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Calvary Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

August 11, 2026 – 5:30PM

Council Members Present: Clark Arneson, Monica Foster, Richard Gilbery, Sara Forsberg, Gretchen Pederson, Lynn Litzau, Renee Bauer, Joe McKinnon

Staff Present: Pastor Steve Norby, Liz Stone, SAM, Wayne Pearson

Clark Arneson opened the meeting.

Liz Stone, SAM provided the devotion and prayer

Reports:

Secretary's Report: Motion by Renee Bauer, 2nd by Monica Foster to approve July 14, 2026, minutes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wayne Pearson presented the accounts balance which was reviewed/accepted. Total income was \$40,007.19 and total expenses were \$60,326.95. which deducted \$20,319.76 from the checking account. Mortgage donations were \$6,012.10 and \$100.00 contribution to principal deduction. The mortgage payment of \$10,424.80 was made. Mortgage balance is now \$1,023,504.27.

Core Committee Reports:

Family Ministry: Gretchen announced that on August 19 there is a picnic planned for younger children and their families at 5:00PM Heartland Park.

Caring and Outreach: As written. Sara noted that a change in the minutes, #5 Pickle Jar in November – The Pickle Jar will be collected for the Discretionary Fund and December for the DAC.

She also noted that two members, Jerry Gordon and Tom Stennes, will lead the member group and assign celebration of life facilitators for funeral services and provide assistance to the pastors and families.

Finance Ministry: As written. A member of the finance committee will address the congregation about reducing the debt and paying down the principal – end of August or first week of October.

Learning Ministry: As written. Lynn highlighted the use of the bulletin board. Monday night Christian Discussion Group, Pastor Steve will be presenting The Book of Galatians starting September 20th and finishing mid-October. Dana is reviewing new curriculum for Sunday School. Rally Sunday starts September 13th and will continue for three weeks with a sports theme. It will include a blessing of backpacks and distribution of third grade bibles.

Resource Ministry: As written. Joe highlighted the indoor bell tower and history being developed by the committee. Insurance changed to Church Mutual as of July first due to lower rates with comparable coverage. Work will be done this fall on the south foundation wall to ensure that water runs away from the building.

Worship Ministry: As written. Renee reviewed that the excess money donated will be used for a piano cover, lights, a music stand and tuning.

Youth Ministry: No report.

New Business:

1. Caring and Outreach budget change. The budget items, Faith Community, Nursing, and Singles Group line items at \$500 each will be moved into Caring and Outreach/Supplies general fund. Motion by Gretchen Pederson, 2nd by Richard Gilbery.
2. Sound Booth Lead – new position will be added to the 2027 budget. Motion by Richard Gilbery, second by Sara Forsberg.
3. Behold the New. Liz Stone reviewed the new program of the ELCA that all congregations that have SAM's have been asked to participate. In this initiative the program asks members to live out the promises of baptism. The project will be introduced on September 20th, and Bishop Bill will present the project on September 27th. Liz will write a newsletter article to review the elements of the program.
4. Other Business:
 - a. Wayne Pearson reviewed budget items, benevolences. Recommended moving the Carl Hammer Scholarship, Line 4340-8340 to 6555 Camperships/ \$5,809.40. Confirmations: with a \$10,000 CD. Motion by Richard Gilbery, second by Lynn Litzau.
 - b. Motion to cancel budget item 5097 Computer Management Service \$3,840.00, eliminate item in the 2027 budget. Budget more to Office Equipment 4485-8485. Motion by Renee Bauer seconded by Lynn Litzau.

Adjournment: President Clark Arneson adjourned the meeting at 6:27PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Council agenda items/reports need to be submitted to the office by not later than noon, Thursday prior to each meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Monica Foster, Past Council President