Salem Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2025

We exist with God’s help, to provide Leadership for Salem Lutheran Church.

MSC=The motion was seconded and carried.

Call to Order

Members Present: Pastor Amanda Kempthorne, Mark Boike, Lynn Hansen, Sherri Godfrey, Don Hales, Sylvia Hoge, Julie Fritz

Members Absent: Alan Niemann, Nate Van Risseghem, Tina Royer

Opening Prayer: Pastor Amanda

SOS announcement: 1 SOS was addressed. At 6:35pm the group went into the Executive Session. MSC. At 7:19 MSC to come out of Executive Session.

Discussion Questions for Chapter 4 of Unlocking Your Church’s Invite Culture were deferred until the June meeting

Approval of the Agenda:

Addition to the agenda. Request from quilters, Listening Session of May 18

Motion to approve the amended May 22 agenda, MSC

Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve the April 24,2025 meeting minutes with one small change. MSC

Approval of Financials:

Motion to approve the April 2025 financial report. MSC

Pastor’s Report – Pastor Amanda:

Wrapping up end of year programs

Summer Worship Planning – Praise Team new on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Home Communion Visitors, calling visitors and recipients, will meet and match

Vacation June 5–8, working on guest preacher (have asked 5 so far)

Outdoor worship at Serpent Park, June 29

Outreach Report – Julie. Shelves and racks from JoAnn’s were purchased and have been used in the store to better organize the products. The group is looking for a fall service project for GWOH (God’s work. Our Hands) the first week in September.

Committee Reports:

Capital Appeal – Sherri May 13 met. MSC to give ½ funds made from Deerwood Day to Capital Appeal and ½ to Church General Fund

Columbarium – Alan, Don 2 meetings- planned planting and then planted. Also decorated the Cemetery. Wood was stained and all matches now.

Facilities- Nate- Meet on June 1

Faith Formation –Sylvia- May 18 Sunday school finished. VBS July 14-19. Kids club finished May 21. Looking at getting Plinko game with prizes and Face Painting during Deerwood Days

Memorial – Don. Approved camperships. June 8 is next meeting.

Spiritual Gifts – Alan- Looking for members

Technology – Julie-Some computers need Windows 11

Welcome – Tina no report

Worship and Music – Julie- The committee would like to buy some new music.

\*\*\*Motion to purchase music for up to $250 from account 2410- MSC

Old Business:

* Home Communion- see pastor report
* Thrivent Dollars- no need to address today
* Parents Night Off- no report
* Deerwood Days- Looking for donations. Have a donation of a car.

\*\*\*There is a motion to support the Capital Appeal motion that ½ the church proceeds from the Deerwood Days silent auction be given to capital appeal, and ½ to general church fund. MSC.

New Business:

* 2026 Stewardship and Budgeting Process and Timeline: Council members were given a draft copy.
* Request from Quilters: The quilters will be donating a quilt to the Deerwood Days silent auction. They have the quilt ready for machine quilting which will cost some money. They are requesting $75 from the Deerwood Days/Summerfest budget to get this done.

\*\*\*\*Motion to use up to $75 from Summerfest/Deerwood Days Account 2370 to finish the quilt the quilters are making for the silent auction. MSC.

* Listening Session – Requests from the session: Is there a way to turn off speaker before church so Facebook doesn’t hear? Yes. Is there a way to have the bells ring at 9am not 8:55am so the prelude is not interrupted? Items will be taken to Worship and Music.

Announcements:

Executive Team Meeting: June 19, 2025, Next Council Meeting: June 26, 2025

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:10pm

Closed in Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Fritz