

BADGER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Attendees: Allison McBride, Mike Bruen, Pastor Meier, Brent Larson, Michael Hendren, Renae Gebers, Abee Kelleher and Michelle Hendren.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:01, by Allison McBride.

Devotion and Prayer: Matthew 10:29- 30 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs on your head are all numbered.

God knows the sound wave of every cricket's chirp, and the details of every strand of DNA in every living creature. God knows every step of the path in every life and every obstacle that you face. You are not going through life alone. God is walking with you. No corner of your life is beyond his reach. The Lord's heart toward you is always good. God's love to you endures forever.

Secretary Report: The Church Council approved June 2025 minutes. Motion to approve made by Renae Gebers, seconded by Michael Hendren.

Financial Secretary Report: May finances were reported by Allison McBride, General Bank Balance \$8,514.43, Memorial Bank Account Balance \$121,408.50, Youth Bank Account Balance \$26,879.36, Total Income \$15,638.49, Total Expenses \$14,305.78. With the approval of the Financial Report Allison would like to ask for more clarity on the business dealings. Motion to approve by Brent Larson, seconded by Mike Bruen.

Pastor's Report: Reported by Pastor Scott,

Month of July – Prepped 4day devotional for Boundary Water's Canoe trip, copies made and copies for each student and leader were laminated.

Baptism preparation for Three brothers, Taylor, Hudson and Hunter (baptized on July 20) – sons of Ashley and Kaleb Edge, nephews of Samatha McClintock.

Funeral prep and funeral service for Donna Sankey.

Registered both Pastor Scott and Kim to attend the LCMC Annual Gathering, held this year in Lakeville, Minnesota at Hosanna Lutheran Church. (next year, in Des Moines)

Pastoral Care for several congregation members in grief and/or health crisis. Communion Visits to those in care facilities and those who are homebound.

Commission Reports:

Business Management: Reported by Allison McBride, the price for the Youth Canoe Trip was less than what was expected. The expected \$9,000.00 and it was around \$5,000.00.

Properties: Reported by Mike Bruen, the flooring project is done. The Tuck-Pointing contract is signed and they will begin sometime in September. They are still going to try to paint the Parsonage this fall.

Education: Reported by Renae Gebers, they have the bibles for Kick-Off Sunday (Sunday 7, 2025). She is working on getting prepped for Sunday School.

Youth: Reported by Brent Larson, June 29th we went to Gowrie, Wheels of GYC in conjunction with First Presbyterian. It was a great event! Boundary Waters Canoe trip was July 29th – August 2nd. Everyone had a great time, lots of stories! August 24th Clark Fletcher and Larry Hall will have a presentation from the trip. They also would like to have the participants of the Canoe Trip there to thank the congregation for financially supporting the trip. Also, after Worship on August 24th will be Fort Frenzy from 11:00am to 1:30pm. The Big Daddy Weave concert was great and everyone enjoyed it. Selah will be the next concert, March 28, 2026. September 21st or the 28th we would like to have a game and arts and crafts event. First Presbyterian will also be involved with this event.

Worship, Music & Arts: Reported by Abee Kelleher, she is going to drop a Kick Off Sunday poster off at AFES and also the gym. The Backpack Blessing is August 24th and she made key chains to hang on the backpacks. Sunday 14th is the Church Picnic at Kennedy Park. Abee is looking for volunteers to set up or take down. Renae asked Abee to make a list of what she needs and send it to the commissioners for help. November 2nd which is All Saints Day Abee would like to put together an impact statement, “How does God show himself to you?” Allison also brought up do we want to do a video of pictures again in the All-Saints Memorial? Allison will reach out to Larry to see if he would like to do that again.

Membership & Outreach: Reported by Michael Hendren, he was the delivery driver for the Lunch Program. He thought it was a tremendous program. His commission is now prepping for Kick off Sunday. He asked that all commission be there to help serve. He needs to ask Clark and Sandy for a sign; Michelle will be working the tickets that will be handed out. He will also get in touch with Steve Johanson to cook the pulled pork. Mike McBride will bring ice cream bars. Mike Bruen will do baked beans. Missions will be bringing the chips. Worship, Music & Arts will provide the buns. Mark Wertz (City of Badger) will provide picnic tables. Allison wondered if we could add in a “Bike to Church” with Kick Off Sunday.

Missions: Reported by Renae Gebers, she suggested we give recognition to our Sunday School teachers on Kick Off Sunday. She is going to email Jim in regards to the Missions Report. No money should be going into the BLC Mission Fund. There are only 5 missions this year. Missions will plan to work with Membership & Outreach for Kick Off Sunday.

New Business: Allison asked where we are at with the Norwegian Supper. The schedule for the Lefse & cookie baking will be out September 7th. The Norwegian Supper will be held Saturday, November 8th at 4:00pm.

Old Business: The Website is up and running. Allison asked if we could laminate the QR Code for the pews and also for events that we have. Brent would like to have the Bulletin and the Newsletter in PDF form so it can be printed out. Allison also asked about the stage curtains and if they were going to be changed out. Mike Bruen is looking into other options.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Allison McBride, Seconded by Michael Hendren

Next Council Meeting will be September 11, 2025 at 7:00pm.