

# Faith Lutheran Church Congregational Council Meeting October 8, 2024

## Attendance (“P” = present)

Kay Brossard – P Lisa Chile – A Leslie Edgerton – P Jamie Estill – P Greg John – P	Linda Mihalov – P Ralph Minor – P Jim Musar – P Jill Richmond – P	Mark Strom – P  <i>Ex officio:</i> Shannyn Fuerst – On sabbatical Wally Powelson – P
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Topic	Discussion and Action Items
Call to Order	Mark Strom @ 7:05
Devotional	Lisa Chile led our conversation.
Approval of Minutes	The September meeting minutes were approved.
Finance Committee and Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One proposed change to the Bridge of Promise contract was to revise the annual use fee increase not to exceed amount from 5% to no more than \$100 per month.</li> <li>• Offerings as of September are slightly ahead compared to last year at this time, but expenses are significantly over due to the unanticipated mold damage repairs to the office and roof. Finance proposed a stewardship effort to close the remaining difference between the repair costs and offerings, as well as anticipated building maintenance and repairs.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council discussed how to prepare a long-term analysis of potential repairs and maintenance, which could be a combined effort between the Finance and Property committees.</li> <li>○ Council recommends convening a Stewardship task force.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There was a \$5,000 gift for the Sound System, which will be used towards microphones.</li> <li>• Wally reviewed the proposed 2025 operating budget which accounts for standard projected increases in salary, benefits, and utilities, as well as maintenance costs and an increase to maintenance reserves.</li> </ul>
Faith Constitution Changes	<p>There were no additional changes at the October 6 congregational meeting. Council recommends reviewing and updating operation procedures. The next Congregational Meeting to ratify changes to the Constitution is on December 8, 2024 (Constitution requires 60 days between presentation of Constitution amendments, Synod approval, and final vote to ratify changes. There can be no changes once sent to the synod.)</p>
Bridge of Promise	<p>Mark provided an update on the Bridge of Promise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site visit was held in early September.</li> <li>• Contract is near final, but pending Bridge of Promise’s proof of insurance and liability coverage. Council also recommends reviewing preschool’s</li> </ul>

	coverage as a comparison. Contract will not be signed till these pending items have been addressed. Rebecca Keith and team are reviewing requested tenant improvements.
Prayer/Adjourn	Mark adjourned the meeting at <b>8:25 pm</b> with prayer led by the council.

Submitted by Jill Richmond, 2024-25 secretary

Next meeting date: November 12, 2024