

Bethel Lutheran Mission Statement

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BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

WAHPETON, ND

Planning Council – Minutes

October 10, 2024 – 5:30 PM

- I. **Call to Order** – Carter called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
- II. **Devotions** – Pastor Rich presented devotions
- III. **Members Present**- The following members were present: Carter Hansen, Ginny Buck, Jeff Olson, Steph Beyer, Pastor Kramer, Lisa Bassingwaite, Joyce Johnson
- IV. **Approval of Minutes** – The September 2024 were approved on a motion and second by Jeff/Steph and passing unanimously
- V. **Monthly Financials** - Carter presented the September monthly financials. No motion to accept were necessary because the were previously approved by the Executive Committee.
- VI. **Pastor Amy acceptance letter** – Carter announced that he had received the official acceptance letter from Pastor Amy and that her official start date was going to be 11/18/24.
- VII. **Stewardship Committee Update** – Pastor Kramer informed the council that stewardship would be the focus of the services on 10/13, 10/20, 11/10, and 11/17. He also informed the council that the plan would be for members to bring their pledge cards to the services on 11/17.
- VIII. **Volunteer Appreciation Update** – Joyce informed the council that the request for \$4,000 for volunteer appreciation to be included in the 2025 budget was approved by the Executive Committee at their 10/8 meeting. Some of the activities associated with this will start in November and December of 2024.
- IX. **Hurricane Relief Concert Request** – Joyce reviewed a request from a member of the community that would like to hold a concert at Bethel Lutheran on November 12 with the free will offering being sent to Lutheran World Relief to be used for Florida

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hurricane victims. This request was discussed at the 10/8 Executive Committee meeting as well and the Executive Committee decided to bring it to the Planning Council to get more people's perspective on it. After much discussion it was decided that:

- It is a very worthy cause and Lutheran World Relief is a reputable organization.
- It is too short of notice for Bethel to offer up anything associated with advertising, volunteers, food, food prep, etc...
- Bethel is willing to provide use of the sanctuary for the concert. This will include a person to run the soundboard and a custodial resource.
- The use of the Fellowship Hall and/or Kitchen will not be part of the agreement.
- The only resources that Bethel will provide are the soundboard and custodial resources
- Bethel will not provide any advertising for the event but will be happy to pass along materials that are provided by the community member (paper copies or something to add to the Bethel Facebook page).
- Carter Hansen and Pastor Rich will provide this feedback to the community member that made the request.

X. Committee Reports (Carter asked that the Boards have their 2025 budget requests provided to the Executive Committee by the 11/19 Executive Committee meeting)

- A. Board of Outreach- Joyce commented that the Board of Outreach was very focused on the community event that is happening tomorrow at Bethel. She also commented on New Member Sunday being 10/27 and that they had started planning for the Christmas Blessing project.
- B. Board of Lay- Steph Beyer commented that their meeting was scheduled for 10/15, so she had no new items to discuss.
- C. Board of Education – Lisa commented that their meeting was scheduled for 10/15, so she had no new items to discuss.
- D. Board of Properties – Jeff Olson presented the Board of Properties report. Topics included the stained glass window repair that has started this week and is expected to be completed by the end of next week, the results of a Johnson Controls annual inspection, a visit from Tecta Americas to begin the process of getting updated roof repair/replacement bids, and some discussion concerning various elements of the sanctuary technology project that still need to be completed.

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- XI. **November meetings**-it was discussed and agreed that the November Planning Council meeting would be held on November 21st.
- XII. **Adjournment**-with no more business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Carter Hansen, Executive Director