

Lutheran Church of the Incarnation Council Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024, 7:00 pm

Council Member Roster: Tim Paulson (2026), Karen Slabaugh (2027), Kathryn Schnaible (2026), Jenny Fortuna (2025), ~~Vern Holmes (2025)~~, Bob Kerr (2025), Kenny Doss (2026), Ralph Holderbein (2027), Mark Bandstra (2027), and Pr. Dan Smith

A. Introduction: Tim

B. Opening Prayer & Devotion: Pastor Dan

C. Team Building Question: What are you thankful for?

D. Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan (attached)

E. Approval of October Council meeting minutes: Jenny

Emailed on 10/6 & 11/10. Motion: Bob; 2nd: Karen; Vote 8-0-0.

Jenny to send to Lindsey to post to the website.

F. President's Report: Tim

- 1) Oral update was shared about the budget forum. Questions were addressed regarding funds for a cantor, music director, and youth minister.
- 2) Oral update was shared about property. Danny, the Gardner, has been busy trimming a lot of overgrown greenery and fixing leaky sprinklers. He's working hard at getting the front corner looking nice again.

G. Council Action Item:

- 1) The Applegate contract is expiring some time in 2025. We understand that they are down to one morning session and they may not be able to withstand a rent increase. Tim and Pastor Dan will meet with the director to discuss.
- 2) A manual or digital marquee at the corner of Russell & Arthur is thought to be a good way to communicate with the high volume of drive-by traffic. There is power at the back of the sanctuary that could be utilized if needed. Jenny has volunteered to gather quotes to present to council in January.

H. Committee Reports:

- 1) Worship & Music Report - For Christmas Eve, LCI will host 3pm & 5pm worship services. The banner for the street corner will need to be updated. LCI will also host mid-week Holden evening prayer services for Advent.

I. Other Business:

- 1) Nov 17 - Annual Meeting & Potluck after church. Lindsey has prepared all of the booklets.

Next Executive Council Meeting = Dec 3 at 7pm

Jenny to send out Agenda = Dec 8 (Please have all supplementary materials to me by this date)

Next Council Meeting = Dec 10 at 7pm

Pastor's Report

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Pastor Dan Smith

Action Items:

None.

Information Items:

Pub Theology – Wed, 11/13, 7pm at Pizza and Pints. We will discuss how to find common ground amid political division.

Rooted – worship services upcoming this Sunday (11/17), and again December 22. Please invite a friend or neighbor!

Adult Forum Dec. 1: City Councilman Bapu Vaitla – Bapu will be with us to discuss lessons from the recent election, the health of our city and wider community, and how we can be involved in civic service as citizens.

Celebration of Abraham: I am serving on the planning committee; we will host this event again this year – Feb. 9, 2025.

I continue to make pastoral care visits to the home-bound and those who have special needs (at least 2-3/week). As always, I am available for pastoral care visits or calls upon request (including Council members!).

In the wider church:

I am winding down my seminary class; it will be done in about a month. It has taken some time and energy, but is important service to the wider church. Thanks for your understanding.