## Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting October 20, 2025

Attendance: Pastor Vanderbilt, Ken Tague, Jake Hermanson, David Cormeny, Ed

Chapman, JoAnn Chapman, Mary Barkley, Terry Pauling, Jen Olson, Linda Norton, Natasha

Cooper

Ken called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Jake motioned to approve September 2025's council minutes. Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Pastor Report- (See Email Attachment)

"Bridging the Gap", October 4th with Keith Haney

- -Where Are We?
- -Who is in our community?
- -How do we bridge the gap?

Pastor would like to give this presentation at the Congregational meeting. Please see his attachment.

DCE Report- N/A

Elder's Report- Jake (See Email Attachment)

-The new candelabras are too high for the acolytes. The elders' plan to build a step box for them.

Financial Report- Linda (See Email Attachment)

-David motioned to approve September 2025's Financial Report. Terry seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report- Mary Barkley (See Email Attachment)

- -Choir director's pay is now coming out of LCEF.
- -Natasha motioned to approve September 2025's Treasurer's Report. Linda seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Education Report- N/A

Evangelism Report- N/A

Discipleship Report- Ed and JoAnn Chapman (See Email Attachments)

Worship Report- Jen Olson (See Email Attachment)

Parish Nurse- N/A

Youth Report- Natasha Cooper (See Email Attachments)

Records Report- David Cormeny (See Email Attachments)

Stewardship Report-N/A (See Email Attachments)

Property Report- Terry Pauling (See Email Attachments)

- -Parking lines will be painted on Thursday
- -The walking path and firepit are ready by the pond. Firewood is available.

Terry motioned that we donate \$20,000 to the WeLift Compassion Fund. Jen seconded the motion.

-Pastor Tom had concerns that we may be doing good works but not uplifting Christ in our donations.

Terry withdrew his motion.

Council discussed options for our \$50,000 local mission donation.

- -Pastor Tom suggested a new service from Lutheran Services. Donating money to cover the cost of adoption into Lutheran families.
- -Ken suggested Nancy's Place. This organization helps handicapped people get housing with handicapped access.
- -Council decided to table the discussion until December. More time is needed for additional thoughts and ideas.

Church council discussed the five organizations that would be giving donations to in 2026.

-Terry motioned that organizations remain the same except that Hope Foundation would be replaced by WeLift Compassion Fund. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Jake motioned that the 2026 Mt. Calvary Church Council Budget be approved. Natasha seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Jake motioned that we take the \$25,000 from the endowment fund into our general budget.

Terry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

-JoAnn needs volunteers for Wednesday meals. We will bring this to the congregation at November's meeting. We will also add it to Calvary's Current.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was offered by Jake, a second by Jen. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted, David Cormeny