**Church Council Minutes**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**August 22, 2025 6:30 – 8:15 PM**

**Present**: Pastor Cutler, Pastor Frazee, Emelia Ayers, Mike Baerwald, Kathy Benter, Jack Dobbratz, Brooke Krueger, Doug Majeski, Perry Muche, Jessica Roecker, Jennifer Thompson, Andy Toellner, and Kristy Zahn.

**Absent:** Zach Wenninger

**Bible Study:** Pastor Frazee led the opening prayer and read from Portals of Prayer,

**Agenda:** Additions to agenda included: a. Authorized signers for the church and b. Church and school signs. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Approval of Church Council Minutes from previous meeting**: With no additions or corrections, the minutes stand as printed.

**Board and Committee Reports**

**Board of Elders**: **(**Written report) Perry reported that prayer teams have been put together.

**Pastors’ Report:** Written reports by both pastors and no questions.

**Principal** (Written report). Doug recapped his minutes. A $3,500 donation was received by the Hackbarths and Doug sent a thank you.

**School Board:**  **(**Written report) There were no questions for Jessica.

**Child Care:** (Written report.) Andy reported that they are working on rate changes for next year.

**Finance Board:** (Written reports). Emelia recapped their minutes and answered questions about the financial reports. There was an $80,000 loss for the month. Receipts were under $107,623 and expenses under $16,348.

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**Parish Education Board: (**Written report.) There were no questions for Jennifer.

**Social Ministry & Fellowship Board:**  (Written report.) Brooke reported that September 7th is Education Sunday.

**Board of Trustees: (**Written report.) There were no questions for Mike.

**Old Business:**

1. No updates to the Master Plan #4
2. There are no grant updates. Letters will be sent out regarding pledges.
3. Perry updated the group on the building progress. The City toured the facility,
4. Pastor Frazee asked that the Soon to Be Email be reviewed by the various boards..

**New Business:**

1. Emelia needed to have a document signed regarding authorized signers for the church Jennifer made a motion, seconded by Brooke to have Jack and Emelia as authorized signers. Motion carried.
2. Doug reported that the school sign does not have the capacity for any electronic updates. The group discussed the signs that will be needed. Jennifer made a motion, seconded by Emelia to spend $18,000 for the electronic signs and to reimburse Mike for his personal investment in the old sign if necessary.

**Next Meeting:** The next council meeting is on September 22 at 6:30.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Perry with a second by Jennifer. Motion carried.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Cutler led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Benter, Church Council Secretary