

Hope Lutheran Council – Monday June 15, 2026

Call to Order: 5:00 PM by Council President Clint Mack

Present: Clint Mack, Kelly Lorenz, Bonnie Carlson, Diane Hesselund, Angie Newton, Sarah Gavert, Erik Aamlid, Doug Hvidsten, Lynda Schaumburg, Pastor Matt Cordes.

Devotions: Diane Hesselund

Agenda: Approved with the addition of new business items

Minutes: of the May 18, 2026, meeting were approved without changes.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Financial Reports: Written and oral reports were provided by Bonnie Carlson. The financial report was approved

Deacons Report: A written copy of the June 14, 2026, Deacon Minutes was provided and an oral report was given by Lynda Schaumburg. We have gardeners taking over from Myrna – along with rhubarb there are pumpkins, tomatoes and peppers. Garage sale donations will be accepted until July 1. Larger items to be delivered to church the two days before the sale – July 13 and 14. Sign Up Genius will be used to schedule volunteers to work at the sale. Deacons are looking for a point person for the Heimatfest parade float. Welcome Sunday (Sept 13th) is under discussion – instead of the sloppy jo contest – a potluck is being considered.

CYF: Erik Aamlid reported and submitted applications for two fundraisers. The sale of pumpkins from the garden will benefit camp stipends and the scholarship fund. A Heggies Pizza fundraiser would benefit the HSM Montana trip. Council approved both fundraisers

TRUSTEE REPORT: A written report of the June 14, 2026, meeting was provided and oral report was given by Doug Hvidsten. Representatives of the Trustee Committee will meet with representatives of Bethel's Rock to evaluate how the rental arrangement is working. The Fiduciary Bond was discussed. Information was provided about the amount of coverage included in our base coverage. Angie will contact our insurance representative to determine the cost of increasing the coverage.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Matt highlighted the Summer Sabbath and challenged Council to do the renewal. He asked to be included in the next meeting of the Trustees with the Bethel's Rock representative.

OLD BUSINESS:

Constitution Committee Update: Clint Mack reported that some minor changes were made in the proposed Constitution language previously provided and that the committee was addressing the By-Laws particularly regarding the definition of various committee responsibilities. Discussion followed on defining Shared Ministry and the potential of expanding the number of

people involved. Synod will need a few weeks to review. The committee is striving for congregational meeting sometime in July.

Bethel Rock Building Rental: Feedback from the Sunday evening building representatives was discussed. Trustees continue to communicate with Bethel Rock representatives and are scheduling another meeting this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Church Email Service: Angie has applied to Microsoft for non-profit status to eliminate charges for emails.

New Members: Council approved new members Sharon and Vernon Samuelson.

Book Study: Pastor Matt suggested a book study for Council members. He is considering a book for Council to read and discuss.

Adjourned: at 6:40 PM concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Diane Hesselund, Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2026, at 5 pm. Devotional will be by Lynda Schaumburg.