Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 | 6:00pm

Members present: Bryan Hurley, Dane Kallevig, Lori Holmgren, Meghan Knott, Harley Aalfs, Pastor Amy Juel, Jan Ruby, Dion Warne, Cathy Halbritter

The meeting was opened with devotions by Pastor Amy.

Approval of Agenda - Dion added one item to agenda. Meghan moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of August 11th, 2026, Council Minutes - Lori moved to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of August Treasurer's Report - Dion pointed out the August loss in the General Fund and the total loss which has increased over the summer as expected. Hopefully, it will pick up again this fall. As of today we have not yet received the Selvig funds. Dion will again follow up. These funds will be unrestricted. Jan moved to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Pastor Report

1. Carter is back and working on the new program year for Faith Formation. Community Closet has used the church for one of their giveaways. A youth lock in was held in August. Scouts are starting up again. Good turn out for God's Work, Our Hands this past Sunday and the potluck meal. Lots of things are happening at Calvary.
2. The Nick Carlson benefit raised over $50,000. The gift card fundraiser was over $2000 for the Helgeson family and Calvary replaced two faith chests for their children.
3. Dawn Clouse from Hope for our City will present the weekend of Oct. 17-18 for the Gather and Grow Forum. Confirmation youth will not be able to help with food distribution this year. We will have a box in the back that weekend that congregants can contribute to Hope for our City.

Board Reports

Board of Worship- Cathy

1. Main topic was finding song leaders and coming up with a list of possible leaders. Also discussed having the confirmation youth as song leaders as part of their service hours.

Board of Faith Formation- Lori/Pastor Amy

1. Confirmation starts tomorrow. Worship at 5:30, meal at 6:00, confirmation and cross generational activities for all age groups from 6:30-7:30. Tomorrow will be an informational session with full programming on Sept. 16. Looking for one more leader for a boy's group.

Board of Finance- Jan

1. The cemetery committee is over budget, bids had come in low for mowing/maintenance but are costing $425/mowing. The committee will need to update the budget for next year.
2. There is a MN state statute that states that we need to have perpetual money for the cemetery, which is about 20% of a lot fee. This is to have a fund to take care of the cemetery in case the church or cemetery fails so there is money to continue caring for the cemetery.
3. Deb Magnuson has been hired as the new cemetery sexton.
4. Parking lot maintenance has been approved but not taken care of yet. Still making decisions on the bids.
5. Need a building and grounds committee to be activated.

Board of Stewardship and Outreach – Dane

1. The board did not meet in August due to a scheduling conflict.
2. The Mission Fair is this weekend.

Special Reports

1. First Fruits Giving Commitment - This will be updated and voted on at the annual meeting in January.

Unfinished Business

1. Coffee with the Council is Sept. 26/27 and the topic will be Healthy Boundaries, using information shared from the ELCA.
2. A/C Education Wing - Waiting for a bid from Bullet Proof before the bid is awarded.
3. Update Lead Pastor Job Description - Dion handed out the 2022 job description for the council to review. It will need updating. Cathy and Lori will work on that.
4. Exit interview team - Jan will work on forming a team.

New Business

1. Letter to former pastor - Dion has had several discussions with Pastor Heather at the Synod Office due to ongoing concerns with a former pastor and boundary issues. She suggested the council send a letter to the former pastor. Dion read a letter that he has prepared and would like to personally visit this pastor with one or two other congregational members to share it. Meghan moved to approve the letter. It was seconded and passed.
2. Discussion with funeral homes - Dion would like to have a discussion with the two funeral directors in town to talk about Calvary hosting funerals for members at church instead of the funeral home so that they know we support them, as the directors have shared they have been in awkward situations. The documents from the ELCA will be shared with them.
3. Item to include in Messenger - "Ethical Agreement for Congregations Relating to Former Pastors" and "Farewell and Godspeed - Ethical Agreement for Rostered Ministers Relating to Previously Served Congregations". Jan moved for this information to go out

in the next Messenger so members can read it prior to Coffee with the Council at the end of September. The motion was seconded and passed.

4. Council appointment - Dion has talked to one person that may be interested. Will ask for information to go in the Messenger and bulletin to see if there are others interested in an appointment with a deadline of Sept. 28 to reply.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, October 13, 2026