

**St. Matthew Lutheran  
Church Congregation Council  
August 20th, 2024**

President	Jen Knaggs	P
Vice President	Kristine Neate	P
Secretary	Delores Ivan	P
Treasurer	Teri Uttech	P
At Large Officers	Amanda Kotick	X
	Bruce Reed	P
	Jim Woodard	P
Deacon	Lindsay Stertzbach	P
Pastor	Steve Mahaffey	P

Roll call of attendees started the meeting. Also In attendance: Brian Harris on Zoom.

Opening devotion and prayer was given by Kristine starting with a reading from “The Cup of Life” by Joyce Rupp.

Reviewed minutes from July 24th, and voting results from August 4th and August 9th . No corrections were needed. Pastor Steve motioned to approve the minutes and voting results. Jen Knaggs seconded the motion. All in favor. Motions passed.

**Deacons Report:**

- Nothing to add to her written report. Reviewed experiences that were written by youth from the Youth Gathering. The youth compiled a book of the Youth Gathering expressing their positive experiences.
- Jen volunteered to assist Deacon Linday on Rally Day.

**Pastors Report:**

- Nothing to add to his written report. He will be on vacation August 26th thru September 9th. We have a supply pastor for the first week. Deacon Lindsay will handle the second week by herself with teacher installation and Rally Day; no communion on Rally Day.
- Take notice of the work being done around the church.

**Presidents Report:**

- Mark your calendar for October 6th- shower for Deacon Lindsay.
- Volunteered to “sister” assist Deacon Lindsay in Pastor Steve’s absence.

### **Vice President's Report:**

- Nothing to report.

### **Secretary Report:**

- Nothing to report other than what is in the minutes and voting results.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- We received the money from John Hancock account and it has been deposited.
- Closed CD's from Huntigton and moved to the restricted savings amount.
- Offerings were decent in the 4th week.
- The 2025 budget information that she got back looks good.
- Will have information on the memorial policy at the next meeting (ran out of time).
- Did the Temple Talk on how to read the financials.
- Austin is putting together a form for the congregation to provide input as to what we should do with the Promise place proceeds.

### **At Large Officer's Reports:**

- Amanda said the shoe drive is coming to a close. It will take several weeks to determine how well we did but it seemed successful.
- Jim reported that the Evangelism and Communication Committee met to discuss the Personnel Handbook. There will be another 'Loads of Love' held on October 27.
- Bruce reported that the Benevolent fund has been moved to the Medina Foundation.
- On the property side, the demo has been completed on the Brown room and the stairs. The carpeting is a week to a week and a half away. He showed the carpeting selected. The treads would be installed on Thursday or Friday.
- The Property Committee, (Bruce, Joyce and Bill) are going to meet on Thursday to go over the 2025 budget.
  - Considering increasing the rent of Promise House by \$300 a month to \$1200. It is a month-to-month lease. Considering increasing the rent to \$1500 in 2025, and \$1800 in 2026.
  - Steve Pamer did a comparison of rents in the area. The current rent is very low.

### **Old Business:**

- Kristin reported on how we can communicate information with the congregation. Marcia George is also working on this project. More information will be forthcoming on how to hold difficult conversations. Need to find a way to reduce the amount of negative parking lot conversations and have issues discussed directly with the involved parties.
- Risk Management Meeting will be upcoming; information will be available at the September Council meeting.
- Stewardship committee has not confirmed info yet. Will have more information at the September meeting.
- Deb and Pastor Steve met to determine who needs the Leadership handbook. It will be going out tonight or Wednesday.
- Pastor Steve gave a shout out of “Thanks” to the volunteers that helped with the demolition. Thanks to Joyce, Bruce, John Baker, Bob Mass, Ron Huber, and Mary Dunham.

### **New Business:**

- There will be a signup sheet for volunteers to compile the bags GWOH on September 14th. It will be a joint effort with other area churches. Mark your calendar!
- Discussed having a Leadership retreat but decided against it.

**Next meeting September 17th, 2024@ 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.**

**September Opening Prayer/devotions by Teri.**

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer recited by all.