

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Agenda
07/21/26 6:30 PM**

Business Meeting: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Council Members: Pastor Leta Behrens, Kris Brown, Bill DeHaven, Stuart Hennen, Bill Kraich, Dave Leininger, Lynda Lloyd, Val Monahan, Allison Penfield, Cal Selig, Cory Seymour, Elisa Sherman, Karen Wulff

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
 - o [Community Outreach](#)
 - o [Constitution/bylaws task force update](#)
 - o Property Committee
 - Approval from city to explore xeriscaping, more to come
 - Putting a shade up over the back patio
 - o Columbarium Committee
 - Expansion of columbarium and garden, stone has been donated but will need to work on fundraising for the rest of the expansion, goal is to get it done in the next year
 - Will connect with Property Committee as a first step
 - o Flea Market
 - Got a grant from Thrivent for \$250 to provide lunch for workers

Items for Discussion/Action

- Elisa Sherman has accepted a 2.5-year term to Council starting July 21, 2026.
- Visioning
 - o Three areas of focus:
 - People feeling known/noticed/connected
 - Ministry fair table for folks to explore creating their own small groups
 - Building upon intergenerational relationships
 - o “Adopt a home-bound member” program
 - o Mentoring group pairing members with youth – build on what we have with confirmation mentoring, work with Maggie to see what we could do
 - o Sewing circle – older members can teach youth to sew
 - Ice breakers/games as ways to help folks get to know each other
 - Opportunities for story telling – create some kind of newsletter
 - Community service as an expression of faith
 - Create a directory of groups that exist at church
 - Starting Social Ministries Committee
 - o Get reps for each community service committee together to share what they're doing and look for areas of intersection and authentic coordination
 - Welcoming Committee to be revamped and reignited

- Create systems that lift Leta up and allow her the space to do the work only she can do
 - People able to connect a need in the community with a group that exists here
- Meaningful worship
 - Using new screen as tool for recognition of the good works happening
 - o Celebrations of achievements big and small – a running list of announcements
 - Upgraded on audio system will hopefully allow for folks with hearing impairments to connect more fully during worship
 - Empower Leta to continue to welcome guest preachers
 - o Invite folks to preach on specific Sundays (ie: mothers on Mother's Day, fathers on Father's Day, etc)
 - o Make an ask for people who would like to step in and preach
 - o Take the things off Leta's plate that we can – how can we help? What can we do?
 - Continued support for remaining at one Sunday service
- o Next steps:
 - Council members will look over ideas from tonight's meeting and at next meeting we will choose two or three initiatives to move forward in the next year.
 - Can liaisons to committees ask for someone from their committees to serve on a Social Ministry Committee?
- Council announcement about staying at one service
 - o "After thoughtful deliberation, the Council has decided to remain at one service on Sundays. During the visioning process we heard a desire for people feeling known, noticed, and connected and for an increase in educational opportunities. By going to one service on Sundays, we believe we will accomplish these goals. Our Saturday service will remain the same. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to a council member – you can find us with the blue dots on our nametags."
- Conversations with Council
 - o Do we want to make it a once a quarter or some other cadence?
 - Every other month – Saturday on even months and Sunday on odd months
 - Second Saturday/Sunday of the month
 - Sat, 8/8
 - Sun, 9/13
- Set date for Congregational Meeting
 - o Meeting to vote on new council members and the budget
 - o December 6 at 10:30 am
- Ministry Fair is August 23rd
 - o Council will have a table
 - o Need some support in getting other ministries on board
 - Table for small group formation – Karen taking lead
 - o Share with congregation what we're doing with the vision process – here's the 2-3 initiatives we're moving forward on this year.
 - Show how we're turning aspirations to action
- Financial Updates
 - o Bank accounts moving to Bank of Colorado
 - o Close out CDs with First Bank and will set up new ladder with Bank of Colorado
 - o Will need to ask additional congregation members to participate in financial review – 4 at a minimum, preferably 6 people on the review committee

Actionable Items that Require a Vote

- Motion to appoint Elisa Sherman to a 2.5-year term on Council starting July 21, 2026.
 - Motion to approve – Kris Brown
 - Seconded by – Lynda Lloyd
 - Motion approved
- Motion to set Congregational Meeting for December 3, 2026 following the 9:30 am service
 - Motion to approve – Kris Brown
 - Seconded by – Cory Seymour
 - Motion approved
- Approval of [June Minutes](#)
 - Motion to approve – Cal Selig
 - Seconded by – Cory Seymour
 - Motion approved
- Acceptance of [June Treasurer's Report](#)
 - Motion to accept – Kris Brown
 - Seconded by – Stu Hennen
 - Report accepted

For Information Only

- N/A

Upcoming Dates

- August 1st – Mandy Tom's first day of service
- August 8th – Conversations with Council (after Saturday service at 4:30pm)
- August 11th – OSLC Executive Team Meeting (6:00pm)
- August 18th – OSLC Council Meeting (6:30pm)
- August 23rd – Ministry Fair following 9:30 service

Questions

Prayer/Blessing

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