

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
**Council Minutes**  
**July 16, 2018**

The July 16, 2018 Bethlehem Lutheran Church council meeting was called to order by President Dave Helberg with nine members in attendance. A time for devotions and prayer followed.

A motion to forego the reading of the June 18, 2018 council meeting minutes and to approve these minutes as printed in the *Beacon*, was made by Mike Gerken, seconded by Jack Boyd. The motion passed.

Treasurer Sue Garmyn reviewed the consolidated fund activity report, noting that the majority of the Memorial Fund expense is due to the installation of the sound system. The motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented was made by Ted Stover, and seconded by Lucas Hesterman. The motion passed. Additionally, Sue asked the church council for its approval for the renewal into the Workmen's Compensation Rating Plan, with an annual fee of \$161. That motion for approval was made by Jack Boyd and seconded by Andrew Marihugh. The motion passed.

In Kristy Helberg's absence, President Helberg gave the Youth Director's report. There was a partial report in the June minutes about Summer School/VBS, but to reiterate, we had a very fruitful time together with both of these ministries. The Youth Gathering in Houston was an incredible time. Our group was moved by the speakers, encouraged by each other, and renewed in our faith. We have many stories to tell and thanks to give. We are looking at Sunday August 26, 2018 to lead the service and tell of our trip. August 26th will be a big day as we are also planning for the Blessing of the Backpacks. Then, following the church service, we will travel to Betty's lake for the day. Once again, our church will be participating in 3 shifts at the milkshake stand at the Henry County Fair. The shifts will be Wednesday August 8 (before the fair opens) from 6pm to 9:30pm, with 2 shifts on Saturday August 11, either 10am to 1:30pm or 1:30pm to 5pm. Sign up early and often. We can use your help!

Under **old business**, the roofing of the parsonage is scheduled for the first week of August. We are still looking for volunteers to visit with our shut-ins. As far as the sound system is concerned, parts are currently on back order. A television will be purchased for the basement to be utilized in network with the new sound system. Installation will be completed sometime this early fall.

Under **new business**, our Mission Festival is set for August 12, 2018 with Bishop Daniel Beaudoin as our speaker. Bishop Beaudoin has asked that our offering designation for the day be directed towards "Funds for Leaders". This request was granted in a motion by Sue Garmyn and seconded by Ted Stover. The motion passed. Other details and responsibilities for Mission Festival were also discussed.

A suggestion was made to have the basement carpet shampooed, preferably in August. That motion for carpet cleaning was made by Jack Boyd and seconded by Mike Gerken. The motion passed. It was also noted that the south stairwell treads on the basement steps may need to be replaced. The steeple lighting will also be reviewed, to see if all 4 sides of the steeple could be illuminated.

The church council also discussed sorting through church records and other accumulated items to determine the need for storage or disposal.

President Helberg informed the council of his morning meeting with synod representatives. It was determined that there will be no current need for a transition team, but a call committee needs to be formed. There is a potential candidate that could be interviewed soon. Council members came up with a list of possible call committee members. President Helberg will be contacting these individuals.

It was decided that there would be no August 2018 church council meeting. The next regularly scheduled church council meeting will be held on September 17, 2018, with the executive committee meeting at 7pm and the full council at 7:30pm.

The motion to adjourn was made by Andrew Marihugh and seconded by Lucas Hesterman. The motion passed. The meeting closed with *The Lord's Prayer*.

Notes taken by Lori Bevelhymmer, in the absence of Jeri Bostelman