

Spring Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes October 14, 2025

Attendance: Jessica H, Kay P, Dale P, Ray D, Tracy N, Julie W, Sue W, Duey D, Cindy J
Call to Order: Jess started the meeting at 5:32pm.

Agenda: Jess added "Water Testing" to New Business. Dale made a motion to approve the agenda. Cindy 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.

Secretary Report: Cindy made a motion to approve the report. Sue 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: It was noted that the Portico payment was missed in August, two payments occurred in September, as stated on the report. Cindy made the motion to approve the report. Dale 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Benevolence-Jess needs to talk to Brandie about where these funds are being placed on the financial report, discussion needed of where various funds should be placed as we prepare for the new budget.
- Spring Lake Fall Festival-Dale/Kay have arranged for fall decor; Cindy will purchase cups, dinner plates and utensils, napkins and jugs of water. Dale or Ray will open the church at 8am for music setup. Jess has confirmed food for 125 people. There will be a donation basket for music, offering will be taken, no Communion will be served. Duey will spray for bugs this week. Jess will purchase a cake for dessert.
- Fire Extinguishers-There was a miscommunication with the fire extinguisher company. They needed the tax exempt number for the church to finish setting up the account. The appointment is being rescheduled for the end of October once the account setup is finalized.
- Septic System-This matter has been finalized and no longer needs attention.
- Candles and Furnace Filters-The new candles are in and placed. The furnace filter downstairs is still in need of purchasing and replacing. Duey will pick up a filter and change this week.

New Business:

- IRS Refund-It was brought to Jess' attention that Spring Lake Church is entitled to a refund. No other details were known at this time.
- Budget-Template Alignment-Spring Lake Church will be moving away from its current budget formatting to a new format to align with the other two churches. To

aid in the ease of creating next year's budget, Jess and Kay will work with Brandie to decide on proper placements of funds. This will be presented at a future budget meeting.

- Volunteers for Church Services: Oct 19-filled; Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Dec. 24, Dec. 28-spots were filled with council members volunteering. Jess will look into expanding volunteer opportunities to other members beginning in January 2026.
- Water Testing-It was discovered that the well had become contaminated. Ray contacted the well company and the well has been repaired and the water chemically treated. Another water test will be done later this week to ensure safety of water.

Round Table:

- Review list of items available from Our Saviors Church in Wheeler
- Spring Lake Council will decorate church after the Nov 16 church service for Advent season.
- Little interest in attendance/help with fellowship after services, will discontinue coffee fellowship for the time being.
- Pastor Bob's Report/Joint Council Meeting
 - Portico difficulties-Parish council will work with Pastor Bob to look into this further
 - Hacking of Pastor Bob's email/phone-did not request gift cards/donations
 - Advent-Parishes should plan to decorate parishes
 - Reminder to send suggestions, thoughts and ideas to Pastor for discussion
 - Thanksgiving Eve service-Local pastors have stated that Gilman is next for hosting. Pastor will provide more details soon.
 - Confirmation Sunday and Reformation Celebration-St Johns will hold the service. There are 8 confirmands. Each church will donate towards a gift for students; there will be cake, coffee, and water served after the service. Reminder to wear red.

Next Council Meeting: November 11, 2025 at 5:30pm.

Adjourn: 6:58pm Duey made a motion to adjourn. Tracy 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.