

First Lutheran Church Council Minutes
May 11, 2026

Present: Mark Washburn, Joyce Washburn, Judy Humeniuk, Ashley Willis, Kay Schell, Bertel Anundson, Phyllis Paulsen, Karen Hanson.

Call to Order: President Kay Schell called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Judy to approve the agenda, seconded by Phyllis. MC

Devotions were held during Parish Council by Calista. Consisted of questions that reflect what brings you closer to God. Members shared their thoughts.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from March 2026 were presented. Motion made by Judy to approve the minutes, seconded by Mark. MC

Financial Report: The financial reports were presented by Mark. Motion made by Bertel to accept the financials, seconded by Karen. MC
Eileen Cordray provided written financials. Motion made by Judy and seconded by Joyce to approve written financial report. MC

Parish Council updates: Membership list continues to be updated. Baptism lists are being updated, and anniversary cards will begin being sent out. The Virtual Synod Assembly is coming up, registration remains open. VBS is scheduled for the end of June. Calista is planning a Pre-K VBS program. Pathways is planned for older VBS participants. Joint worship service date was discussed. Confirmation lock-in plans were reviewed. Lay-led worship schedule and upcoming council meeting dates were discussed.

Old Business: Confirmation gowns need to be cleaned before fall confirmation activities. The active member list was updated. Judy will review and gather job descriptions; discussion was tabled until next meeting.

The Garden of Grace Committee will put together a task list that can be posted, and members can sign off as projects are completed. A special clean-up day seemed unnecessary.

The church sign should have Calista's name hanging from the bottom. Expand the sign message to allow for longer announcements. Live Stream Video began working again but only ran for approximately 10 minutes during the previous service. Bertel and Mark will be responsible for setting up the system going forward.

New Business: Ruby's Pantry is no longer active. The First Lutheran Church was sponsored and is currently holding accounts and materials until the matter is officially closed. Discussion included the composition of the Ruby's Pantry Board and the school board's one-year contract, which expires this summer. Questions remain regarding First Lutheran Church's responsibility for pantry assets. Will revisit topic at next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding resuming the passing of the offering plate during worship services. It was suggested that the congregation first focus on explaining the meaning of passing the peace and encouraging handshaking and fellowship. Additional greeter may be added to help welcome member and visitors; it was suggested AJ Washburn as someone who could assist.

Committee Reports:

Planning continues for VBS - Pathways and Pre-K VBS (3-5 years old), will be led by Calista. Housing and meals are needed for Pathways Counselors. The number of counselors is needed and volunteers to provide evening meals for them.

Property: John S. is working on repairs to the lawn mower. An update is needed regarding Sunday School room repairs. Judy will contact Jim to determine whether he intends to proceed with the repairs. The old trail cameras were removed, and new updated camera technology is being considered for property security.

Communications: It was suggested that committee presidents' phone numbers be included in both The Beacon and the church directory.

Worship and music: Continue encouraging members to pass the peace and greet one another. The choir will continue though Memorial Weekend services. Members will sing at the joint worship service on June 28, 2026.

FLCW: Report provided by Karen Hanson. Quilts and kits have been distributed. Twenty-one people were served at the Prayer Breakfast. The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2026, at 5:00 pm with a potluck meal at Summer Field.

Next Meeting: July 14, 2026

The Beacon Deadline: Friday, May 15, 2026

Adjournment: Kay Schell made a motion to adjourn; Motion was seconded by Mark and Phyllis. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Submitted by: Ashley Willis