

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Agenda
08/19/25 6:30 PM**

Business Meeting: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

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

Absent: Pastor Leta, Melody Mistr

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)
 - **Outside Our Walls (Dave)**
 - July Food Bank Campaign was very successful:
 - Total funds raised: \$8666.44
 - 139.5 lbs of goods were collected and delivered
 - Volunteer event:
 - Received overwhelmingly positive response
 - Would like to continue the momentum with quarterly volunteer opportunities
 - September is Hunger Awareness Month. Possible event planned for this as well.
 - August fundraiser for Putnam Elem ECO week has been going well so far
 - **Upcoming activities:**
 - Sep: Homeward Alliance
 - Focus will be on collecting shoes, socks, and pants, with the theme "These shoes are made for walking"
 - Culminating in the Walk for Hope event on Oct. 4th. This will be coordinated with the Faith and Justice Team
 - There will be volunteer service opportunities provided
 - Oct: Pine Ridge Clothing Drive
 - Looking at expanding to other needs, i.e. diapers
 - Will make concerted effort to collect only needed and usable items
 - **Faith and Justice (Dave)**
 - August activity is an education event titled "Roadmap to Ruin: How the Church Can Resist the Dismantling of Democracy"
 - **Upcoming activities:**
 - Tuesdays, Sept 9 – Oct 28, the Front Range Forum (FRF) presents "An In-depth Exploration of the Movement Known as Christian Nationalism", facilitated by OSLC member Kay Gillespie

- Oct. 4 – Mission to Hope Walk for Homeward Alliance
- Oct. 5 – CROP Hunger Walk
- o **Faith Family Hospitality (Dave)**
 - OSLC is currently housing 4 families from August 17-31
- o **Safety and Security Team (Bill)**
 - Pleased with the attention that CAS (vendor) is still giving us in supporting our needs.
 - The 'ReKey' is scheduled to happen on 8/20, and should help drive people to get a code for entry. Should happen seamlessly. People should reach out to Karyn/Mandy for help getting an assigned code.
 - The Big Monitor will be installed for Staff to watch camera action better.
 - The camera on the garage has a wiring challenge and will be corrected this week.
 - We held Merit off on finishing up the last of the light changes due to Bill's travels and timing with FFH being in the building. Should wrap things up in the first 2 weeks of September.
 - Roy is obtaining costs on additional door closures. Royal is working with the State to see if some of our various items are viewed as "security" items and could be added to our current grant.
 - We will pinpoint \$\$\$ available and costs in September, as we get the direction needed to take action.

Items for Discussion/Action

- Budget Timeline
 - o Looking at September 1 now for initial numbers to come in from the different budget areas
 - o Personnel numbers won't come in until around September 15th
 - o Proposed Budget Committee – Stuart Hennen and Allison Penfield will participate on this committee on behalf of Council
 - Helps to review the budget BEFORE it's brought to Council for review/approval
 - Possible first meeting the week of September 8th
- Nominating Committee – Committee Makeup and New Member Nominees
 - o Proposed Nomination Committee – Pastor Leta, Pastor Michael, Shannon Wagner, Adrienne Watz, and Lynda Lloyd
 - o Please share names of any suggested nominees with Lynda, Shannon, Adrienne, or the Pastors, as well as any specific needs you see regarding skills and/or demographics of Council members who are terming out (Chris Bachman, Melody Mistr, and Shannon Wagner)
- [Trebuchet Updates](#)
 - o Dave and Stu have been reaching out to a few members of the congregation to see who might be willing to participate on this committee
 - o They have a list of 12 they're reaching out to and have a few back-up names in case folks are unable to commit.
 - o The Trebuchet representatives are unable to attend our October 2025 60th Anniversary Celebration – Executive Team was thinking about waiting to kick off the introduction to Trebuchet and their initial, facilitated activity until early 2026, so Trebuchet is physically present
 - Council would like to move forward with the 60th anniversary celebration in Fall 2025, and then have the kickoff to Trebuchet in early January 2026
- Conflict of Interest (COI) Form Completion – completed and turned in during the meeting
- Fall 2025 Stewardship Group Assignment – interviewers/storytelling, service speakers, brochure
 - o Stewardship really kicks off in October and goes until the Congregational Meeting

- o **Interviewers/Storytelling** – going to individuals in the church (with Pastors help) and conducting brief interviews, so we can write stories about them; suggestion by Pastor Michael to start an email chain of OSLC’s “Unsung Heroes”
 - Participants – Lynda Lloyd, Stu Hennen, Kimberly Nichols, Dave Leininger
- o **Service Speakers** – individuals who are willing to present and share an announcement during services
 - Participants – Bill DeHaven
- o **Brochure** – making everything look nice and pretty
 - Participants – Shannon Wagner, Allison Penfield

Actionable Items that Require a Vote

- Approval of [July Minutes](#)
 - o Motion to Approve – Kimberly Nichols
 - o Seconded by – Cal Selig
 - o Motion approved
- Acceptance of [June Treasurer’s Report](#)
 - o Motion to Accept – Allison Penfield
 - o Seconded by – Chris Bachman
 - o June Treasurer’s report accepted
- Acceptance of [July Treasurer’s Report](#)
 - o Motion to Accept – Kimberly Nichols
 - o Seconded by – Lynda Lloyd
 - o July Treasurer’s report accepted
- Request for approval to demonstrate our commitment to “Reconciling in Christ” by directing \$200 from our monthly benevolence as a one-time gift to their organization during an upcoming month that makes the most sense to the Finance Team within the 2025 calendar year.
 - o Motion to Approve – Dave Leininger
 - o Seconded by – Kimberly Nichols
 - o Motion approved

For Information Only

- N/A

Upcoming Dates

- Community Meals – last Wednesday of the month, starting in August (8/27) (5pm-6:30pm)
- September 9th – September Executive Team Meeting
- September 16th – September Council Meeting
- October 5th – return to two Sunday services
- October 10th – OSLC 60th Anniversary Celebration (7pm-9pm)
- November 16th – Fall 2025 Congregational Meeting (9:30am, between services)

Questions

Prayer/Blessing

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