Lutheran Campus Ministry at K-State. A picture of our 425 Youth Group was included in the newsletter. The newsletter was passed around to the council for them to see.

A request for a donation was received from DSNWK. No action taken at this time.

REPORTS

EDUCATION - Afton Brown reported that Sunday School has resumed after the Christmas break. The last Sunday of January will be youth Sunday. They are also beginning to come up with ideas for VBS this summer.

EVANGELISM/PARISH FELLOWSHIP/SOCIAL MINISTRY – Judy Holmes reported that we have served one funeral dinner.

PROPERTY – Gaylon Walter reported that the snow removal went well during our last big snowfall. The Christmas decorations have been taken down and returned to the storage unit. The property committee plans to have a meeting in about 2 weeks to organize projects for 2025.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE - No report.

TECHNOLOGY - Our livestream is up and working fairly well. We are now able to broadcast on KRSL radio.

WORSHIP & MUSIC - Pastor Teri Sutherlin reported that the new clavichord was delivered on January 16, and we are planning a dedication service for this on February 16, 2025.

YOUTH - The 425 Youth Group has resumed meetings after the Christmas break. They are beginning to organize for 2025. The youth group is planning a trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas June 2-5, 2025, which will include attending the Passion Play which is held there.

WIGGLE YOUR WINGS PRESCHOOL - It has been noted that the preschool is not covered under the insurance with the church. A waiver form for liability was presented to the parents and signed by them.

CEMETERY - The committee recently met and have renewed the contract with Jason Krug for cemetery maintenance for 2025.

PMA – A written report was submitted.

PASTOR'S REPORT - A written report was submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) The annual report has been completed and is available to the congregation for review prior to the annual meeting which will be held January 26, 2025.

b) The insurance coverage for the church is still ongoing but we are getting closer to a final bid.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Pastor Teri Sutherlin reported that parts of the microphones in the church are broken. She has checked into this and has found that you cannot replace just broken parts as our system is out of date. You need to replace the full set. She will get pricing on these and bring it back to the February council meeting.

b) Technology has been previously covered with the technology committee report.

c) We have been given a donation of \$500.00 from the Trinity United Methodist Church Thrift Store. This is usually an annual donation from them and in past years it has been decided to spread this around to the different ministries within the church. It was moved, seconded and passed to give this year's donation to the 425 Youth Group for their trip to Eureka Springs in June of 2025.

d) It was moved, seconded and passed to have installation of new council members on February 3, 2025.

DISCUSSION

Pastor Teri Sutherlin requested that the council be thinking of defining church holidays and also thinking about strategic planning for the church in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm with The Lord's Prayer.

- Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, January 26, 2025 (following 10:30 service)
- Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 5:30 pm
- Next Council Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully recorded and submitted

Carol Fritz, Church Council Secretary