

May 2025 Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 7:34 PM, a meeting of the Church Council was held to review several topics regarding the ongoing efforts at Faith Lutheran Church of McLean. The meeting followed a Devotion, which began at 6:48 PM. This is a Summary of the Devotion and Council meeting.

Council members in attendance:

- Brent Carlock
- Staci Dowell
- Beth Feit
- Brian Goke
- Helen Haggarty
- Brad Morris

Council members absent:

- Brian Otto

Also in attendance:

- Mike Gilmore
- Bridget Koester

Our Devotion opened with a prayer.

- The Devotion discussion was from the Devotional Classics book.
- Brian G. led the discussion from the chapter on Thomas A. Kempis.
- Discussion ended at 7:33 PM.

Brian G opened our Council meeting in prayer.

Mike Gilmore - Led discussion around the progress of the new facility.

- City Inspections
 - The sprinkler system will need be installed
 - Parking
 - The issue has been resolved. Spaces required were reduced to 78-91.
 - Architect
 - We have secured an Illinois licensed architect
 - The city will want architecture plans drawn up for all improvements.

Brad moved to approve the consent agenda:

- Beth moved to approve
- Brent seconded
- Council approved

Brian G, Brad, and Bridget – Led discussion on possible rebranding of Faith Lutheran

- The council discussed concerns, considerations, and ideas around possible rebranding

Brad - Led discussion of prospective council member

- Kevin Nicklas will be appointed to council in October 2025.

Other Items to celebrate

Beth – Led discussion around thinking about structure needed around managing the new church building. We need committees around:

- Managing the facility
- Education
- Finance/Audit
- Need for a paid administrative person

Next meeting will Tuesday, June 17, 2025

- Devotion will start at 6:30pm
- June reports due by Sunday, June 15th

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at approximately 8:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Staci Dowell, Church Council member