Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council Minutes
July 21, 2026
6:30 pm

"God's family working together to welcome all."

Attendance:
Kerry Melby- Absent with notification
Jaimie Rudolph- Absent with notification
Lisa Cook- In person
Joe Jackowski- In person
Amanda Bell- In person
Mark Teslik- In person
Angela Pace- In person
Jeff Johnson- In person
Pastor Jaime Benson- In person

1. Dwelling in the Word – Pr. Jaime Matthew 13: 31-33; 44-52
2. **Call to Order by Lisa Cook at 7:00 p.m.**
3. Prayer
4. Approval of the Agenda
   Motion made by Amanda Bell
   Second by Angela Pace
   Motion carried.
5. Approval of Last Month's Minutes –
   Motion made by Jeff Johnson
   Second by Joe Jackowski
   Motion carried.
6. Pastor Report
7. Committee Reports
   Finance Report – Pastor Jaime said that 1. General Business a. Sign Update first sentence is inaccurate in that the bill was in but the money for the sign bill was allocated in the Memorial Fund.
8. Approval of Committee Reports –
   Motion made by Amanda Bell
   Second by Angela Pace
   Motion carried.
9. Old Business
   a. Columbarium - July 7 commission meeting- approved, July 21 township meeting-Brad Cook attending on our behalf, we spent $400 for township work and a possible $100 still going to county engineer. After July 21 meeting forms will go to the county board for final approval.

      Action Required: The July 21 meeting of the township approved or Columbarium project (per text from Brad during the council meeting) allowing it to go before the

County Board for approval. Brad Cook will get this on their agenda for the next meeting (August?).

b. Water Schedule – 3 main people have been doing it, need people for 3 wks in Aug.
Action Required: We still need to round up some volunteers for August**.** Notice is in Chimes and Joe will check with Amy to ensure we have a slide in the Sunday service announcements for volunteers.
The council asked if we can consider an automated system with soaker hoses, sprinklers and timed watering, including the garden area and pots. Joe Jackowski will bring this up to the Property Committee for investigation and action.

c. Reminder – group photo at August meeting
Action Required: Joe Jackowski is unable to attend the August council meeting. The photo of the church council members was moved to August 16th after the Sunday service.

10. New Business

a. Del recommends that we wait to replace another air handler until it is definitely needed. We have redundancy now so that if one goes out, it will not be an emergency situation. This allows us to raise more money and get every bit out of the old air handlers.
Action Required: Agreed to hold off until the need arises. No action required other than continuing fundraising.

b. Amy suggests a hygiene drive in September and the food drive in October due to the Craft Fair in November and December being a busy month for folks.
Action Required: Council agreed that we could do this. A good Global Ministry project as there is a need for teen hygiene products as well as hygiene products available for the food pantry. Create a master list for our hygiene kits, teen needs and food pantry.

11. Adjourn—

Motion made by Amanda Bell

Second by Pr. Jaime

Motion carried and meeting ended at 7:46 p.m.

12. Lord's Prayer