

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

August 10, 2023

Attendance:

Keith Kapelke, President
Samantha Schurke, Vice President
Don Featherstone
William Hagen
Doug Buffington
Sarah Beach
Pastor Shawn Osborne

Absent:

Travis Lake, Secretary
Ray Wykoff
Pat Shirey

Meeting called to order by Keith Kapelke at 6:32 pm.

Members of the council brought up four requests for prayers. Pastor Shawn opened with prayer and brought these petitions before the Lord.

No formal agenda was prepared for the meeting. The need for a formal agenda was discussed, and generally agreed upon that a formal agenda would be beneficial for future meetings.

President Kapelke passed out copies of the LCMC Constitution and the Bethany Lutheran Church Constitution and Bylaws. A short discussion took place.

A new contact list was made and copies given out.

New committee assignments were discussed. Don Featherstone will join the property committee, Sarah Beach will join the congregational life committee, and William Hagen will join the beyond our walls committee. Assignments for Ray and Pat will be made at the next meeting.

There was a discussion about moving forward with property projects and streamlining committee reports. The Bethany sign was discussed and potential replacement with a more basic sign.

Pastor Shawn gave a brief report.

Pastor's Report

- July 16th – The Valley Ayres sang at our Sunday service.
- July 16th – Heidi was baptized.
- July 25th – Brought communion to the Dearman family before Ann passed.
- July 27th – Did pre-marital counseling for Kelly's daughter and son in law. They will be married on 22 June '24.
- August 3rd – 6th – BLC hosted the youth group from Christ Lutheran Church in Whitefish.
- August 6th – Went to AA to support a congregation member.
- August 8th – Visited Gene Lee and the Lorangs.

- August 9th – Visited Walley Vinnedge in the morning, attended the annual pastor picnic in the afternoon.
- August 10th – Visited Elaine Vandenberg, Johnson wedding rehearsal.
- Community dinners are going well and continue to be well attended.
- Mission Ready will continue until Labor Day weekend.
- Putting together teams for Children’s Church for the upcoming instructional year.

Discussion regarding Bethany Quilters request for support. The decrease in Thrivent funds was of concern and our ability to support the Schroeder Missionary Fund was also discussed. It maybe a consideration to consider using Monthly Special offerings for these area’s.

The meeting concluded with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next regular council meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday September 14th.

Respectfully submitted

William Hagen

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