

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Agenda  
09/16/25 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:** Kimberly Nichols

**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](#)
  - Request from Pastor Leta for us to consider whether we'd like to sign the Declaration on behalf of OSLC
  - Discussed moving the 10/14 Executive Team Meeting up a week (10/7) and the October Council Meeting back a week (10/28) due to Pastor Leta's trip to Italy; calendar invitations were updated
    - Shannon will need someone from Executive Team to finalize the October Council agenda since she'll be on a flight back from Idaho on 10/7
- Committee reports (if available)
  - **Security Team (Bill)**
    - Building has been rekeyed. I see that many people are requesting a code for door entry. FFH group had access during their 2-week visit without any problems.
    - All the new or replacement lighting has been completed. I would suggest Merit for any future electrical needs ... they do commercial and residential jobs.
    - CAS is wrapping up the 'big monitor' which Karyn & Mandy will utilize to watch all 7 cameras and activity.
    - Passed on the information to Pastors for possible additional equipment for door closers on the Sanctuary door and ADA equipment too. Current Grant has unspent money that may be accepted as an add-on to the current grant. The ADA paddle equipment is looking like it won't take a new grant.
    - Team has been very focused on getting installations completed.
    - Staff has always helped to get us into the various places on wiring installations and made it work out for everyone in the building - Thanks!
  - **Outside Our Walls (Dave)**
    - August fundraiser for Putnam Elem ECO week raised \$ 4,236.75
    - September's focus is on monetary and clothing donations for Homeward Alliance. This is being done in partnership with Faith & Justice Team, who is promoting the HA Walk for Hope on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - October's activity will be the annual Pine Ridge Clothing Drive

- o **Faith and Justice (Dave)**
  - The “Roadmap to Ruin” educational event was received well. From Beth, “Some great thoughts and action ideas for what the church can do to save democracy came out of that effort.”
  - ISAAC has asked OSLC to join them in supporting the “Declaration by People of Faith In Support of the Lives and Rights of Immigrants”. The team voted to support this declaration.
  - **Upcoming activities:**
    - Oct. 4 – Mission to Hope Walk for Homeward Alliance
    - Oct. 5 – CROP Hunger Walk
- o **Preschool (Lynda)**
  - Enrollment is down a fair bit this year, but it seems to be related to low birthrates after the pandemic
  - Current balance is \$54K
  - There were 11 sub days last year; they’ve asked Anne Seitzenger to be the permanent sub
  - Pastor Leta shared to pass names along to her if anyone knows of someone who would be good to join the Preschool Board

#### **Items for Discussion/Action**

- Trebuchet and Visioning Committee Updates
  - o The committee will be finalized soon; 6 have committed and we’re waiting for final responses from 2 more members
  - o Stu had a conversation with Chris and Diana about upcoming transitions at OSLC – they both feel like now is a good time to continue the ball rolling on the visioning process
  - o Chris and Diana are now planning to attend the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting
- OSLC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Discussion (10/10/25, 7pm-9pm)
  - o Who from Council can take the lead on planning?
    - Shannon has offered to take the lead
    - Need to tap a few volunteers to make some desserts (tiramisu, brownies, etc.)
      - Annie has offered to make a charcutier table (possible budget of \$150)
    - Perhaps Mandy could go to Costco and get some wine, beer, non-alcoholic drinks (possible budget of \$350)
    - Total budget – around \$500
  - o What programmatic pieces would we like to include?
    - Stu and Leta have a meeting with Trebuchet tomorrow (9/17), so they’ll work to develop the Run of Show
    - One goal is to have folks from across the last several decades share stories or memories at the event
- Nominating Committee Updates
  - o A good list of nominees was created; calls are currently being made
  - o We’ll be voting as a council on nominees at the October Council meeting (10/28/25)
  - o The congregation will be voting to accept nominees at the November Congregational Meeting (11/16/25)
- Fall 2025 Stewardship Group Timeline and Deadlines
  - o Shannon/Allie need to ask Mandy for the template; it was developed in Canva

- o Final product/brochure needs to be completed by November 2<sup>nd</sup> so Mandy can print them for the November 16<sup>th</sup> congregational meeting
  - Cal made a suggestion to plug online giving in the brochure
- o **October 22<sup>nd</sup>** – deadline for everyone to have their info to Allie/Shannon
- o Interviewee Suggestions – Ryan White (Stu), Carrie Kaufman (Melody), Lynda Lloyd (Stu)
- Budget Update
  - o Personnel numbers are now available, as well as other areas that still needed estimates
  - o We're looking at about a 2% budget increase overall from this past year's budget
  - o All the numbers should be to Council by October 14<sup>th</sup>

#### **Actionable Items that Require a Vote**

- Approval of [August Minutes](#)
  - o Motion to Approve – Allison Penfield
  - o Seconded by – Lynda Lloyd
  - o Minutes Unanimously Approved
- Acceptance of [August Treasurer's Report](#)
  - o Motion to Accept – Chris Bachman
  - o Seconded by – Bill DeHaven
  - o Treasurer's Report Unanimously Approved

#### **For Information Only**

- Suggestion to update the OSLC Directory
  - o Becky Haberecht has volunteered to take pictures
  - o The Breeze software has the ability for us to print a directory from information that's included in the online directory
  - o Suggestion to have Becky (and possibly John Eisele) pick some dates when they're available to take pictures during Saturday service(s) and between Sunday services

#### **Upcoming Dates**

- Next Wednesday Community Meal – 9/24/25
- October 5<sup>th</sup> – return to two Sunday services (8:30am and 10:30am)
- October 7<sup>th</sup> – OSLC Executive Team Meeting (6pm)
- October 10<sup>th</sup> – OSLC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (7pm-9pm)
- October 12<sup>th</sup> – Celebration for Michael (9:30am, in between services) (Leta will solicit for volunteers to help plan)
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – OSLC Council Meeting (6:30pm)
- November 9<sup>th</sup> – Budget Walkthrough (9:30am, between services)
- November 16<sup>th</sup> – Fall 2025 Congregational Meeting (9:30am, between services)

#### **Questions**

#### **Prayer/Blessing**

#### **Adjourn**