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

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

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

1. Dwelling in the Word – Pr. Jaime
2. **Call to Order by Kerry Melby at 6:48 p.m.**
3. Prayer
4. Approval of the Agenda—**Motion made by Joe to approve the proposed agenda, second by Lisa. Motion carried.**
5. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – **Motion by Lisa to approve with the amendment of the payment of the columbarium permit, second by Joe to approve last month's minutes as written.**
6. Pastor Report
7. Committee Reports
8. Approval of Committee Reports – **Motion by Jeff, second by Angela to approve committee reports. Motion carried.**
9. Old Business
    a. Funding Forward – Kerry & Amanda
    b. Highway sign – congregation choice is option #2 with the blue background
        i. Joe is working with Two Rivers on date/next steps.
    c. Treasurer – Ben Rudolph has filled this role
    d. Pancake Breakfast – Amanda – signs ups out working through final details, spread the word, Amy has posted on Facebook and so have others.
    e. Music – Jeff- unknown what specifics this was so Jeff will bring back to future meeting if needed.
10. New Business
    a. Council pictures (Angie & Jeff – individual; Entire group)
    b. Columbarium – Kerry—Conditional use permit turned in last week, paid with donation.
    c. Prevent Suicide – seeking donation, see attached. **Joe made motion to donate $150 to Prevent Suicide Columbia County, Lisa second, motion carried.**
    d. Frequency of volunteer heavy events – see attached.

i. Discussed spreadsheet and a few additional metrics would be helpful so we can better understand the overall hours and people needed to organize and execute these. Also discussed a calendar view to review and consider any modifications.

11. Adjourn— **Jeff made a motion to adjourn, Joe second, motion carried and meeting ended at 7:58 p.m.**
12. Lord's Prayer