

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Agenda
04/15/25 6:30 PM**

Business Meeting: 6:30 – 8:00 pm (Zoom)

Council Members: Pastor Leta, Pastor Michael, Chris Bachman, Bill DeHaven, Stuart Hennen, Dave Leininger, Lynda Lloyd, Melody Mistr, Kimberly Nichols, Cal Selig, Shannon Wagner

Absent: N/A

Mission Statement: We welcome all to the love of Christ through worship, serving, and learning.

Land Acknowledgement Statement: We, the congregation of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, acknowledge and honor the Arapahoe, Cheyenne, Oceti Sakowin and Ute peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather today, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have cared for and continue to care for this place-this land- and call it their home.

Ministry and Connections

- Connections and Devotions
- [Pastors' Report](#)
- Committee reports (if available)
 - **OOW (Dave)** – planning on doing a March/April combined fundraising effort for FHN and International Health partners; raised \$726.77 from soup suppers
 - There's a matching grant with International Health Partners – they're hoping to raise \$10K to gain an additional \$10K in matching funds
 - Dave shared that they're also hoping to raise money for Casa and Lumin in the coming months
 - Looking to do a Food Bank drive in July for children in our local communities who are not getting meals through school during the summer
 - There's a final fundraiser to raise monies for period kits to send to an organization that supports low-income families and supplies them with those products
 - **Faith and Justice (Dave)** – there was an event this past weekend that pulled people together from different spiritual backgrounds to build dialog skills
 - **Habitat for Humanity (Dave)** – there's a build coming up on April 26th; they have a full build crew, but they're looking for a few volunteers to help serve lunch
 - **Security Team (Bill)** – got \$13,600 in March which they've spent on pulling wires through the ceilings in preparation for cameras in the coming months; parking lot lights will be installed on the poles this week, too. The team is going to ask for more cash advance – all expenses are being covered by the grant. Mandy and Karyn will be creating the door signage as the new equipment is installed. Physical changes to the building will be complete around the end of April, and then the training stage will kick in.

Items for Discussion

- **OSLC 60th Anniversary** – planning and date selection
 - The Congregational Meeting happens in November, so it might be good to combine that meeting with this celebration. **November 9th was thrown out as a possible date.**
 - Ideas discussed at Executive Team was hosting a cocktail hour with dessert or possible meal and having a "timeline" of the decades that members can help fill in. During the celebration, 5 minutes could be dedicated to sharing highlights from each decade. Also would be good to add in some reflection towards the future, so it's not just a "history lesson".

- o Suggestion to have past Pastors attend and participate in the celebration – perhaps this is something the “Vision Team” could work on
- **Visioning Updates** – Review of resources (see link below), Visioning Committee Composition brainstorm, Council members on committee
 - o [ELCA Mission Planning Resources](#)
 - o Stu plans to participate in the Visioning Committee; Dave also threw his name in the ring to participate on this committee
 - o Goal is for Council members to participate, but not necessarily lead the charge
 - o Pastors will work with Stu and Dave to brainstorm some ideas on who from church might be good additions to this committee; more details to come in the future on this topic
 - o Melody encouraged everyone to review the ELCA resources that were shared in the agenda
- **Welcome/Stewardship Discussion** – plan for incorporation in future meeting agendas
 - o Executive Team is recommending we work as a whole group on these topics
 - o Discussed that “Welcome” and “Stewardship” are still two topics that could benefit from additional brainstorming and discussion
 - o The Visioning Committee might also be able to assist us envision how welcoming guests looks in the future
 - o Suggestion to brainstorm ideas at the May council meeting for promoting “time and talents” information during summer picnics this year – Mandy is currently working on an online form that people can fill out; will want to have a paper/pen form available for those who aren’t technologically saavy
 - This will help move us forward and gear us up for the fall commitment cards, etc.

Actionable Items that Require a Vote

- Approval of [March Minutes](#)
 - o Need to update minutes to show Kimberly was not in attendance
 - o Motion to approve – Chris Bachman
 - o Seconded by – Cal Selig
 - o Minutes approved
- Acceptance of [Treasurer’s Report](#)
 - o March came in in the black by a little over \$10K; expenses were in line with what was predicted
 - Endowment Fund numbers that we’re seeing are from last year; Thrivent has changed who has access to this report – Cal has been trying to gain access to this, so we have updated numbers for that fund
 - Our CDs are also gaining good interest
 - o Motion to accept – Kimberly Nichols
 - o Seconded by – Dave Leininger
 - o Report accepted

For Information Only

- N/A

Upcoming Dates

- Maundy Thursday – April 17th (7:00 p.m.)
- Good Friday – April 18th (7:00 p.m.)
- Easter Vigil (including new member welcome) – April 19th (4:30 p.m.)
- Easter Morning Breakfast – April 20th (8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.)
- Easter Sunday Service – April 20th (8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.)

- May Council Meeting – will stick with May 20th; suggestion to add Zoom link just in case those who are out of town can still join if possible

Questions

Prayer/Blessing

Adjourn