

**Mission:** With God's love we embrace one another, our neighbors, and all creation.

**Vision:** Doing God's work with our hands by providing:

- † Spiritual growth for all
- † Opportunities for living out our Christian faith
- † Support of our mission and ministries

**Church Values**

TRUST and LOVE Jesus Christ  
COMMIT to living God's Word  
PRACTICE hospitality with welcoming and kindness  
RESPECT and CARE for all creation  
SERVE our community  
LIVE as generous stewards

## First Lutheran Church of Aitkin, Minnesota Congregation Council Meeting Minutes

**DATE/TIME:** Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> (7:00 p.m.) **LOCATION:** Fellowship Hall **MEETING:**  Regular  Special

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Pastor Reggie Denton; Pastor Jordan Gades; Jessi Goble; Todd Werner; Philip Martin; Jayne Anderson; Jennifer Giza; Sarah Grovogel; Joey Haasken; Kim Jones; Lynne Kellerman; Lucas Moen; Tom Plagman;

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Meyer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** **Staff:**

**Guests/Visitors:**

**NOTICE:**  Posted Electronically;  Mailed;  Emailed; **Objection:**  Yes  No

Agenda Item	Presentation/Discussion	Recommendation/Action
1. Call to Order	By: Jessi Goble At: 7:18 PM	Quorum: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES; <input type="checkbox"/> NO
2. Prayer for guidance and devotions	P. Jordan	
3. God Sightings	Lucas; Jennifer Johnson will be High School Choir director. Lynne; Watching the plants grow Jessi: Got to see her grandmother, 1st time in months. P Jordan: Being outside at Mariah Chapel for Wednesday service	
4. Education Discussion	P Reggie: Finished up a continuing ed class, a topic was "finding our why" (presented a video that council watched) Churches need to have a mission statement that establishes the "why" we do things. Identify what resources are in line with the purpose of the congregation. Also identify what no longer works for the "why". The way its always been done doesn't mean that it should continue.	
5. Executive Session		

<b>Business Meeting</b>		
<b>1. Agenda</b>	<b>Motion;</b> To Approve with the adding of discussion to agenda to consider Saturday night services.	Motion By: Jayne Second By: Tom Motion Carried
<b>2. Conflicts of Interest</b>		
<b>3. Consent Agenda</b>	<b>Motion:</b> to Approve	Motion By: Tom Second By: Jordan Motion Carried
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 5/13/2021 Council Meeting Minutes</li> <li>b. Altar Guild Meeting Minutes 5/11/2021 &amp; 6/8.2021</li> <li>c. <del>VanTires Action 5/20/2021</del></li> <li>d. Hospitality Ministry Group Report</li> <li>e. Office Mgr.'s Report 6/3/2021</li> <li>f. Worship Meeting Minutes 6/1/2021</li> <li>g. Safety Committee Mtg. 6/7/21</li> <li>h. Sunday Coffee Update 6/9/2021</li> </ul>	<p>Van tires removed for discussion.</p> <p>Inform kitchen group that cookies do not have to be individually wrapped, servers can use tongs to serve the cookies.</p>	
Van Tires	<b>Motion:</b> to approve purchasing/ accept quote for new tires for van from Aitkin Motors	Motion By: Tom Second By P Reggie Motion carried
<b>4. Pastoral Reports</b>		

<p>a. Pastor Reggie's Report &amp; Expense Reimbursement Request</p>	<p>Funeral for Barb Watkins. Instead of going to circles for help, we are now going to be using the keeper groups. Keeper lists need to be reorganized for volunteers. Determine active/inactive members. Will council need to approve the groups? No  Graduate Sunday was excellent  Sam just got his drivers lic.  Going on vacation next week  House in Moose lake has sold and closed  Press release for outdoor Wednesday service wasn't published</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Accept P Reggie's report and approve expense report.</p>	<p>Motion By:Lynne  Second By:Jayne  Motion Carried</p>
<p>b. Pastor Jordan's Report &amp; Expense Reimbursement Request</p>	<p>P Jordan is In middle of a zoom class, learning a lot  Cancelled summer stretch due to lack of interest.  VBS information has gone out. Bethlem Lutheran has asked to join.  Trunk, or treat event for Halloween with ministries providing trunks with information with what they do. College Scholarship talking about selling hotdogs to raise money during the event.  Thoughts for council, how can we train leaders, leader development for small groups, Sunday School leaders, ministries etc, This could be possible 3rd quarter workshop topic.  Jennifer: people are reluctant to lead Sunday school, "fear factor for those that did not grow up Lutheran."  No expense report submitted. Jessi " expense reports need to be presented in a timely manner to help with accounting."</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> To accept P Jordan's report</p>	<p>Motion By; P Reggie  Second By: Tom  Motion Carried</p>
<p><b>5. Plan It Calendar Updates:</b></p>		
<p><b>6. Continuing Resolutions Updates</b></p>	<p>Propose a Cong. Council Task Force of 5 to 7 individuals, including 1 council member, to seek information from liaison and/or ministries &amp; coordinate the updates to the Continuing Resolutions.  <b>Motion:</b> To table this topic until July meeting.</p>	<p>Motion: By Tom  Second: By Lynne  Motion Carried</p>

<p><b>7. VBS Ministry Fundraiser Request</b></p>	<p>At May meeting, council approved \$1500.00 from fund for VBS. Committee wants to now fund raise to support VBS. Council is not opposed to providing more money. P Reggie; "Members may ask questions, or be confused why a fund raising event is going on for VBS when funding is already available." <b>Motion:</b> To not approve request for fundraiser</p>	<p>Motion By: Tom Second By: P Reggie Motion Carried</p>
<p><b>8. Task Groups</b></p>		
<p>a. Insurance Review Task Group update b. Propose formation of a Congregation Visioning Task Group</p>	<p><b>Item b</b> should be 5 to 7 individuals, including 1 council member. Scott Skinner from Safety Committee. Jayne Andersen for council volunteered to be on the task group.  Visioning Task Group should be 5-7 members including one council member. Tom; "I am on the strategic planning so I will volunteer for the task group." Council would like clarification on the difference between the visioning task force and strategic planning from D Meyer.</p>	
<p><b>9. Keeper-Names Not In Any Group</b></p>		
<p><b>10. Financial Reports</b></p>	<p>David was planning on doing a temple talk regarding Building Fund. Stewardship was going to discuss this topic. Slight improvement in financials <b>Motion:</b> To Approve financial report</p>	<p>Motion By: P Jorday Second By: Lynne Motion Carried</p>
<p>a. Full Report</p>		

<b>11. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Council Workshop</b>	Date: Doodle Poll for date and time. Time: Topic: Leadership training	
<b>12. Notices:</b>		
<b>a. 7/19/2021</b>	Council is asked to provide cookies and bars (175 needed) for community meal.	
<b>13. Additional Items:</b> Saturday Evening Service	Lynne: Saturday Evening Service. Group that wants this service back is adamant about getting this back. They see Wednesday outside service, water service and they feel frustrated. P Jordan: "15-20 is the average attendance." P Reggie: "Why are we doing this for 15 members, taking volunteers time?". Hard time getting volunteers. He has told group already that they are not adding any services until fall, and council would have to approve, Worship ministry is discussing Sunday evening service because it has the potential for growth. He feels that Saturday does not. P Jordan; They are all amazing people, but he already has a limited time to see his family. Jennifer; Pastors have a hard work schedule and we need to think about work load. Council to invite a couple of representatives from the "Saturday night group" to come before the council to discuss both sides of the issue.	
<b>14. Closing Prayer</b>	P Reggie	
<b>15. Meeting Adjourned</b>	<b>Motion:</b> to Adjourn at 9:21 pm	Motion By: Tom Second By: Lynne

Secretary: Todd Werner

Date: 6/10/2021