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Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2026 **|** 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM | On Zoom

Attendance: **Present:** Breanna Dauphinee; Aileen Robbins; Jeff Gerstenberger; Ralph Jones; Lisa Klima; Andy Mitchell; Kacy Treadwell Collins; Sheri Treadwell Collins; Paul Williams
Absent: Carol Dunn; Joanne Neimi

Devotions and Prayer: **Leader:** Lisa Klima
Theme(s): Reliance upon God (Proverbs 3:5)

Agenda Review:
- Paul had mentioned a few things (Parking lot, removal of additional pews). While Paul isn't here, we could discuss the parking lot.
- Ralph asked about the Bells, which Andy will discuss during the financial reports.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: **June 11,2026 Council Meeting** minutes were accepted as written

Financial Reports: **June 2026 Reports:**
- We're at the 50% mark for the year, for both income and expenses.
- Our trends are seeming pretty close to our expected income and expenses.
- There was some concern a few months ago. With last month and this month, there is greater comfort based on trends

Bell Refurbishment - Final Accounting:
- The total expense was $8944.60.
- 8,362.50 went directly to Schulmerich.
- $582.10 in transportation (from W&M operating Budget).
- $3362.50 came from the Memorial Fund.
- $5,000 came from the Music Designated Fund.
- Bree will bring an action item for Worship and Music about better care for the bells after each use. Along

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with an effort to drive increased interest and participation in Bell Choir.

Ministry Team Reports: **Property:**

- **AED Purchase:** Paul sent an email with a suggested AED kit to purchase. The question was asked about it being a wise purchase, and considering how to budget for the purchase:
  - It seems like a good investment with several visitors coming and going, the age of the congregation, and concerns for liability. Cost is considered negligible when it comes to life saving measures.
  - Council is in agreement that this is a wise investment. We could:
    - Purchase it this year
    - Wait until January and plan in the 2027 budget for planning.
    - Purchase using funds from the Memorial Fund.
  - Purchase sooner than later would be preferred.
  - **Sheri Treadwell Collins made a motion to spend up to $2,000 from the Memorial Fund for an AED. All of the council in favor.**
- **Parking Lot:** Money was allocated in the Operating Budget to seal the parking lot. It was asked if it made sense to still complete this work.
  - The finance team suggests that it may be wise to move forward with this spending. The concern is potentially increased repair costs if we wait another year.
  - The cost includes everything that needs to be done, including restriping.
  - **Lisa Kilima made a motion and Sheri Treadwell Collins seconded to approve the quote from College Bound Sealers for $9,275 to reseal and restripe the parking lot. All of council in favor**

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- **Pew Removal**: there have been requested that 2 additional rows of pews be removed and more chairs are added. We agreed that it wouldn't make sense to purchase more of the old-style chairs at this point in time, but there may be enough chairs around to replace one pew. Paul will come with more information at our September 10 meeting.

Other Business: **El Shaddai Update:**

- Met with Monique to visit the building.
- The tutoring program meets on Wednesdays and Thursday's and would make use of the Conference Room, Fellowship Hall, Youth Room, and Choir Room.
- There doesn't seem to be a concern with conflicting times with the choir(s).
- 4 children are paired with 1 tutor.
- There was a request for desk space (in the office next to Aileen's).
- Youth room clean out and space will be coordinated with Larry.
- Pastor will work with Willie to coordinate space for 2 tables for Chrome Books in the Choir Room.
- The hope to move in the second week of August, and start the first week of October.
- There was a request to check on transportation needs/ requirements. There was also a request to discuss our policy on child safety, and a required participation in our anti- harassment training, for consistency with the scouts. It would be beneficial for this to be consistent across groups. Aileen to follow up with El Shaddai. Jeff to work on modified Building Use Agreement.
- It is proposed that if answers are agreeable with what we need, and updated of forms. As long as everything including child safety requirements and anti-harassment training is signed in a building use form, council is fine with voting on this after over email.

Membership Roll Review:

- It will be beneficial to get this done.
- Pastor is aiming for this to be done in September.

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Goal Setting Update:

- The bub-team met on June 17.
- The first topic was what makes a good goal. They should be strategic congregation-level goals intentionally moving us in a direction.
- There was then a review of existing goals to review what still needs to be worked on, restructured, reworded, or don't really fit in with other goals.
- Identified goals from the workshop were discussed.
- Some of the existing goals (planning fun activities and finding fun in worship) might be combined into a new goal about building stronger relationships with our members and friends.
- Also explored things that might be missing. One being equipping lay leadership with roles in the church.

70th Anniversary Celebration:

- It is important to Sandy for travel costs and honoraria for requested preachers be included in the budget.
- It is also requested that we have a lodge
- Sandy suggested that we budget $6,600.
- It was suggested that we allow Sandy to begin planning, but also consider what the budget would be able to carry.
- There is some concern about assuming that we'd pay or budget for the travel expense.
- It was suggested that we could invite contributions towards a travel fund.
- Andy will talk to Sandy and relay Council's concerns and unlikelihood to commit to travel reimbursement.

Next Meeting: September 10, 2026 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m
Extended Report: Stewardship
Devotions & Prayer: Carol Dunn
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Closing Prayer: Lisa Klima

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