

# Hope Lutheran Council – October 21, 2024

**Call to Order** – 5:13pm by Council President Lanae McClellan

**Present:** Lanae McClellan, Matt Lorenz, Pastor Matt Cordes, Hope Mack, Brad Warmka, Paul Gaukstad, Angie Newton, Sarah Gavert, Clint Mack, Molly Warmka.

**Devotion:** Hope Mack – John 12:24; autumn and the death process to bring new life.

**Agenda:** Approved with minor change, adding logo to agenda.

**September 17, 2024 Minutes:** Approved as written.

**Shared Ministry:** No written report, oral report provided by Sarah Gavert.

Sampe pending new members: Meyer, Sand, Gregory + Barb Goodman.

Stewardship Team: Gaukstad, Gavert, Lieske, Nelson, Cordes, Hesselund.

3 speakers for “Why Hope Matters” + Lanae.

Next year, include a kid’s inventory list.

**Financial Reports:** Written and oral report presented by Paul Gaukstad and approved.

\$15K below budget at the moment, including a \$6K overage from Trustees.

Checking account looks good: should we move some to an interest-bearing CD?

What are the ELCA guidelines?

Angie to follow up with Dave at Hometown Bank.

What is our 3-month reserve?

We need a new roof: \$150K - \$200K for a new roof. Or 1% of value for insurance claim with \$40K - \$50K.

**Deacons:** Written and oral report provided by Matt Lorenz.

Craft Fair money is approved for Welcome Center.

Order 60 pies for Thanksgiving Service.

Decorating the church Dec 1. Need a new stand and box for the 12’ tree.

Chili cookoff after the annual meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Welcome Table is November and February.

Worship committee rep at council? APPROVED. Shelli can decide when to attend.

**B.O.Y.E.M:** Written and oral report provided by Hope Mack.

KOK plans to sing 3X this year. First time will be at Welcome Table.  
HSM and Mission Trip - moving to a cabin. Green Lake Camp House?  
Care packages are being put together.  
No Life Group planned at the time.  
Change activity room to youth room?

**Trustees:** Written and oral report provided by Molly Warmka.

Front light pole is ordered but not installed.  
3 blinds have been ordered for offices.  
Stake off seeded area, reseed.  
Order a printer for the Pastor.  
Budgets due mid -late November.  
Brad Warmka is the new Council representative.  
Cameras are solar with backup on Wi-Fi. (install front, kitchen, playground /  
sanctuary door, AC unit side)  
New thermostats saved 14% energy in the first month.  
New sidewalk: no metal shovels, only poly scrapers. No salt: we need to use the  
same product for parking lot and sidewalk.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Matt Cordes

Thank you for all the energy; Golden Fellowship, What About, and Youth programs.

**Old Business:**

By-Law Update: in progress, November meeting  
Security Cameras: see Trustee's report  
Stewardship Committee: see Shared Ministry report (letter and inventory shared)  
The Better Pastor Discussion: what are we not doing well?

**New Business:**

Operation Christmas Child – Special Offering Nov 3 & 10 – approved  
Child / Youth Protection – minor change – on one page. In effect for VBS 2025,  
approve with change next meeting.  
ESST Update – Exec board to meet with Julia to amend employee handbook so it  
reflects MN state law regarding leave.  
Nominating Committee Update  
Logo Concept - APPROVED

**Adjourned:** at 6:55pm concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Molly Warmka

**Next meeting:** November 18, 2024 at 5:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming devotions:

Hope Mack, October

Angie Newton, November

Matt Lorenz, December

Pastor Matt, January