

University Lutheran Mission Statement

University Lutheran is a family of faith, called by the Holy Spirit to be one ministry serving both our community and university. The Spirit calls us to make known, by word and deed, the story of God's love in Jesus. Our worship together empowers us to grow as disciples as we receive, celebrate, and share God's gifts with all of God's creation and created ones.

UniLu Council Meeting Notes

Mar 23, 2025

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor Josh Kestner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Avery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Lanier	<input type="checkbox"/> Tamie Herin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cindy Donnan
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Jones	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tammy McGinney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sam Plonk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Scott
<input type="checkbox"/> David Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rachel Quesada			

Call to Order: 12:29

Devotion/Prayer: Cindy Donnan

Review/Approve

- **Minutes**

- Feb 9, 2025 - Special Congregational Meeting Minutes
 - **Motion 1st/2nd/Approval: Tammy/Cindy/Unanimous**
- March 2025 - UniLu Retreat Meeting Minutes
 - **Motion 1st/2nd/Approval: Carol/Jim/Unanimous**

- **Feb 2025 Financial Report (Rachel Quesada)**

- Income doing well; Expenses are normal
 - 67k pledges paid in full since Jan
 - No budget line for supply pastor, but Pastor Jon's salary should cover expenses
- Designated funds will be paid this month
- Designated Charity - 6k given in late Feb – checks have been sent
- Flower Fund – negative by \$800 – Jean to talk to Jan Fritz about collecting money from
- \$320 given for staff gifts after 12/24 – money has been paid
- **Motion 1st/2nd/Approval: Carol/Kim/Unanimous**

- **Pastors' Report**

- Spring break trip went great – they built an entire porch. They would like to do the same thing next year.
- Cost is covered by St Johns in Walhalla and donations from UniLu
- Robert Miles will cover services for Pastor Josh during LCM beach trip
- Support pastors are scheduled through May; June to be scheduled

- **Committee Reports:**

- **Community (Tammy)**
 - Healing Bridges Counseling center - still in planning/fundraising
 - They are looking for prayers; share the story with congregation to see how people might be able to help.
 - **Tammy** to write a story for the newsletter, get a contact for the organization for church members to reach out to
 - **Rachel** to give Souper Bowl check to **Tammy** for her to deliver to Clemson Community care
- **Outreach (Michael)**
 - Waiting for the first meeting to formally create committee
 - 2 Types – Internal and External
- **Education and Youth (Sam)**
 - Interest meeting on 3/9 – 6 new people – all levels of childhood were represented
 - 3/30/25 – next meeting to develop vision/mission/calendar
 - Discussions have started regarding training for youth participation in services starting this summer
- **Finance / Audit (Rachel)**
 - Jean Mehlman working on Audit team
 - Payments that are made electronically are not being reviewed
 - Rachel created a sign off sheet to review/approve payments
 - New process – Rachel to put payments to be approved in Stephen's box and he will either sign off or find someone who will.
- **LCM** – Spring Bream and Exams

- **Mutual Ministry** – No Report; Will be formed pending hire of new pastor
- **Fellowship (Carol)**
 - The Fellowship Committee has worked hard to organize and implement Lenten meals. We will be providing any food not volunteered for the meals on March 26th and April 9th.
 - David and I are working diligently on plans for the rest of April as it stands now. Easter Social between services is the biggest event so far.
- **Personnel (Stephen)**
 - Only issue was the statement regarding salary for the LMC pastor; Pastor Josh wrote the statement stating salary will start at minimum synod guidelines
- **Property (Stephen)**
 - HVAC projected will be completed this Tuesday so we will have heat and air for Lenten services
 - The city will remove stumps and replace them with shrubs
- **Stewardship (Jim)**
 - The fall stewardship campaign will start ramping up around August.
 - Committee could use a 3rd person to work specifically on time/talent; Outreach committee will likely be able to assist with this
- **Worship & Music (Cindy)**
 - Jan is planning to provide training to youth and adults for assisting with services
 - June – worship at Biggerstaff Christian Retreat hosted by Fellowship and Worship/Music. Outreach to help with getting the word out
- **Synod communications (Pastor Josh)**
 - We need people to sign up for synod assembly in Charleston in June
 - Synod focusing on getting Jesus out into the community

Old Business – no hanging chads

New Business

- **Call process for LCM Pastor**
 - **(Vote)** – Call Committee composition
 - Cheryl Ingram-Smith
 - Tammy McGinney
 - Libby Queener
 - Michael Schick
 - Trey Schumpert
 - David Smith
 - Kesley Tibbs (Chairman)
 - **Motion 1st/2nd/Approval: Carol/Cindy/Unanimous**
 - **(Vote)** – University Lutheran's Mission Specific Profile
 - **Motion 1st/2nd/Approval: Sam/Cindy/Unanimous**
 - LCM Pastor Discernment Sequence summary
 - The council will only get the name of a person that is selected for hire
 - LCM Pastor Discernment Newsletter article
 - **Stephen** to send an article to Abi for inclusion in the newsletter
- **Chose a date for Pastor Josh's Installation**
 - Service will be held on 5/18/25 at 3pm; service officiated by Maria, no communion
- **Strategic Orientations** – see file named 2025 Strategic Goals.docx
- **Annual Congregational Meeting date**
 - Will be held 4/27/2024 after the 9am service
 - Need to announce 2 Sundays in advance
 - Annual report has already been submitted
 - Council meeting at 12:30 on 4/27
- **Close the loop on electronic voting** – Electronic voting isn't authorized
- **Motion to adjourn made at 2:15**
 - **Motion 1st/2nd/Approval - Jim/Cindy/Unanimous**

Next Council Meeting - April 27, 2025