

Trinity Valley Lutheran Parish

Gilman | Spring Lake | St. John's
715-778-5935
Spring Valley, Wisconsin

Date of Meeting:

Date: June 22, 2025

Time: Following Church

Location: St. John's

Council Members in Attendance:

Gilman	Spring Lake	St. John's
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheri Jacobson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Jensen	<input type="checkbox"/> Karen Gunderson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Darryl Klawitter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dale Place	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marsha Brunkhorst
<input type="checkbox"/> Jeremy Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Hanson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monica Shafer
OTHER ATTENDEES:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor Bob	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kay Place	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Opening

Call to Order	10:01 by Jessica Hanson
Agenda	Motion: D. Place made motion to approve the agenda. Second: D. Klawitter seconded the motion.
Opening Prayer:	Led in prayer by Pastor Bob.
Secretary's Report	<p>Discussion: -no discussion</p> <p>Motion: Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2025. Second: Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 7:0; motion carries</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>Discussion: -percentage wise, we're right where we should be. -Marsha will review with Brandie, because we only gave her the budget, but never told her where we think we should be. -Marsha will need to move some things around to accurately reflect the office update. -this will help when doing our budget next year -50% left, with 50% of the year completed. -plan to have all churches use the same form for budgeting purposes -each church should be about the buildings, but the parish should be about the people.</p>

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	<p>Action/Follow-Up for Next Meeting: -Marsha to follow up with Brandie</p> <p>Motion: Darryl made motion to approve the treasurer's report. Second: Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 7:0; motion carries.</p>
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Old Business

Office Update	<p>Discussion: -update is done -just have to put covers on outlets -needs a good cleaning -will be about a week before the dust settles from that project -Brandie will be here next week and will start moving things from her office -next time St. John's we'll do a pizza party to move big stuff -discussed a few different options for finishing -Mark Nyggen is an option we'll likely move forward with. -Karen will help decorate when she gets back</p> <p>Action/Follow-Up for Next Meeting: -None</p>
Tax Issues Status Update	<p>Discussion: -getting finalized -Marsha has a list of Gilman and St. John's, still waiting on Spring Lake -Kay says there's some in several banks; Marsha said to start with Pillar</p> <p>Action/Follow-Up for Next Meeting: -None</p>
Portico Status Update	<p>Discussion: -Pastor will wrap that up Wednesday morning; he has to wrap up some funerals -this will impact all three church budgets and accounts; can help determine if we give back or decrease contributions.</p> <p>Action/Follow-Up for Next Meeting: -None</p>
Church Trac	<p>Discussion:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-can do a lot of cool things-don't know if we want to continue to pay for it-Church Trac has a lot of nice features-self-attendance could be a really nice option that could be an avenue that people stay connected at church-on a newer plan, we could do mass voicemails-we are grandfathered in at our current price-can send out emails for us so we don't have to double dip into Outlook <p>Action/Follow-Up for Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-None
Printer	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-our printer is dying-they called; Brandie will call Tuesday-first week of July to get new printer, because it's just sitting there-they will take the old one off our hands <p>Action/Follow-Up for Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-None
Summer Office Volunteers	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-thank you to everyone who has volunteered to cover-we need July yet-when you reach out and ask people, that works out well <p>-Volunteers or people to work funerals that happen at the churches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-need a list of people that would be able to do that, as needed.-could we get a contact person or a lead person-if we're looking for volunteers, do we start going to Parish wide members, but not just the church-if we're going to be a parish, we need to move toward that direction-do we start sending information to someone rather than waiting for them to reach out.-create a library of volunteers—including help for services too <p>Action/Follow-Up for Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-looking at time and talent sheets into digital library-Jessica will take that from Pastor-this can be our start

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Digital Sign	<p>Discussion: -more to come on this from Dale.</p> <p>Action/Follow-Up for Next Meeting: -None</p>
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New Business

Summer Outreach	<p>Discussion: -Karen offered camp area behind shed to do an outdoor Wednesday or doing something on the patio -could we show a movie? Rob has projector fixed, but we don't have internet -Marsha said that doesn't seem appealing to attract people -discussed other options -how this ties in with how we need more volunteers -what churches have these kind of areas built into their councils—St. John's has social concerns; Gilman/Spring Lake? -something that's not a bar and grill that hosts family events—who would coordinate this-maybe time to look at having an outreach or youth committee -Would the Corp let church pay \$x amount for an estimate of cars, could we figure something out—could we figure out free for the whole day?</p> <p>Action/Follow-Up for Next Meeting: -None</p>
Confirmation and Sunday School Volunteer	<p>Discussion: -Brandie knows it's the middle of summer, but wondering if we have anything -background checks need to be done -don't want to wait for August to decide this -confirmation, Pastor will reach out to parents -Phil Hennemann has always taken the 9th graders to work on their faith statements</p> <p>Action/Follow-Up for Next Meeting: -None</p>
Postage for Newsletters	<p>Discussion: -newsletters are getting thicker, so it's an increase in postage -postage is also going up in July</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-what is helpful to be included-when do we go electronic? What are the benefits. <p>Action/Follow-Up for Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-None
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Round Table

Communion	<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-starting to hand/serve communion for several reasons—theology but also practicality for those who do not have the dexterity to grab the cups <p>Action/Follow-Up for Next Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Pastor will add this to the newsletter
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Next Council Meeting:

Date: August 24, 2025

Time: after church

Location: Handy Andy Park—if heat or rain, we'll go to St. John's

Closing

Adjourn	<p>Motion: Dale made motion to adjourn the meeting. Second: Marsha seconded the motion. Vote: 7:0; motion carried Adjourned at 11:02AM</p>
Prayer	<p>Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Bob.</p>