

**Bethel Lutheran Church Council**  
**Minutes, June 18, 2024**  
**Approved July 18, 2024**

**Attendees:** Randy Baskerville, Ros Demaree, Jill Dunn, Gary Helgemo, Pastor Dave Hill, Steve Horton, Sarah Manro, Mary Jo Mikulski, Linc Schneider, Harold Seamon.

Mary Jo Mikulski called the meeting to order at 6:38 with a devotion followed by Pastor Dave leading a prayer.

**Minutes**

Steve Horton moved, and Pastor Dave seconded, to approve the May 21, 2024, minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Finance Report**

May expenses were down, and revenue was up, putting Bethel \$8,500 in the black for the month and \$7,791 for the year.

The Rummage Sale netted \$14,272.91. An amendment was offered to the motion approved at an earlier meeting about what the proceeds should fund. Steve Horton moved, and Gary Helgemo seconded that the rummage sale proceeds, less a \$250 donation to the girls Scout troop in appreciation of their help, be used to pay down the mortgage with the higher interest rate. Motion passed unanimously. Additionally, Christian Ed will give \$100 to each of the Scout troops as a gift of appreciation.

Steve Horton moved, and Randy Baskerville seconded, to approve the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Congregational Meeting Update**

The agenda for the June 23 Congregational Meeting was reviewed. Council members were invited to send Jim Herr a paragraph about their ministry to include in the recap of the year.

**Historian and Space for Storage/Display**

When the Women on Wednesday bible study sorted through things being stored in the library, a number of church history items were discovered. Mary Jo Mikulski suggested the records be displayed museum style. A volunteer church historian should be recruited to lead this initiative. Pastor Dave will review engagement cards for volunteers.

**Council Retreat**

The Council Retreat is scheduled for July 13 in Fellowship Hall, starting at 8 a.m. and ending no later than 4 p.m. Jim Halstead of Go and Tell Ministry, Fort Wayne, will present an Evangelism and Discipleship workshop in the morning, followed by a Q&A and planning discussion in the afternoon.

**Missions**

Randy Baskerville gave an update on Missions Committee activity. Bethel is gifting \$9,854 to help build a Christian school in Ethiopia. The church will bring Gobena and his family to Noblesville in August 2025. During the visit, he will be a presenter at the NALC convocation. Funding for this comes largely from Fish Fry proceeds.

### **Other Business**

- This year's Fish Fry will be 4:30-7:30 Aug. 16.
- Monthly dinners following the Saturday worship will be held outside, weather permitting.
- There will be one service on July 21. A congregational picnic with games and fellowship will follow.
- A new coordinator is needed for the 2025 Rummage Sale unless 3-4 people commit to lead various parts of the sale and recruit volunteers to do the needed work.
- A team of volunteers is needed to return furniture used at this year's Rummage Sale back to its place.
- Dinner Group leaders have been sent lists of people for their group.

Sarah Manro moved, and Gary Helgemo seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted  
Ros Demaree

### **JUNE 2024 MINISTRY REPORTS**

#### **CARE MINISTRY, JILL DUNCAN**

The large CARE MINISTRY TEAM met and discussed activities they will sponsor for the remainder of the year. They include How to recognize and avoid being scammed Sept 7, 80s+ Luncheon Oct. 6, Planning for the future (death) and Holiday Grief workshops.

The CARE GROUP (lead by PDoug) continues to meet every Fri to pray for and discuss those who are having physical and/or emotional concerns and what we can do to help.

22 youth graduation blankets were found, dating back to 2017. We are trying to get names and addresses for them and somehow plan to deliver them.

We would like to reinstate a "Shepherding" program for new members.

Pastor Doug continues to visit hospitalized and shut in members....his plate is full!!!!

The HEALING SERVICE continues each month and is always different and moving. This is such a blessing to many.

CIRCLE OF SISTERS made a new Pentecost banner hanging above the coatrack in the hallway...check it out!

CREATIVE SPIRITS group has sent over 200 baby blankets to Riverview Hospital and are donating prayer shawls to the NALC disaster relief group.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY, ROS DEMAREE**

Work continued to publish the annual report.

#### **FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY, JIM HERR**

The fellowship committee met on June 8 and discussed the following:

June 21<sup>st</sup> music event at the farmhouse

July 21<sup>st</sup> single service food and games planning

Possible additional craft day

Possible additional bingo day

**MUSIC AND WORSHIP MINISTRY, LINC SCHNEIDER**

Summer holidays will reduce some of the volunteers in all worship groups as folks are in and out due to vacations. However, we will continue to lead the music and worship in meaningful and more creative ways with smaller groups. Still see our regulars doing God's work in all areas of the ministry (AV, Music, Altar Guild, Greeters, Ushers and Readers). Continuing to work on advance preparation to reduce the mistakes. The earlier the better in planning. Unfortunately, have not seen a gain in attendance.

**PROPERTY, JEFF REISING**

Painting will begin June 24 and should be finished that week. Concrete work will be done early to mid-July, no date yet, but that window is pretty good. We've gotten very little response on replacing our back-up pumps for the geo system so Kevin Hansen is pricing them out. We may just install them ourselves. The VFD (variable frequency drive) on the HVAC unit serving the first floor of the education wing evidently needs to be replaced. The cost is \$6900-plus. Council will need to approve funding for that. Discussions will start with people to help on sanctuary projects, including lighting, carpet cleaning, and pew cleaning and repair and possibly repadding and covering pew seats.

**YOUTH MINISTRY, SARAH MANRO**

Youth is taking the summer off from our Midweek Group. On June 2 we celebrated our graduating high school seniors at both Sunday services. We had 13 total graduates. Four attended the early service and 3 attended the late service. We provided cake and other goodies for coffee fellowship that day.

We are working on scheduling a pool party in July. And I continue working with Pastor Doug and the Helgemos to plan confirmation for the 24-25 school year.