

**MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Church Council Meeting Minutes**  
**August 19, 2025; 6:30 pm; Church Library**

**ATTENDANCE**

Present: Fred Albert, Monica Baker, Karla Briggs, Jason Cornell, Karen Hansen, Megan Hutton, Ken Swanson

ZOOM: John Meagher

Staff: Pastor Eric Bostrom

Absent: Kevin Dahl

Guest: Amy Boers

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Fred Albert at 6:35 pm.

**OPENING PRAYER**

John Meagher shared his experience of God's beautiful creation and his gratitude despite health issues, then led the Council in prayer.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 15, 2025 meeting were reviewed

*Motion:* Approve the minutes as posted

*Made by:* Ken Swanson

*Second:* Karla Briggs

*Action:* Passed

**WRITTEN REPORTS**

The written reports were reviewed.

*Motion:* Approve the reports as posted

*Made by:* Megan Hutton

*Second:* Ken Swanson  
*Action:* Passed

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Jason Cornell gave an overview of the month of July by stating that tithes and offerings for the month were \$71,277.00, which was \$1,700.00 higher than expected for a month in the summer. Expenses were \$74,122.00, which was higher than anticipated, and the month therefore showed a deficit of about \$2800.00.

Jason went on to address the Council's questions about the 2025 Spending Guideline pertaining to Technology. Jason stated that the 2025 spending guideline includes money to replace two laptops. Before this can happen, we need to understand which existing laptops need to be prioritized for replacement based on age and physical condition. It was suggested that Pastor Eric poll staff to determine the needs of each. This assessment, together with the inventory list Fred will provide will help prioritize which devices need to be replaced first. Additionally, there are other technology related expenses that need scrutinizing. Software licensing costs and hardware related spending are combined under the umbrella of technology – this needs to change soon. There is/are servers in a closet that are aging – should they be kept or retired? If keeping, who maintains them? Shelby is still costing MVLC \$450.00 a month. Additionally, MVLC is paying the current IT support provider a retainer in the amount of \$350.00 per month and he bills MVLC for expenses and mileage when answering a service request. MVLC has paid \$4,850.00 this year to date following this service model.

Jason stated that there is \$18,565.00 available that can be diverted to the hardware refresh and improving the computer and connectivity in the library. Megan has offered to ask Ben Wadnizak to help identify a solution.

Jason reported that MVLC received a \$25,000.00 gift from Linda Peterson's estate that is designated to the Mission Endowment Fund (MEF). The MEF currently has a balance of \$316,000.00.

The Finance Committee will be meeting on September 9 to start work on the 2026 Spending Guideline.

## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

The Council reviewed the report Pastor Eric submitted while he shared that he is particularly excited and proud of the upcoming campus wide Back to School Event The Mountain View Community Center, the Iglesia Celebracion de Vida and Mountain View

Lutheran Church are collaborating to provide hundreds of backpacks, many pairs of socks and meals for children in the Edgewood community.

He is also pleased that plans are being developed to perform a community service project named God's Work Our Hands. He encouraged council members to take leadership roles in this event.

Guest Amy Boers shared that one of the service projects has been dropped, but there are still many opportunities to serve.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

There was some discussion of the compensation package for the Candidate of Choice. We are already quite close to what he is already receiving as a pastor in the UCC. Fred states he believes the contract as it exists is a good starting point for negotiations. Fred is aware that increasing the pension contribution (currently 12% in line with Pastor Eric's pension payment) is not negotiable.

A motion to adopt the contract as currently written.

*Made by:* Megan Hutton

*2<sup>nd</sup>:* Karen Hansen

*Action:* Passed

The Council discussed the updated Boundary Expectation Document for Adults and decided to accept the document.

A motion to adopt the Mountain View Lutheran Church Boundary Expectations for Adults document, version 3 dated August 13, 2025.

*Made by:* Karen Hansen

*2<sup>nd</sup>:* Karla Briggs

*Action:* Passed

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

There were no council reports to review during the August Meeting.

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Megan Hutton led the council in closing prayer.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Monica K Baker, Secretary

## PASTOR'S REPORT

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

- Champ Camp was amazing. We had 11 youth and three adults who attended Lutherhaven Camp on Lake Coeur d'Alene in Idaho. There were also youth groups from Bonney Lake and Oregon for Champ Camp. The design of Champ Camp is for our youth to be partnered with a buddy with special needs. Together they experience all the camp experiences and hopefully connect as friends. I'm proud of our youth! They leaned into courage, compassion, patience, and humility. The final evening of Champ Camp was very beautiful with a talent show and lots of joy.
- I am now a member of the SWWA Synod Candidacy Committee. The SWWA Synod has around 30 people pursuing rostered leadership in the ELCA as a deacon or pastor. The Candidacy Committee journey's with and finally approves these candidates for ordination as deacons or pastors.
- VBS School was amazing this year. The highlight for me was the youth and adult volunteers. They were so great and enthusiastic with our VBS kids. And a big shout out to Deborah VanderLey who organized VBS this year.
- Deacon Traci had her last Sunday at Mt View Aug 10. It was a beautiful expression of gratitude for her impactful 8 months with us. Thank you all for contributing \$20 toward her Flathead farewell gift and your handwritten notes of appreciation.
- I've had two of the five Council visits for this summer. Our conversations have been helpful for our direction together as a Council this year. I look forward to scheduling the remaining three Council visits.
- The MEF Banquet Team has a wonderful event planned for Sept 13. Please RSVP for this event at Council leaders. The event is free and the purpose is to highlight the stories of the MEF, the grant recipients, acknowledge significant gifts given recently to the MEF, and ask people to include the MEF in their legacy giving at the time of their death. No money will be asked for at this event. Continue giving your weekly, monthly, and annual gifts to the General Fund.
- Sept 7 is God Work Our Hands Sunday. We have 9 service projects planned for this Sunday. We will begin the morning with a brief worship at 9:30. At 10am head out for serving. Finally, return to Mt View for a meal and reporting on the impactful stories of the day. Please sign up now in the Gathering Space.
- Kaylee Hobley was baptized on July 27. She is a HS student at Bonney Lake. Kaylee also publicly affirmed her baptism with Paige Nicols and Collin Hutton on July 27. There is also another HS student named Makena Travis who has been very regular in worship and might be desiring baptism. The Holy Spirit is moving.
- Wasn't Pastor Paul Oman painting in worship cool on Aug 10?

Pastor Eric