

**Cross of Christ Lutheran
Church Council Minutes**

June 17, 2025

6:00 pm

Mission Statement: “As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and deed, inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.”

Officers	P	A	Pastors	P	A	Cabinet	P	A	Cabinet	P	A
Sandy Erickson (President)	X		Pr. Dana Jackson	X		Steve Halvorson (Finance)		X	Ellen Hongerholt (Stewardship)	X	
Brad Hongerholt (Vice President)	X					Jessica Brand (Youth & Family)	X		Ron Evenson (Personnel)	X	
Marsha Benson (Council Secretary)	X					Michael Markegard (C of C Building)	X		Kathy Olson (Worship & Music)	X	
Patrick Forsyth (Financial Admin.)		X				Chuck Halvorson (C of C Grounds)	X		Heather Reay (Education)	X	
Karen Christensen (Financial Secretary)		X				Mike Berg (Evangelism)	X		Wayne Runningen (Stone Church)	X	
						Lyn Halvorson (Chair WELCA)	X		Claire Reay (Youth Rep)		X

1) Call to order – 6:00 pm

President: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Council: Amen.

2) Devotions – Pastor Dana Jackson

3) Review of the Agenda

4) Reports –

a. Pastor’s Report: Pastor Dana’s doctor has given her permission to work 6-7 hours per day depending upon systems which can fluctuate day to day with an allowance of a 10-minute rest very hour, if needed. She will be re-evaluated in approximately 2 months.

b. President’s Report: No Report

- c. Secretary's Report: Ron made a motion to accept May 20, 2025, church council meeting minutes, seconded by Ellen. Motion approved unanimously.
- d. Treasurer's Report: We are about \$2,000 ahead of where we predicted, even though giving is down. Patrick and Steve met with our insurance representative from Church Mutual. Notable information from said meeting is that premium increase is likely. The representative suggested raising our deductibles and advised updating an electrical issue. We are reviewing investments (endowments), with regards to performance and risk. Patrick submitted information that an account was opened at Rushford State Bank. Brad made a motion to accept the financial report, seconded by Mike B. The motion was approved unanimously.

5) Cabinet Report's –

- a. Education: There will not be Vacation Bible School since there aren't volunteers. We are offering church camp to everyone instead, even new campers.
- b. Evangelism: Mike B. stated that they had picked up 177 pounds of food from the Hunger Task Force. They receive everything on Laurie's list except the milk.
- c. Finance: Sandy relayed that Steve had informed her about raising the deductibles on our insurances. She said that the finance committee is reviewing our investment report.
- d. Personnel: Things are going well with our new custodian. While he will be on vacation, we only need to have someone mop the kitchen, which Ron said he would take care of.
- e. C of C Grounds: The parking marking in front of the church is done and in the correct direction. Brad Hongerholt, Steve Halverson, Chuck Halverson and Bob Gaustad volunteered their time and talents for this project. The cost was \$106. Beth George was given \$47.00 from the Memorial Garden fund to purchase flowers for the Memorial Garden. The holes in the logs will still need to be filled.
- f. C of C Building: There are no longer any fuses in use at Cross of Christ. Willet Stained Glass Studios provided Mike with 3 bids to repair the stained glass windows. One bid includes everything, one bid includes everything except the front windows and the third bid would include leaving one window on each side openable. If requested, someone can come to the July meeting. Winona Controls provided a bid for preventative maintenance. Lyn made a motion to accept Winona Controls quote at an annual cost of \$5,575.00. Chuck seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Stone Church & Cemetery: The front base of the steps and back stucco base needs painting. The Stone Church Board approved \$6,600 for Randy

Bierbauer to do the painting. The trimming of the shrubs has been done. One dead shrub was removed.

- h. Stewardship and Mission: A meeting is scheduled for the end of June. We will see how the bids come in on the stain glass repair. The committee will wait on creating a bulletin on the needs of the church.
 - i. Worship and Music: Monday night services are going well. There were 31 at the last Monday night service.
 - j. Youth and Family: No Report
 - k. WELCA: Thank you to Mike M. for fixing the kitchen faucet. The “Meet Up & Eat Up’ is going well. There were 60 kids and 80 kids fed the last two weeks.
- 6) Old Business – Brad brought up that someone had asked him about using name tags.
- 7) New Business – None
- 8) Open Discussion – None
- 9) Calendar – Up Coming events.....
- June 19 Juneteenth (Office Closed)
 - June 22 8:30 a.m. Stone Church Worship
w/Communion/FB followed by coffee
 - June 23 6:30 p.m. Cross of Christ evening Worship
w/Communion
 - June 28 Stone Church Private Party Rental
 - June 29 8:30 a.m. Stone Church Worship w/Communion
followed by coffee
 - June 30 6:30 p.m. Cross of Christ evening Worship
w/Communion
 - July 3 Church Office Closed
 - July 4 Independence Day
 - July 6 8:30 a.m. Stone Church Worship
w/Communion/Noisy Offering Collection/FB followed by
Brunch
 - July 7 6:30 p.m. Cross of Christ evening Worship
w/Communion
 - July 8 6:00 Executive Council Meeting
 - July 13 8:30 a.m. Stone Church Worship
w/Communion/FB followed by coffee
 - July 14 6:30 p.m. Cross of Christ evening Worship
w/Communion
 - July 15 Council Meeting

Benediction President: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit order our days and our deeds in his peace. Amen.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Benson, Secretary

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