

**APPROVED Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes**  
**July 14, 2026 - 5:30 PM**

**Council Members Present:** Clark Arneson, Monica Foster, Richard Gilbery, Wayne Koop, Sara Forsberg, Gretchen Pederson, Tony Platz, Lynn Litzau, Renee Brauer, and Nicole Brandt. **Staff Present:** Pastor Steve Norby, SAM Dana Kocka, SAM Liz Stone and Wayne Pearson. Clark Arneson opened the meeting with Pastor Steve leading in a “Litany of Trust” devotion.

**Reports:**

**Secretary’s Report:** Motion by Tony Platz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Renee Brauer to approve May 12th, 2026 minutes, motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Wayne Pearson presented the Accounts Balance Sheet which was reviewed/accepted. Total June income was \$43,906 and total expenses were \$60,819 which deducted \$16,913 from the checking account. Mortgage donations were \$3,740 and a \$1,000 contribution to principal reduction. The mortgage payment of \$10,428 was made. The mortgage balance is now \$1,028,718.

**Core Committee Reports:**

**Caring and Outreach:** As written. Of note, Pickle Jar schedule is for July-Well Spring, August- Food Shelf, Sept-Society of St Vincent De Paul, Oct-Jed Eix Seminary Support and Nov Discretionary Fund.

**Family Ministry:** Aug meeting scheduled.

**Finance:** As written.

**Learning:** As written. Fall schedule set. Sunday School Offering Envelopes to be introduced this Fall. Sunday School Rally Sunday Sept 13th.

**Resource Ministry:** As written. New property insurance accepted to increase benefits and reduce cost.

**Worship Ministry:** As written. Grand Piano Sunday set for Aug 9th.

**Youth Ministry:** Youth Speakers to highlight Pennsylvania Mission Trip accomplishments and personal impacts on Aug 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

**Innovation:** As written.

**New Business:**

**Core Fair Name Change:** Opportunities to Serve explained for members to join on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> “Serving Sunday”.

**Education Fund:** Motion to add account for Jed Eix Education by Liz Litzau, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tony Platz, motion carried.

**Seminary Update:** Second year on-line seminary student SAM Liz Stone will attend Wartberg in-residence classes in Iowa for the first week of Sept and Feb. She will also be enrolled in a Clinical Pastoral Education 22 week course while also serving Calvary daily.

**Adjournment:** President Clark Arneson adjourned the meeting at 6 PM with the Lord’s Prayer.

**Council Agenda items/Reports need be submitted to the office by no later than Noon, Thurs prior to each meeting.**

**Respectfully Submitted, Wayne Koop, Council Secretary**