

September 2025 Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 7:43 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 scripture reading by all in attendance throughout the building beginning at 6:36 PM. This is a Summary of the Devotion and Council meeting.

Council members in attendance:

- Staci Dowell
- Beth Feit
- Brian Goke
- Helen Haggarty
- Brad Morris
- Brian Otto

Council members in absent:

- Brent Carlock

Also in attendance:

- Mike Gilmore
 - Bridget Koester
 - Jeff Pitzer
- David Theile

Our Devotion opened with a prayer. The group read scripture throughout the new church building; we read Genesis 6-14.

Brad opened our Council meeting in prayer at 7:43 PM

Brad moved to approve the consent agenda:

- Beth moved to approve
- Helen seconded
- Council approved

Mike – Led Facility Updates discussion

- Mike is working with a contractor on the water re-work and fire suppression system.
- Tuckpointing is scheduled.
- Flooring will be put down. Looking for volunteers to lay flooring.
- Asbestos bids are in, and asbestos removal will be happening soon. The building will be shut down during this time.
 - **Reminder:** Mike is the General Contractor, and all work goes through him.
- **Garage Sale:** After further discussion, Council determined that a garage sale will **not** take place at the new building due to liability and all the work taking place both inside and outside.

Brad, Brian, and Bridget – Led continued discussion on the rebranding of Faith Lutheran

- Bridget shared the new logo that speaks to our mission and vision.

- Growing disciples and planting churches
- The new logo will be shared with the congregation in early October.

Beth and Helen – Led the Bookkeeper Position Update

- David Theile will start the first week in October – Welcome Dave!
- Discussion included salary and access to financial accounts.
- Changes will be made to those who have access with additions and removals.

Brad – Led the Technology team implementation

- Need to determine who manages account accesses and in Breeze.
- Brad has a list of team duties saved to the Google docs drive.

Brian G – Neighborhood Outreach Taskforce

- First meeting will be September 29th
- Approximately six people have volunteered to be part of this taskforce.

Other Items

- **Beth** – Budget talks for next year needs to begin
- **Brian G** – Next month's meeting, we will pray around the building
 - **Homework for all – Be prepared to pray a prayer next meeting.**

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at McGraw!

- Prayers will start at 6:30pm
- October reports are due by Sunday, October 19th.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at approximately 8:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Staci Dowell, Church Council member