

**HOLY SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
*July 11, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Admin Building*

***Mission Statement: Worshiping and growing together in Christ serving and reaching out joyfully to all.***

***Vision Statement: As disciples of Jesus, Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church believes we are called to be in relationship with God, with God's people and with God's world everyday.***

**Decisions Made:**

- Council voted to pay Desiree for extra hours of cleaning during the carpet replacement process.

**Action Items:**

- Diane Jowell and Kevin Klinkerfues will evaluate the nursery room for potential revisions.
- Lisa Grimm and Melinda Powelson will head a new stewardship committee.

**Present:** Lisa Grimm, president; Diane Jowell, vice president; Judy Ekberg, secretary; Scott Ikenberry, treasurer; Melinda Powelson, personnel; Susan Linner, At Large; Taz Walkowich, At Large; Pastor Kim Gonia; Absent: Pastor Julie Brooks. Guest: Kevin Klinkerfues, property manager.

**Call to Order:** 6:07 pm

**Opening Devotion/Prayer:** Susan gave the devotion about gratitude, referencing Psalm 107:1 and Colossians 3:17. The by-product of gratitude is joy! She also described the five love languages, from the book *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman, that can be considered when expressing gratitude to others.

**Book Discussion: Chapter 3** “The Thriving Church System” in the book *Kicking Habits* by Thomas G. Bandy. According to the author, the thriving church focuses not just on God being present in our lives, but on the fact that the *healing presence of God transforms*. The thriving church assists individuals to grow deeper in faith and become aware of their spiritual gifts, leading to mission and faith-sharing. What sounds like Holy Shepherd in this chapter? We have groups based on particular interests; we have opportunities for faith development and faith-sharing.

**Reports:**

1. Pastor Julie: An educational scholarship has been awarded to Megan Haussmann who will be attending Colorado College in Colorado Springs in the fall. Two youth, Cutter Nunley and Anthony Parra, will be attending Confirmation Camp at Rainbow Trail in July. Eleven people will be received as new members on August 6. Pastor Julie will be on vacation the third week of July.
2. Pastor Kim: Pastor Kim is becoming familiar with missions and ministries. She toured the Action Center, Busy Bees, Prayer Shawl Ministry and has led the Bible study group. She will be taking vacation time in October to visit the Holy Land.
3. Trust committee update from June meeting.

**Finance Report:** Our loss through June 2023 of approximately (\$30,500) was \$11,000 less than our loss through June 2022. We have Cash Balances of approximately \$87,000 beyond our Liabilities and Reserve requirements as of June 30, 2023.

### **Continuing Business:**

1. Communication task force – surveys are being completed by the congregation. A communication plan has been presented along with a communication strategy flow chart and a conflict resolution process.
2. Administrator position update –Melanie Durham has nearly completed two months and is settling into the job.
3. Family Promise update– Kevin Klinkerfues is the new volunteer coordinator. Family Promise has reported that 87% of their families have found housing.  
The fire suppression system in the space occupied by Family Promise needs repairs; Kevin has obtained funding from the Trust Committee.
4. Carpet update –Kevin Klinkerfues, property manager, is doing the preparation for carpet installation which begins July 18. DECISION: Motion made by Melinda, seconded by Susan, to pay Desiree, church custodian, extra hours to clean during the carpet replacement process. Motion carried.
5. ACTION ITEM: Diane Jowell and Kevin will evaluate the nursery room, considering revising the space to make a multi-age children’s area.

### **New Business:**

1. Sound Technician position is now open as Valerie Reed has resigned.
2. Stewardship group/conversations –Tina Kvittek from the Synod office will be a guest speaker in August to talk about generosity. ACTION ITEM: Melinda and Lisa will head a new stewardship committee.

**Closing Prayer:** The Council closed the meeting by reciting the Lord’s Prayer.

**Adjournment:** 8:02 pm

**Next Meeting:** August 8, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

**Impact Statement:** How does this council’s discussion impact our part of the world?

This evening’s council business and discussions support Holy Shepherd’s mission to worship and grow together and to reach out to others.

**Approval of minutes:** July 14, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ekberg, Secretary