

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
10/28/25 6:30 PM

Business Meeting: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Council Members: Pastor Leta, Chris Bachman, Bill DeHaven, Stuart Hennen, Dave Leininger, Lynda Lloyd, Melody Mistr, Allison Penfield, 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)
 - o Security Team (Bill)
 - New Equipment requested for door openers & ADA controls
 - Still researching the items needed, the costs and whether current items/hardware will work with new features.
 - State has OK'ed the add-on equipment to the Community Doors. Still have questions about the access and flow of a person with needs, on how convenient utilization works.
 - Sanctuary Doors cannot accept mechanical openers and will need to be replaced. Early quotes are between \$4k - \$11k.
 - Need to pass this issue on for help possibly; Bill asked whether Hillside Construction could be contacted for assistance – Pastor Leta shared that they're not interested, but we have other contacts we can reach out to for assistance with the door replacement if/when we move in that direction
 - Action on the Community Doors should be ready soon after a study on EHP again.
 - o Outside Our Walls (Dave)
 - September's shoe and funding drive for Homeward Alliance was a great success! Dozens of pairs of shoes were collected and \$3315 was distributed to HA.
 - October's activity is the annual Pine Ridge Clothing Drive. The list of needed items was expanded this year to include items such as food, toiletries, and diapers.
 - November activities:
 - Nov. 4th is the Pine Ridge clothing drive sorting event. This is a popular event that usually draws 20-30 volunteers to help sort and deliver clothes.
 - Another campaign for Homeward Alliance – this time for handwarmers and for funding to help HA remodel their kitchen at the Murphy Center so they can serve hot meals. They are currently \$10k short of the \$50k needed to complete this project.
 - o Faith and Justice (Dave)
 - SNAP benefits will not be distributed in November due to the government shutdown. This is setting off alarm bells for many aid organizations throughout our nation. The Faith & Justice Team is helping out in 2 ways:
 - Bring awareness to the 100 families who participate in the Fort Collins CWS emergency food assistance program. This includes the Sayed family that our church has helped to support.

- Coordinate with the Larimer County Food Bank for assistance as demand will dramatically increase. The F&J team will be setting up volunteer times for our church to help out, similar to what we did back in July.
- The Interfaith Rally for Immigrant Rights was held on 10/16. Many organizations and individuals signed on to the “Declaration by People of Faith In Support of the Lives and Rights of Immigrants”.
- Over 30 OSLC members attended the Oct. 5th No Kings rally, providing many positive messages and testimony to our faith.
- A “Sanctuary Stained Glass Window Rework or Artwork Task Force” has been created to provide recommendations for updating the stained glass in the sanctuary.
- o Habitat For Humanity (Dave)
 - o The FOCOLU Faith Builders team had a successful day of volunteering at their new work site at Heartside Hill (Lemay & Trilby). They helped with various tasks, including additions to the exterior (e.g., insulation, siding, and painting) and interior (e.g., trim, caulking, painting).
 - o The team is seeking donations of household items for the Habitat ReStore on Taft Hill Rd. They are also encouraging people to purchase ReStore gift cards to give away to people in need.
- o Faith Family Hospitality (Dave)
 - o The OSLC FFH team is looking for a new volunteer coordinator to run our twice annual commitment to host families in need at our church. There will be an information session after both services this Sunday, Nov. 2nd, about the role.

Items for Discussion/Action

- Trebuchet and Visioning Committee Updates
 - o Had a meeting this past week going over outcomes from 60th Anniversary Celebration
 - o Request to please continue to add stories to our timeline wall/storyboard in the Fellowship Hall
 - o The committee will be reaching out to members of our community who may have challenges coming to church to see if they have stories they’d like to share, too
- Nominating Committee Updates
 - o Karen Wulff – 1-year term
 - o Kris Brown – 3-year term
 - o Valerie Mohanan – 3-year term
 - o Motion to approve – Cal Selig
 - o Seconded by – Dave Leininger
 - o An email vote will be conducted for last nominee once they’re identified and confirmed
- Fall 2025 Stewardship Group Timeline and Deadlines
 - o Mandy needs the final product by November 3rd
 - o Allison will put together the first draft and Shannon will assist
- [2026 Budget Review and Discussion](#)
 - o Cal reviewed all the sections of the 2026 budget
 - o Motion to approve – Chris Bachman
 - o Seconded by – Melody Mistr
- Part-Time Youth Position
 - o Maggie Nieberger is interested in a part-time youth position with us to help with Wednesday night activities; would focus on middle and high school youth on Wednesday nights and help to coordinate logistical tasks throughout the week
 - o Council supports Pastor Leta’s selection of Maggie to be our new interim Youth Coordinator

Actionable Items that Require a Vote

- Approval of [September Minutes](#)
 - o Motion to approve – Chris Bachman
 - o Seconded by – Allison Penfield
 - o Minutes approved
- Acceptance of [September Treasurer’s Report](#)
 - o Motion to accept – Dave Leininger
 - o Seconded by – Lynda Lloyd

- o Treasurer's Report unanimously accepted
- 2026-2027 Internship Opportunity
 - o Amanda (Mandy) Toms is interested in serving as a pastoral intern with our congregation
 - o Council discussed and showed support for Pastor Leta to move forward with exploring this option
 - o Motion to continue moving forward with exploring a 2026-2027 internship opportunity with Amanda (Mandy) Toms – Stu Henne
 - o Seconded by – Allison Penfield

For Information Only

- N/A

Upcoming Dates

- November 9th – Initial 2026 Budget Review Meeting (9:30am, in between services)
- November 11th – Executive Team Meeting (6:00pm)
- November 16th – Fall 2025 Congregational Meeting (9:30am, between services)
- November 18th – OSLC Council Meeting (6:30pm)

Questions

Prayer/Blessing

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