

Wilmington Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting

October 22, 2025

Call to Order: Gene Von called the meeting to order. Members present were Calina, Clint, Tim, Lacy, Garrett, Michelle, Gene Von, Breana, Taylor, and Nikki via phone.

Devotions: Garrett led us in devotions. He talked about the importance of serving on council and the ministry we're called to do within the church.

Secretary's Report: Taylor presented the report from last month. Michelle made a motion to approve. Clint seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Taylor presented the report prepared by Britney. Tim made a motion to approve. Clint seconded.

Pastor's Report: Garrett just got back from a wedding in Arizona, and thanks Gene Von and Sharon for covering service for him while he was gone. There will be a baptism on October 26th for Ryder James. There are also a few more baptisms that will be scheduled soon. Garrett also just completed Boundaries Workshop Training in Bismarck. He reported that the Synod approved youth volunteering protocols to be added to the "model constitution" within the Synod in the coming months. This is something that Church Council and the Board of Education will look at going forward for Wilmington.

Old Business:

Merch Wall: Nikki will work on this more now that harvest is over.

Women's Day: "Faith Through the Valleys" Women's Day will be held November 15th from 3pm-5pm at JOY House. Nikki Johnsrud will be our speaker and there will also be a craft and some appetizers.

New Business:

SAM Reauthorization: Garrett's Synod Authorization letter came in the mail to renew for the next year. Gene Von and Garrett signed it with council approval and Taylor will mail it.

Cookbook: Taylor has posted the information a couple more times and placed paper copy sheets on the coffee tables downstairs. Deadline for submitting recipes is November 1.

Fall Clean Up Day: The weeds and parking lot need some attention. Gene Von had an idea to have members help with that along with the parsonage yard. Garrett said the deck needs another coat of sealant. This will be scheduled for Sunday, October 26th for whoever is available.

Old Carpet/Leftovers of New: There are rolls of old carpet leftover that was never used as well as some new carpet that was just placed. Garrett might end up taking it to use in the parsonage basement.

Wilmington Bazaar: Nikki had an idea to host a bazaar in JOY House similar to the Arnegard Bazaar in years prior. It would be composed of people selling handmade items and the youth selling a meal as a fundraiser. November 30th was decided as the date with hours from 12pm-3pm.

Coffee: Coffee will continue to be held downstairs in the church.

Committee Reports:

Finance: None

Mission Funds: It was decided that \$2,000 each will go to the Food Pantry, Soul 57, McKenzie County Crisis Shelter, and the Angel Fund. Tim made a motion. Clint seconded.

Budget Meeting: The budget meeting will be held on November 19th at 6pm. Tim, Layton, Clint, Garrett, and Britney make up the budget committee.

Nominating Committee: Composed of Gene Von, Tim, Lacy, Garrett, and two at large members (Garrett will ask Blaine Hovland and Heather Kobos). The meeting will be held the first part of December.

Property & Building: Carpet and kitchen flooring is done and looks great. Big thank you to Gene Von for coordinating that project. Tim had Jeff Kindel look at the leak in the boiler room. They removed the shingles that were in the way so hopefully the ground can absorb the moisture better. The windows in the boiler room will need to be replaced at some point along with sloping away the landscape. We will table that until springtime. Tim also called Dean Anderson to get a free winter check on the furnace. Taylor will talk to Dean about setting up a fall schedule to turn the furnace on every year.

Worship: Garrett said the Confirmation kids have been doing well with their different roles. Garrett is going to start some group meetings for those who would like to be on a rotation for special music. Thursday, November 13th at 7pm will be the first meeting for anyone that is interested in joining. These meetings will continue monthly.

Mission: Taylor talked to Sharon about getting extra tags for the Angel Tree.

Youth & Education:

Sunday School: Kids will not be singing in church on the 26th anymore or the GSH due to unforeseen circumstances. It will be rescheduled to November 2nd. TV screenshare in the classrooms is still not working. Garrett has one more idea that he will look at. We will also buy outlet covers for the PreK classroom.

Confirmation: Garrett will look into ordering hard copy workbooks due to some issues with the online format.

Youth Group: No Wilmington kids attended State Convention due to chaperone issues. During the LYO scavenger hunt they talked about different ideas to do for a trip. Garrett brought up some ideas from Youth Works such as a servant trip to Duluth, MN in July. LYO kids also have a few fundraising ideas in mind such as present wrapping.

Gene Von adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Taylor Maki in absence of Nikki Darrington