

Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

May 27, 2026

Present: Chavonn Mailahn, Roger Henrichs, Jodi Wegner, Erin Saathoff, Pastor Gary, Pam Gerdes

Absent: Josh Schmidt, Rachel Frerichs

Meeting called to order by: Vice President Chavonn Mailahn and opened with a prayer.

Approve Agenda - Motion to approve amended agenda by Erin, seconded by Jodi

Approve Previous Month's Meeting Minutes - Pam noted the date was incorrect. Motion to approve amended minutes by Erin, seconded by Roger

Financial report - Pam reviewed the financial report. Motion to approve by Erin, seconded by Jodi

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor reported Josh, Chavonn and him will be attending the Synod Assembly in Kearney this weekend. He encouraged everyone to watch the live stream of the Synod's service. Chavonn will post the link to the live stream on social media.
- Moved by Pastor, seconded by Erin, to hold a Listening Session on June 28th after church service for members to express their wishes on traditions they would like to see occur on important events, such as confirmation, baptisms, weddings, etc, .and use that input to compile a checklist to ensure our traditions are carried forward.

Old Business:

- Ushers for June Services were updated on the Google Calendar
- Newsletter Content - Erin sent a rough draft to the Council. She will add the June 28th listening session to the upcoming events in the newsletter.
- North sign/South sign - Due to Josh being absent, there was no discussion.
- Laptop - Due to Josh being absent, there was no discussion.
- WBSAF Grant - Jodi has submitted the application for an iPad to run the SOS program and other items.
- Music & Worship Committee - Jodi will reach out to the Committee to schedule a June meeting.
- Seasonal Maintenance - Roger will contact Lauby's to clean the AC units and replace filters. Pam reported the outside and inside spraying has been completed. Pam noted the boiler was inspected as well.
- Communion Supplies - Pam will order more wine to ensure there is enough for the joint service.

New Business:

- Downspouts - Due to Josh being absent, there was no discussion.
- Additional bench for acolytes/associate minister - The Council agreed the acolytes would sit in the front pew and associate minister can sit in the additional bench by Pastor Gary. Pastor Gary

reported there was not much interest in being an associate minister from the confirmation students & he suggested reaching out to three (3) established members of the congregation and three (3) of the confirmands to have a meeting, with a walk thru of what would be expected & hopefully create a rotation of members to perform the duties.

- Date for next council meeting will be Sunday, June 14th @ 1:00 p.m. following the luncheon
- Sub/Service Leader for Sunday, May 31st - Erin will lead the service.
- Parish Meetings - Due to Josh being absent, there was no discussion.
- Joint Service/Luncheon on June 14th - Service will be at 10:00 a.m., with communion. Luncheon will follow after the service. Chavonn will reach out to Carmen McKeever for additional tables/chairs. Chavonn will check with the Church Ladies regarding paperware. Items needed to be purchased include: meat, buns, condiments, ice, tea, and lemonade. Councilmembers will bring lawn games they have to share.
- Sound system quote/Headsets - Chavonn received a quote from Midwest Sound & Lighting, who was recommended by Pastor Kramer and Roger, who has used them in the past for the fairboard. The quote was for \$18,000, which includes one (1) wireless microphone, three (3) headsets, and two (2) lapel microphones. The system will be bluetooth compatible and should work with our existing speakers. Chavonn will submit this quote, along with the quote for fifty (50) ELW hymnals and fifty (50) ELW supplements, to the Morris Foundation grant, which is due Monday, June 1st. She will include a progress report of the previous items purchased with grant funds. Chavonn stated a new portion of the Morris Grant is to include how the grant funds awarded will be publicized and it was discussed to purchase a plaque to be displayed in the Church, as well as listing in the bulletin, social media, and newsletters.

All business concluded, Motion to adjourn by Roger, seconded by Erin

Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

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