

April Congregational Council Meeting

Date: April 21, 2026; **Time:** 6:30 PM; **Location:** OSLC Conference Room

Present: Pr. Leland Armbright, Pr. Susie Modrow, Juli Ackerman, Tyr Altman, Kyle Bartholomay, Kerry Gustafson, Erin Hall, Deb Morris

Remote: Lauri Pudwill, Matt Martien (with newborn Callie)

Absent: Sarah Ward

Guests: Renee Dietz

Agenda

1. **Call to Order 6:32pm**
2. **Devotions**
 - Deb Morris Romans 8, Isaiah, Finding Our Way (Wheatley), The Book of Joy: Conversations between the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu
3. **Presentation:** Harvest Hosts (Renee Dietz).
 - Connections Fair made it in the paper this week
 - Harvest Hosts
 - i. Alleluia Lutheran, St Michael uses online link for contributions
 - ii. Congregational Church, Faribault uses PayPal
 - iii. Most locations are wineries, parks, etc
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - Review and approval of pre-distributed reports and routine items for efficiency.
 - i. [March Minutes](#)
 1. Motion to approve: Kerry G
 2. Second: Erin H
 3. Approved by : all
 - ii. April Agenda
 1. Motion to approve: Kerry G
 2. Second: Julie A
 3. Approved by : All
 - iii. [Ministry Team Reports](#) On O
 - iv. [Pastoral Reports](#).
5. **Financial Report**
 - **Prior Month Review:**
 - i. Financial Statements
 1. Motion to approve: Kyle B
 2. Second: Tyr A
 3. Approved: All
 - **Loan or Other Financial Details:**
 - i. Step-up update. \$74,000 pledged/or one time gifts
 - ii. Loan update - delay our close as work is still in progress
 - iii. Completed forms for space users. Kerry G to work on a draft of this form, which will be requested of any organization or group that is using space within the building. We may have this information in our facility request form for any new group that starts using space.

5. **Consent Exceptions:** Address any items pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.

- None.

6. **Council Working Groups**

- Noah's Ark (Kerry, Shanna, Karen, Christine)
 - i. Review of mediation meeting on 4.18.2026 and next steps for the follow-on meeting.
 - ii. Intention of next mediation meeting is a signed agreement
- Finance/Stewardship (Kerry, Pat Mann, Kris Cafferty)
 - i. Stewardship for All Seasons (PL)
 - ii. My Ministry Connection
 - 1. Slow start in responses. May need to reevaluate timing.

7. **New Business**

- Council Roles & Responsibilities
 - i. Council members asked to provide comments to Kerry G by next Tuesday, April 28.
- Employee Handbook approval
 - i. Requesting HR team to review comments from Lauri, and to get additional information (to council) on the references used to identify some of the information in the handbook.
- 75th Anniversary Project
 - i. On Monday work begins on the chancel extension. In June the electrical work will be done. June 8 we move to Luther Hall. Kerry and Deb to present info on how these funds were defined on Sunday 4.26.
- Nature Trail
 - i. Kerry G presented info on nature trail that will start at the Southeast corner of the parking lot, circling the pond on the property.

8. **Congregation feedback**

- Lauri P provided feedback from congregation members - relief that we have fixed the sewers and met our financial goals
- Another former member returned on Palm Sunday and felt welcomed and was really pleased with the change in energy/tone within the congregation/church.
- Questions about how things with NA are unfolding.
- Easter was wonderful

9. **Affirmations**

- Please affirm Mark Beaubien for installing the carpet in room 102.
- Each and every person who volunteers to make worship, education, fellowship, service, youth and children's events happen.
- All those who have stepped up to clean our building and work on a plan for lawn care this spring and summer.
- Vern N, Chuck S, Nikki O, Mark B, Aleshia A and all those who helped move worship furnishings, flowers, and more to decorate the sanctuary during Holy Week.
- All the musicians who put in extra hours of rehearsals to make our Holy Week worship services meaningful.
- Karen M and Pat B for their work in getting us a labyrinth to use throughout Lent. It was well received and I hope we do so again next year.
- Marianne K. for coordinating and shopping for the Youth Club meals
- Johnnie T, Mark B, Kerry G, Jeanie J, Angela N, Kaarin M, Loren K, Juli S, Leeanne S, PL for assisting with Youth Club

- Pam T, Stacy H, and Amber J for taking on VBS
- Nick and PL for assisting while Pastor Susie was out with the flu.

10. Old Business

- Review parking lot (see link below)
 - i. Deb will update the parking lot to current, after the retreat at Caribou at 694 and Rice

11. Motion to End:

1. Motion to approve: Kerry
2. Second: Julie

12. Lord's Prayer

Reference Docs

Parking Lot:  CC Parking Lot

[Council Meetings and Devotion Schedule](#)