

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

September 24, 2024

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Vice-President Allison Eger until President Rexanne Spicer's arrival (35W crash).

Members present: Pastors Peter Nycklemoe and Melissa Pohlman, Julie Anderson, Jeff Block, Rachel Moeller, Ann Oyen, PJ Ritters, Laurel Stewart, Heidi Tysk-Poppe

Members excused: Pastor Stephanie Friesen, Karl Starr

Staff present: Pat Hansen

Christ Care Prayers: Pastor Peter shared a short devotional and then invited all to share their joys, sorrows, concerns, and thanksgivings, which were lifted in prayer.

Adoption of the September Agenda: The Meeting Agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes from August Council Meeting: The Council Meeting minutes for August 27, 2024, were approved. Also received were the Pastors' Shared Report for September 2024.

Financial Reports: Pastor Peter, for Treasurer Karl Starr, summarized the monthly financial reports through Karl's Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2024 – Analysis of Revenue & Expense, Balance Sheet Analysis, Designated Fund Summary. These financial reports were accepted by the Council. Pastor Peter also presented the audit reports of Akins Henke & Company for the Year Ending December 31, 2023 – Financial Statements – Modified Cash Basis; Communication Letter; Letter regarding Material Weaknesses and Significant Deficiencies.

Action Item – the Council affirmed/approved with a motion, second, discussion and vote:

1. To accept the Audit Reports as recommended by the Audit and Fiscal & Property committees.

Life Passages for August 2024

1. Baptisms

- a. **Matteo Busch** (*Parent is Dejanira Busch*) was baptized on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at the 5:00 p.m. service. Pastor Stephanie Friesen baptized Matteo.

2. Weddings

- a. **Kathleen Costello and Matthew Knoth** were married at Central on Saturday, August 17, 2024. Pastor Stephanie Friesen presided

3. Funerals/Burial Services

- a. **Charles "Chez" Ragnar Moline** (*February 9, 1936 – June 6, 2024*) Commendation service was held at Central Lutheran on Sunday, August 18, 2024. Pastor Peter Nycklemoe and Pastor Stephanie Friesen presided.
- b. **Frederick "Freddie" Clifford Solum** (*January 3, 2019 – July 8, 2024*) Funeral was held on Thursday, August 22, 2024. Pastor Stephanie Friesen presided.
- c. **Joel Martin Oyen** (*November 19, 1976 – July 18, 2024*) Funeral was held at Central Lutheran on Saturday, August 24, 2024. Pastor Peter Nycklemoe presided. Pastor Melissa Pohlman preached.
- d. **David Alan Schindeldecker** (*October 23, 1952 – July 28, 2024*) Funeral was held at Central Lutheran on Saturday, August 10, 2024. Pastor Melissa Pohlman presided. Pastor Stephanie Friesen preached.

Information Items and Updates:

1. City Easement
2. Casavant Organ Team
3. Sanctuary Renewal Team
4. Casavant and Sanctuary Renewal Capital Appeal
5. Insurance Claim Roof Project
6. Insurance Claim Bell Tower Project

Follow-up Conversation and Reflections on priorities for the task forces: The Council reviewed the three task forces (listed below), the SMART goals and other notes for each task force, and possible months for initial reporting back of each task force:

1. Connections, Invitations and Communications Task Force (October)
2. Seasons of Life Task Force (November)
3. Mental Health and Wholeness Task Force (December)

Closing Prayer and Adjourn: After closing with the Lord's Prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

The Council's next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hansen

Recording for Heidi Tysk-Poppe, Council Secretary

Central Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
August 31, 2024 Financials (8 months)

	Annual Budget	Aug 31 YTD	% of Ann Budget (67%)
Revenue	\$3,434,500	\$2,534,759	74%
Expense	\$3,470,505	\$2,340,416	67%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$36,005)	\$194,342	(540%)

Operating Fund – Key Revenue Items

Revenue Source	August Actual	August Budget	2024 Year-to-Date Actual	2024 Year-to-Date Budget	2023 Year-to-Date Actual	Year Over Year Change – Actual
Regular Offering	\$89,451	\$100,000	\$1,007,531	\$950,000	\$971,093	\$36,438
Foundation (undesignated)	\$103,759	\$102,000	\$819,518	\$816,000	\$864,000	(\$44,482)
Parking	\$11,495	\$35,000	\$387,018	\$280,000	\$349,524	\$37,494

Assets / Liabilities

Select Key Assets:	August 2024	December 2023	8 mo. Change
Operating Checking ⁱ	\$312,505	\$204,878	\$107,627
Operating Reserve ⁱⁱ	\$318,339	\$311,389	\$6,950
Designated Account Asset Support ⁱⁱⁱ	\$1,955,688	\$1,878,673	\$77,015
Select Key Liabilities:			
Designated accounts			
Repair fund (consumables)	\$124,288	\$99,130	\$25,158
Long-term capital projects	\$169,293	\$169,293	\$0
Foundation reserve	\$61,087	\$50,533	\$10,554
Temporary holding accounts ^{iv}	\$1,089,261	\$1,264,165	(\$174,904)
All other designated accounts	\$366,713	\$227,771	\$138,942
TOTAL Designated accounts	\$1,810,642	\$1,810,892	(\$250)
Mission Investment Fund Mortgages	\$6,199,063	\$6,112,714	\$86,349

ⁱ Operating checking and operating reserve together provide \$630,844 of cash available to support operations. This is a strong cash position. (A target established several years ago is to maintain operating cash of at least \$250,000.)

ⁱⁱ Includes regular reserve savings and Alerus Wealth Access.

ⁱⁱⁱ Goal is to maintain assets supporting designated accounts that are at least equal to the total of all designated accounts. This goal is being met. (\$1,955,688 in designated fund assets vs. \$1,810,642 in designated accounts).

^{iv} Includes parking lot easement compensation (\$197K) and roof hail damage insurance settlement (\$892K)