

St. John's Lutheran Church Council Minutes – September 10, 2025

The church council met on September 10, 2025. Those in attendance were Keith Cornish, Heather Roeske, Amanda Pfenninger, Pat Graham, Travis Lee, Wayne Gisler, and Steve Paulsgrove.

Keith Cornish, president, opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00 PM.

The minutes from the August 13, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Amanda moved the minutes be accepted as amended; Travis seconded the motion; the motion passed. The August 31, 2025 treasurer's report was reviewed. Steve moved the treasurer's report be accepted as submitted; Travis seconded the motion; the motion passed. The October calendar was reviewed. The need for a Congregational Meeting on October 12th after church services was added to October. Communion on the 4th Sunday service was removed from the October calendar.

Committee Reports

- **Building and Grounds** – The brush has been removed from the parsonage yard.
- **Altar Guild** – Heather reported everything is going well.
- **Women's Unity** – Upcoming scheduled events are Teacher Appreciation Day on September 22nd, Women's Day Out for October 25th with an arts and craft activity, and St. John's ladies hosting a Bunco and Brunch with the St. Paul's Church women on November 8th starting at 9:30 AM. Steve commented that November has five Sundays; the fifth Sunday is Potluck just days after Thanksgiving. Some of the women asked if Council had any objection to not have Potluck scheduled for that Sunday. Council agreed it should be up to the women to decide that.
- **Cemetery** – Pat reported the death date ribbon for Jaime Murdock's grave marker was completed with no charge but still needs a powder coating. The cemetery fund received a \$200 donation for the damage to the cemetery entrance which has been repaired by a church member.
- **Sunday School, Confirmation** – Heather reported Rally Day with Bingo and prizes was held September 7th to begin the years Sunday School classes on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Keith stated there will be a meeting with parents after worship service on September 14th to discuss the upcoming two-year confirmation program.
- **Worship Committee** – The Service Leader Rotation schedule was reviewed.

Old Business

- **Handicap Accessibility** – Wayne reported he has taken the necessary measurements and is working on a solution.
- **Evangelism Tablecloth** – Heather stated she has been working on the LOGO design.
- **Organ Repairs** – Keith stated repairs were made to remove the humming noise, the sticking keys, and replace the battery. There are three stops not working and it is costly to repair, that will be addressed at a later time.

- **Parsonage Furnishings** – Keith stated the furnishings were sufficient for Pastor Reitmeyer to stay but we still need a bedroom side table and outside chair or bench.
- **Parsonage Cleaning** – Debbie Mead cleaned the parsonage prior to the Pastor's stay. Keith will ask what the appropriate salary is for cleaning.

New Business

- **New Member Applicant** – Nora Kullick and Helen Clifford have applied for membership to our church. Keith will speak to them to schedule a Sunday service to join our church.
- **NALC Constitutional Amendment Ratification** – A Special Congregational Meeting will be held October 12th, 2025, after Church services to vote on three amendments to the NALC Constitution. The amendments will be made available to the congregation.
- **Parsonage Window Coverings** – The discussion was tabled.
- **Fall Texas Mission Region Retreat** – Mark Stroman requested attending this event for one night. Total cost is \$350 or \$280 for one night. After discussion, Heather moved we approve \$280 plus the necessary travel expenses for Mark to attend the retreat for one night; Travis seconded the motion; the motion passed.

With no further business, Amanda moved to adjourn the meeting; Travis seconded the motion; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Graham, Council Secretary