

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Council Minutes**  
**April 22, 2025**  
**6:30 pm**

*“God’s family working together to welcome all.”*

Attendance:

Kerry Melby- In person  
Jaimie Rudolph- In person  
Kory Anderson- Absent with notification  
Lisa Cook- In person  
Joe Jackowski- In person  
Amanda Bell- In person  
Mark Teslik- Absent with notification  
Pastor Jaime Benson- In person  
Geoff Gilbert- In person

1. Dwelling in the Word – Pr. Jaime
2. **Call to Order by Geoff Gilbert at 6:57 p.m.**
3. Prayer
4. Approval of the Agenda—Added two topics – one from finance area, future funding, and second one July 20th worship in the park. **Motion made by Kerry Melby to approve the proposed agenda with the two additions, second by Amanda Bell. Motion carried.**
5. Approval of Last Month’s Minutes – **Motion by Amanda Bell, second by Kerry Melby to approve last month’s minutes as written.**
6. Pastor Report
7. Committee Reports
8. Approval of Committee Reports – **Motion by Kerry Melby, second by Joe Jackowski to approve committee reports. Motion carried.**
9. Old Business
  - a. Council Vacancy—referrals welcome, one year term to fill due to Brian moving.
  - b. Plant Sales will be May 18 not May 4 due to volunteer help. Donations should be made out to the ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
10. New Business
  - a. QPR Training
    - i. Brainstormed variety of approaches to offering this training. 60 min presentation, maybe 30 min more for questions, 90 min commitment. Training with staff/teachers or discussed training with confirmation kids and their parents potentially. Sept early is suicide prevention week, could tie this to the walk at the HS. Lisa is going to check the dates and will bring add’l details in the future.
  - b. Camp Scholarships – see attachments. **Kerry Melby made a motion to disperse the scholarship funds to the applicants. Lisa Cook made a second and the motion carried.**
  - c. Hwy clean-up set for May 3rd at 9:00 am

- d. Congregational Potluck set for May 4th at 10:00 am
  - e. Graduate Recognition set for May 18th with fellowship hour in their honor.
  - f. Future funding—Church treasurer, Steve McNeal will attend the next three council meetings to share various topics.
  - g. July 20th worship in the park – Love Our Neighbors week and then outdoor Sunday service. The next week after that is the outdoor service at the County Fair. Discussed and agreed these are great ways to reach out and interact with the community. Discussed likely drop in givings with outdoor service/lower attendance, but agreed we can communicate ahead of time and encourage people to attend Wednesday or mail/drop offering if Sunday won't work.
11. Adjourn— **Kerry Melby made a motion to adjourn, Joe Jackowski made a second, motion carried and meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.**
12. Lord's Prayer