

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council Minutes**  
**Aug. 15, 2023**

Call to Order 6:36

People present: Joyce Nelson, Lori Mikel, Ashley Dellwo, Lloyd Menke, Rod Risch, Steve Gomez, Tricia Agen, John Erickson, Heidi Lund, Joel Rova-Hegener, Amy Buechler, Ellen McCullough

People absent: none

Devotions: John Erickson

Congregation Update: John Erickson

Consent motion:

July 25, 2023 Council Minutes

Aug. 8, 2023 President's Committee

Tricia moved acceptance, Rod seconded. Motion carries

Treasurer's Report: Ashley Dellwo

- July giving was very good, up 33% from 2022 (there were some annual offerings which were received in July).

Attendance also above 2022. Projection to finish the year with expenses \$23k below contributions.

John moved acceptance of the report, Amy seconded, motion carries.

Business:

- Vision/Future direction of church continuing conversation—Lori Mikel/Pastor Lloyd
  - What does faith mean to you?
  - What brings you to OSEL?
  - What are the programs or activities you engage in that support your faith and community?
- Lori shared some feedback from calling a few folks that haven't attended recently, one of whom was at church this last Thursday and they thanked her for the invitation.
- Questions for the September open-ended request:

**During our round table discussions last winter, we learned that faith and community are commonly held values. This exercise is to build upon that learning and determine a course of action for our ministries going forward.**

- 1. Thinking about the programs and services you currently value and engage with the most at OSEL which ones best help you build your personal faith?**
- 2. Thinking about the programs and services you currently value and engage with the most at OSEL, which ones best help us build a faith community?**
  - **Be as specific as you possibly can (e.g., if it's a bible study, which one?).**

Informational updates:

- Fall Schedule—Pastor Lloyd  
Church council needs to decide if we want the 8:00 service back or move ahead without it.  
John moves that we discontinue the 8:00 service. Ellen seconded. Motion carries
  - Sound System Update—Pastor Lloyd  
Working to get proposals back from vendors so that the team can evaluate them. Still in process
  - Organists Update—Pastor Joel  
One of the two candidates for part time work has withdrawn from consideration for a part time role but would be available for occasional substitute work. The plan is for Jason to continue as part time organist as well. This will be in place until the end of 2023 at which point we'll review.
- Staff Reports
- CYF Update—Amy Hanson

- Outreach Update/Community Involvement—Theresa Chatelle
- Parish Nurse Update—Sherri Lohmann
- Building Update—Jeff Conklin
- Pastor's Reports—Pastor Lloyd/Pastor Joel

Prayers and Celebrations

Adjourn

Heidi moves adjournment. Rod seconds. Motion carries. Adjourned at 7:52