

BADGER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday, October 9, 2025

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

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

Devotion and Prayer: Psalm 91:1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

In general, we have houses for our bodies that we put a lot of thought into. Small or large, we paint and decorate and furnish as best we can, but we don't think very much about the house of our soul. It is like saying that our soul is in a hillside shanty, where the night wind chills us and the rain soaks us. Is it any wonder the world is so full of hearts that are cold. Doesn't have to be this way. We don't have to house our soul in a shack. It's not God's plan for your heart to roam like a Bedouin. God wants you to move in with Him – out of the exposure to all kinds of weather. Yes, With Him! Under God's roof there is space available and you have a place set at His table. In His Living Room you have a wonderful recliner chair reserved for you. And the Lord Most High would like you to rest in His protection and share His home. Why? Why? Simple, He's your Father.

Secretary Report: The Minutes from September were reviewed and approved by Brent Larson and Mike Bruen.

Financial Secretary Report: Financial Secretaries Report reported by Jim Vinsand, the General Bank Account balance is \$1,535.91, Memorial Bank Account Balance is \$118,910.32, The Youth Bank Account Balance is \$22,253.73, the total income was \$10,618.68 and the total expenses were \$26,207.96.

Pastor's Report: Month of September 2025 – As the new school year begins, the schedule at Badger Lutheran changes from the summer months. Confirmation class starts again, we have three 8th grade students, no 7th grade this year. And we have four 9th grade students preparing for Confirmation of the Faith on Sunday, October 26. Class day schedules for the year are established. Had a Baptism for Archer Hiatt, parents Andrea and Conner Hiatt of Manson. Prepared for the Guest Speaker, Dr. Michael Herts, Chosen People Ministry and hosted him one night at the parsonage. Pastoral Care for several congregation members in grief and/or health crisis. Home visits for Holy Communion. Of course, all the regular assignments – Newsletter Article, Prep for Sunday Worship, and Sermons and PowerPoint slides.

Commission Reports:

Business Management: Reported by Jim Vinsand, please get in touch with Jim regarding any changes to the individual Commission budgets. October 7th is the 1-year anniversary for Michelle.

Properties: Reported by Mike Bruen, the Tuck Point was finished. They charged us for twenty stones and fixed 47. They used all the stone that we owned, so we are out. Unfortunately, they found approximately 200 more stones that are damaged. The area in the Bell tower has some of the worse damage. The company will work with us on a progressive plan to fix the damage. Mike may look at a trip to Mankato for more stone. They also worked on the Cross on the east side. There is some Spalling which is breaking, chipping, peeling or flaking of concrete. We will try to get the parsonage painted also this fall. The Norwegian Supper is 75% sold out.

Education: Reported by Allison McBride, Confirmation Sunday is October 26th, Rachel will teach Sunday School on that date. It is different from when it was announced in the Newsletter and the Bulletin. We will have Pastor on Sunday make the announcement change. We will change it in the Bulletin. No Sunday School the Sunday after Thanksgiving. We will have the Children's Christmas Program on December 14th during church. There will be a practice on December 9th and the 13th. The Christmas Program will follow the True North Vacation Bible School theme. Sara will call all of the children who went to Vacation Bible School, who don't come to church regularly to ask if they would like to participate in the program. Renae asked if we will be serving Breakfast after the Christmas Program? She will ask Sara. Michael added if they needed help with that, Membership & Outreach would not mind helping out.

Youth: Reported by Brent Larson. We will have a Youth Craft/Game Day after the Christmas Program on Dec. 14th at 10:30am. Brent reminded Abee that the First Presbyterian Youth are welcome to participate in the monthly youth events at Badger Lutheran Church. We had a youth event on October 5th. We played games and did crafts. The next youth event is November 9th. We will have a can drive to benefit the local food bank. He is waiting for Winter Jam concert tickets to go on sale. The "Monster Jam" monster truck show is Saturday, April 11, at 1 pm at the Casey's Center in Des Moines. Tickets go on sale October 14th. Brent is looking for someone to volunteer to drive and chaperone for this trip to Des Moines since he is unable to participate.

Worship, Music & Arts: Reported by Abee Kelleher, Abee asked when would be a good date to decorated the church for Christmas. We will make an announcement for volunteers for December 7th. Michelle will be in charge of ordering Poinsettias.

Membership & Outreach: Reported by Michael Hendren, nothing to report.

Missions: Reported by Renae Gebers, she shared the date on Facebook for Feed My Starving Children Mobile Food Pack which is December 6th. They are excepting new Mission request. The deadline for that is December 15th.

New Business: Michelle shared Stats for the social media, the Website, Facebook, YouTube ect.

Allison also had a call from someone who was in need of baby items and if the church could announce it. We will put it in the Bulletin/Newsletter to help. We would need this by May of 2026.

Michelle asked if whoever the weekly Usher is if they could make sure they do a count.

Allison also came up with suggestions for financial options to cut in our budget.

Old Business: We are waiting for the proposal from Larry Hall for the Sound System for the church. He will have something put together for the November Council Meeting. Allison asked if any of the commissioners have spoken with their commission about "End of Term."

Allison wanted approval for the date for the annual meeting. Allison suggested February 8th. We would have to put the information in the Bulletin/Newsletter and also post a couple of signs. Jim is also working on the budget.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Abee Kelleher and seconded by Michael Hendren
Next Council Meeting will be November 13, 2025 at 7:00pm.

Submitted by Michelle Hendren