

June 2024 Church Council Minutes

On Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 7:30 PM, a meeting of the Church Council was held to review several topics regarding the ongoing efforts at Faith Lutheran Church of McLean County. This meeting was held at Union Park and followed a Bible Study which began at 6:32 PM. The following is a summary of the main topics discussed at the Bible Study and the Council meeting. The Council members present included:

- Brent Carlock
- Staci Dowell
- Beth Feit
- Brian Goke
- Bridget Koester
- Denise Ludwig
- Brad Morris
- Bian Otto
- Jeff Pitzer

At approximately 6:32 PM, Brian Goke led our group in prayer before our time to reflect and share. Brian posed conversation starters for each of the members present to reflect on and share with the group. The conversation starters were as follows: How was your day? How was your week? How has your life been since we last met in May and tell us about your God Sightings.

Members that were present shared. At 7:31 PM, our reflection and sharing time ended.

At 7:31 PM, Jeff Pitzer left the meeting.

At 7:33 PM, Brian Goke led a closing prayer for our sharing time and an opening prayer for our Church Council meeting.

At 7:35 PM, Bridget Koester left the meeting.

Approvals: After making a few revisions to the May Meeting Reports, the submitted reports for the following were approved under a consent agenda format. Brian Otto moved to approve the submitted reports and Beth Feit seconded. After minimal discussion, all the following were unanimously approved.

- May Meeting Minutes
- May Dashboard
- May Financial Report
- May Facility Report
- May Ministry Team Reports include the Worship Team Report, Youth Discipleship Report and Mission Team Report.
- May Pastoral Update

- May Interim Council President Update

Items Discussed:

- ✓ Discipleship workshop with Mark Messick. Brian Goke shared that the proposed agenda for this workshop would be the following: Mark would arrive on a Saturday and on that Saturday evening the members of the Church Council, who are available, would have dinner with Mark. On the following Sunday morning, Mark would deliver a message at worship. After worship a congregational lunch with fellowship would be organized (Brian Goke would talk to Barb Anderson about this). After lunch, Mark would present a two-hour workshop on discipleship. Two potential dates were suggested: the weekend of Oct 12/13 or the weekend of Oct 19/20.

It was suggested that our church plants receive an invitation to attend.

Church Council Members agreed upon the weekend of Oct. 19/20, 2024.

Brian Goke will finalize arrangements with Mark Messick.

- ✓ July 14, 2024, Kona Ice 11:00 after worship will be enjoyed by all attending worship. Everyone is encouraged to invite young families with children. Church Council Members present discussed names of potential Faith Lutheran Partners who could be asked to plan and organize a children's lesson and craft activity for the young children that will be at worship on this day. It was noted that Bridget Koester has created a special card to hand out to young families as an invitation.
- ✓ Congregational Fall Festival with Church Plants: Brian Goke asked that this item remain on the agenda as pending.
- ✓ Christmas Pageant Ideas for discussion: Potential date for this is December 14th and December 15th, 2024. December 14th date would be for the children's activities and preparation and December 15th date would be for the pageant at worship. The Council Members brainstormed different ways to connect and invite young families to this event.
- ✓ Facility Search Update: Brad Morris provided an update. Let it be noted that the Task Force is continuing to search for availability for a place or location.
- ✓ St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kodiak, AK: Church Council Members present discussed a donation request from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kodiak, AK This request was discussed at the May Church Council Meeting with a decision in May to have Greg Koester, Fath's Mission Team Representative, reach out to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alaska in seeking more information and developing a relationship with the church and its members.

Per requested, Greg Koester reached out to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Kodiak, AK. After his contact, Greg was equipped to provide feedback and more detailed information to the Church Council.

Church Council Members discussed the importance and value in continuing a relationship with the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church after a donation is granted. Greg will be asked to seek ways to establish a relationship with this church and its members.

Church Council Members unanimously agreed to make a financial donation to this church and also build a relationship with St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Alaska.

It was decided that Greg will share with the Partners of Faith Lutheran Church the details related to this donation before he travels to deliver the financial support.

- ✓ Annual Meeting 2025: January 26, 2025, was determined to be the date set for Faith Lutheran Church of McLean County's Annual Meeting.
- ✓ Seder Meal: Brian Goke shared information regarding a 2025 Seder Meal at Faith Lutheran Church of McLean County. Brian shared the name, Greg Savitt. A brief discussion followed and Sunday, April 6, 2025, was agreed upon as the date to share a Seder Meal after worship. Brian Goke will finalize the date with Greg.
- ✓ New Church Council Member Invitation: Brian Goke shared that he will be having a conversation with a potential new Church Council Member within the next few weeks. Pending
- ✓ Faith Lutheran Mission and Vision Document (Booklet): This booklet was reviewed and a formal vote to approve the revised Mission and Vision and Convictions of Faith Lutheran Church Document was taken. Beth Feit moved to approve the document/booklet and Brad Morris seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote of acceptance of the Mission and Vision and Convictions of Faith Lutheran Church Document/Booklet.

Further Discussion:

The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Union Park.

- Bible Study Devotions will begin at 6:30 PM with the Council meeting immediately following.
- June reports will be due by Sunday, July 7, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at approximately 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ludwig, Church Council Secretary

