

**MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**June 17, 2025; 6:30 pm; Church Library**

**Minutes**

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Fred Albert, Monica Baker, Karla Briggs, Jason Cornell, Kevin Dahl, Megan Hutton, John Meagher, Ken Swanson,

Zoom: Karen Hanson

Staff: Pastor Eric Bostrom, Deacon Traci Vatne

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Megan Hutton in the MVLC Library at 6:35 pm.

Karla Briggs is a new committee member and each attendee introduced themselves and shared about their history at MVLC.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Monica Baker opened with devotion and prayer.

**REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL**

▪ **Election of officers**

President Megan Hutton stated that three members of the council have volunteered to serve as officers:

- Fred Albert for President
- Megan Hutton for Vice President
- Monica Baker for Secretary

Council members were invited to discuss and recommend alternatives, and none were identified.

Each officer was elected unanimously by vocal acclamation in the following order - secretary, vice president and president. The officers of the 2025 2026 Council are officially:

- Fred Albert, President
- Megan Hutton, Vice President
- Monica Baker, Secretary
- Jason Cornell, Treasurer (not elected, but appointed)

▪ **Changes to individuals authorized to sign checks for Mountain View Lutheran Church:**

- Adding Fred Albert, Council President
- Adding Monica Baker, Council Secretary
- Adding Jason Cornell, Council Treasurer
- Removing Karen Hansen (former Secretary)
- Removing Robert Yost (former Vice President)

▪ **Council Installation Date**

The 2025/2026 Council will be installed during the worship service after the Deacon Sending on July 20, 2025.

▪ **Council Appointments**

The following council members have agreed to represent the council in the following committees:

- Call Committee – Ken Swanson
- Finance Committee – Megan Hutton
- MEF Committee – Karen Hanson
- Music and Worship – Kevin Dahl
- Property Committee – Karla Briggs

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the May 20, 2025 meeting were reviewed.

*Motion:* Approve the minutes as posted.

*Made By:* Kevin Dahl

*Second:* Megan Hutton

*Action:* Passed

## **WRITTEN REPORTS**

The written reports were reviewed.

*Motion:* Approve the reports as posted.

*Made By:* Ken Swanson

*Second:* Karla Briggs

*Action:* Passed

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Jason Cornell gave an overview of the budget process at Mountain View Lutheran Church (MVLC), including information on former accountants and how we came to hire our current bookkeeper. He went on to explain that all monies belonging to the church are safely in the bank. The process of handling deposits is well defined and designed to prevent the mishandling of church monies. Jason encouraged the council to question any large variances in transactions documented in the report.

Jason's goal is to retire the restricted funds that are sitting unused because no plan for using them exists. Two primary examples of restricted funds with no planned use include Worship and Music and Memorials.

## **PASTOR/DEACON'S REPORTS**

### **Pastor Eric**

Council members reviewed the report submitted by Pastor Eric while he updated Council on a variety of items.

Pastor Eric reminded council members who have not submitted a short biography and photo for the Council web page to do so soon.

Pastor Eric said that the contract with Paul Oman has been signed and the deposit paid. The remainder of the agreed upon fee remains to be paid. He described the format for the worship service and answered questions.

Keith Marshall has been elected Bishop for the Southwestern Washington Synod. Our new bishop will assume his role in August.

The estate of Linda Peterson includes a \$25K gift to MVLC. At this point in time consideration is being given to how this gift is to be used, but at the time of the council meeting, it was half to the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) and half to youth programs - retreats or the youth annual trip.

Analysis of 2024 Christmas Eve services shows significantly increased attendance with an earlier schedule – 5 pm and 7 pm. Pastor Eric shared this information to prepare the council for future discussion about scheduling Christmas Eve Services.

Pastor Eric shared that he has a practice of meeting every month with the council president over coffee. He extended the invitation to members of the council. He is interested in hearing how/why we feel called to serve as council members.

### **Deacon Traci**

Council members reviewed Deacon Traci's schedule of summer events while she provided a verbal update

Deacon Traci met with parents and mentors to discuss the policy statement, Mountain View Lutheran Church: Boundary Expectations for Adults – May 2025. Good feedback has been provided and resulting changes will be made and submitted for review and approval by the council.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Vice President Megan Hutton addressed the reduced size of the council and that the quorum is now five members. If we cannot attain a quorum, consideration must be given to rescheduling the meeting since any action requiring a motion cannot be made.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Property Committee**

The council reviewed the Property Committee Report while Fred mentioned that the painting of the chapel project will start the week of June 23, weather permitting. The plan is to wait to paint the south side of the building until after the windows have been replaced and any necessary repairs have been completed.

### **Call Committee**

Ken Swanson stated that the Call Committee will meet later this week to discuss the initial interview with the second candidate..

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Monica Baker led the council in closing prayer.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Baker, Secretary

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **Property Committee Report**

MVLC Property committee minutes June 2nd, 2025

In attendance:

Bill Kohler  
Joan Kohler  
Kelvin Machamu  
Rick Hansen  
Henry Peck  
Fred Albert

#### **Special presentation:**

- Amy Boers presented “God’s Work, Our Hands” which the ELCA has slated for Sept 7th, the same day as our gathering back together for worship. The idea is to incorporate various community based projects into that service. Amy requested the property committee would try and find various community projects for our congregation to work on for that day.

#### **Projects (active):**

- Martinson Painting will begin the Chapel project the week of June 23, weather permitting.
- The plan is to return and complete the south side of the chapel once the window repairs are done, (this is scheduled in July after VBS.)
- Honey doers will be repairing the fascia on the west side of sanctuary

#### **Repair:**

- Discussions that the water heater in the chapel is approx 20 years old, recommending replacement possibly with on-demand water heater.
- Henry is getting bids for parking lot light upgrades to LED fixtures
- Reviewed bids for metal roof replacement for MVCC. We passed bids onto Beth Ann Johnson for possible grant opportunities. Typically a 12-18 month timeline for the grant approval process

#### **Preventative:**

- Carolyn Dahle has gotten bids from arborists to trim large oak tree along 122 Ave E.

The committee will continue to review and refine the major projects list. The council has read rights to that folder. In the property folder: Bids, Meeting Notes and Project Workbook>MVLC Campus.xlsx

Future discussions:

What to do with the property north of the sanctuary (ongoing)

Updated Campus project list to include air-conditioning for three buildings

## PASTOR/DEACON REPORTS

### Pastor Eric

#### Pastor Eric's Report to the June Council

- Pastor Rhonda and I are leading a footsteps of Paul trip in Oct 2026. Learn more at this link <https://www.eliaستours.com/tours/journeys-of-paul-the-greek-islands-with-rev-eric-bostrom>
- The contract for Paul Oman and Drawn to the Word is signed and delivered. A team of people is helping me prepare for Paul's visit on Aug 10, including building the frame and easel. The theme for Aug 10 will be the Sermon on the Mountain. The design of the worship will account for the 50 minutes that Paul takes to create his artwork. We will read through the sections of the Sermon on the Mountain in Matthew and break it up with instrumental music and reflective silence. Paul will also talk us through his creative process. During Communion, everyone will be able to take an up-close look at the artwork nearing its completion. The final wall space for the artwork will be in the hallway between the office entry and nursery.
- Celebration of Life Church and Pastors Liz and Hector will be helping us on Aug 23 with our Back-to-School Backpack event with the MVCC. I had a fruitful meeting with Pastor Liz and Hector and we are excited to partner more together. Their congregation especially loves to feed people. Stayed tuned!
- By the time we meet for Council, the SWWA Synod will have a new bishop elect. I will share more details about who it is on June 17.
- I will be officiating at the wedding of Pat Clement's granddaughter, Caitlin Smith wedding to Elijah Knight in Buckley on Saturday, June 28.
- Emilia Olson was baptized on June 8, Pentecost.
- A new high school student, Kaylee, will be baptized on Sunday, July 27. Kaylee has been coming to worship with the Nicols family, and she is friends with Paige Nicols and Collin Hutton. Paige and Collin will also affirm their baptism during Kaylee's baptism.
- Charlette Tveter will be baptized on Sunday, June 22. She is the third child of John and Sam Tveter.
- I'm excited for VBS this summer. This summer I am leading the content and music of opening and closing as I have done in the past.
- Sunday, Sept 7, will be a day of congregational service. Congregations across the ELCA will be joining us for this annual God Work, Our Hands Sunday. We are currently working to organize 12-15 service projects that 8-10 can plug into. Sign ups for these service projects will begin in July. The Sunday will look like this. At 9:30 we gather for a brief worship. Then we head out for our day of service. The day will conclude with a meal back at church to celebrate being God's presence in our community and share stories with each other.
- I am planning a small memorial service for one of our members who died, Pat Hicks, with the help of Genie Lennon. The date will be Saturday, June 21 at 11am. Because I anticipate this service to be very small, around 15 people, we are not using staff resources. Troy will not be creating a worship folder. Amy will not be playing. I'm simply designing an intimate service of remembrance for the small group that will be gathered.

- Look for a summer calendar of MVLC events. These are great events to attend and introduce yourself as a Council member. I want people to know that you are a leader in our congregation and can come to you with ideas or concerns.

**Deacon Traci**

## SUMMER 2025 EVENTS

Fri, June 20, 5 pm:	Load Scout Trailer for Value Village Drop Off
Sat, June 21, 11 am:	Unload Trailer at Value Village in Tukwila
Sun, June 22:	Champ Camp Conversation following worship
Sun, July 6, 11 am:	Hymn Sing at Mill Ridge
Wed, July 9, 6 pm:	Pizza and VBS skit/music practice
Sat, July 12, 6 pm:	Potluck and Game Night with the Lysnes
Sun, July 13: 9:30 am:	Pulpit Swap with Pastor Rhonda
July 14-18, 9 am to 12 pm:	Vacation Bible School
Sun, July 20:	Group Tour of Lemay Marymount
Sat, July 26, 6 am:	Group Hike with Fred Albert
July 27-August 1:	Lutherwood Camp for 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> graders
July 27, 4-9 pm:	6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade BBQ/Games/Campfire at the Huttons
August 2-8:	Lutherhaven Champ Camp for 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> graders
Sun, Aug 3, 11 am:	Hymn Sing at Mill Ridge
Sat, Aug 9, 12-4pm:	Carnival for a Cause (gym)
Sun, Aug 10 9:30 am:	Worship – Paul Oman, Drawn to the Word
Sun, Aug 10, 2 pm:	MVLC Golf Event
Wed, Aug 13, 6-8pm:	Youth/Mentor BBQ at the Vatne home
Sat, Aug 23, 11	Campus Back to School Event
Sat, Aug 23:	Middle School Video Games with Gordon Adams
Sun, Sept 7:	God's Work Our Hands Event