

Mountain View Lutheran Church • Church Council Meeting Tuesday,  
November 16, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.  
MVLC Library

## Minutes

### Attendance

Present: Karen Hansen, Skip Harrison, Gretchen Johnsrud, Bob Linden,  
Gerry Philipsen, Carol Powers, Ken Swanson, Emily Thompson, Bob Yost,  
Treasurer Jason Cornell.

Staff: Pastor Bri Merkle.

### Call to order

President Bob Linden called the meeting to order.

### Devotion

Gretchen Johnsrud led devotions based upon Colossians 2:2.  
The council prayed together.

### Approval of minutes

**It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021 meeting of the MVLC Church Council.**

### Submitted written reports

**It was M/S/P to accept written reports for Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 that were submitted from the following individuals and ministry groups:**

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**, submitted by Bob Linden.
  - Gretchen will be taking council minutes- Troy is working on technology and other responsibilities.
  - Congregational meeting on Sunday Nov. 21 to approve the spending guideline.
    - Thanks to the finance committee on all the work on the spending guideline!
  - Pastor Kim last sunday Dec. 12th congregational gift and reception.
  - Constitution: Jim Hushagen will review constitution with new provisions

- Jim will also reach out to the synod. Hopefully in January will bring the completed constitution to the council for approval.
- TREASURER'S REPORT submitted by Jason Cornell
  - Giving for the month of September was **HIGHER** than expected. We ended the month with \$80,303 vs an expected amount of \$75,140 (+\$5,163). Our income is currently \$66,621 below our spending guideline for 2021.
- PROPERTY REPORT, submitted by Gretchen Johnsrud
  - Gretchen is working with Carolyn Dahle and Dan Neptun to find a landscaping company.
- CALL COMMITTEE, submitted by Ken Swanson.
  - They are meeting with a potential candidate this weekend on the MVLC campus.
- FRIENDS IN FAITH, submitted by Karen Hansen
  - Looking to start some fellowship groups in 2022, hopefully 2 a month.
- PASTOR'S REPORT, submitted by Pastor Briana Merkle.
  - Consecration Sunday went well. The theme of fellowship was well received and many people attended the meal.
  - Adult Ed. planning has begun. They are considering a short series before Lent reviewing the ALIVE report - "Dreams"
- PASTOR'S REPORT, submitted by Pastor Kim Latterell.
  - Phone calling has gone well with positive feedback from most.
  - My Sunday morning classes on The Lord's Prayer were well attended (50-60)
  - The Women's Study has been well-attended (18-22)
  - Pastor Bri and I are working on 3 Advent Wednesdays, several Sunday morning studies on the gospel of Luke (This year's emphasis).

### **Closing prayer**

Karen Hansen closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Johnsrud  
Council Secretary