

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

Apr 27, 2025

☒ Pastor Josh Kestner ☒ Stephen Avery ☒ Kim Lanier ☒ Tamie Herin ☒ Cindy Donnan
☒ Jim Jones ☒ Carol Miller ☒ Tammy McGinney ☐ Sam Plonk ☒ Michael Scott
☐ David Smith

Call to Order: 12:20

Devotion/Prayer: Stephen Avery

Review/Approve

- March 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
 - Motion 1st/2nd/Approval: Tammy/Tamie /Unanimous

Pastors' Report

- Lent went great- it was nice to have the students come to the services on Wednesday night, daily devotions and reflections were nice
- Easter service was packed; visitors who attended Easter returned this week

Committee Reports:

- Community (Tammy)
- Outreach (Michael)
- Education and Youth (Sam)
 - The committee will revisit Sunday school class age distributions yearly, based on anticipated attendance
 - The committee will explore resuming Sunday school teacher training and background checks
 - High school graduates to be recognized during worship on May 18
 - Worship assistant training for kids and adults to take place June 8, 15, and 22 during the Sunday school hour (organized and led by the worship and music committee)
 - July Sunday school programming tbd
 - Rally day tbd
- Finance / Audit (Rachel)
 - March 2025 Financial Report (Tamie)
 - March Financial Report
 - MTD Income \$39,456.92 MTD Expenses \$24,365.08
 - YTD Income \$157,453.07 YTD Expenses \$89,311.39
 - Giving is down slightly, but not enough to cause concern
 - Capital Account fund
 - Embracing Inclusivity
 - \$13k short; people have until May 30, 2025 to pay their pledge
 - The remaining money will come out of the capital account
 - HVAC - \$20k to fix
- LCM - NTR
- Mutual Ministry – No Report; Will be formed pending hire of new pastor
- Fellowship (Carol)
 - April was a very busy month for us.
 - We planned and implemented the last Lenten meal on April 9th (the 3rd meal Fellowship was in charge of).
 - The meals this year were very well attended, averaging 45-50 people each of the five weeks. We appreciate all the congregational members who volunteered to host and/or supply food all five weeks of Lent. These meals helped to provide great fellowship during this special season.
 - April 20th Easter brunch social was a huge success. So many people provided food we really needed more tables! Attendance was fantastic providing a great connection opportunity between both services and with visitors. For the first time this year we were able to open the front doors and spill out into the courtyard as God blessed us with a beautiful Easter Day!
 - April 23rd Fellowship provided the reception meal for John Blackmon's funeral under Cindy Sander's guidance and planning. Many congregational members provided food. We received many compliments from

both family and visitors. We always feel blessed to be able to provide this service to our members, their families and friends.

- Personnel (Stephen) - NTR
- Property (Stephen)
 - The HVAC project for the Education/Fellowship wing is coming to a close. The system is operational and seems to be functioning as promised. The exterior ventilation lever panel has yet to be installed, as a consequence \$3000.00 is being withheld from the final invoice. It is anticipated the panel will be installed within a month, where upon the remaining funds will be released.
 - The kitchen dish sanitizer has been operating erratically; service was called. It appears to be working now but it will be monitored closely.
 - Two concrete specialty companies were called to bid on correcting the leaning slab adjacent to the Fellowship Hall as well as the two lower sidewalks in need of leveling. Their bids may be available for the Council meeting on the 27th of April.
 - Many thanks should be extended to all those who sustain our surrounding grounds. The Church never looked better on Easter morning.
- Stewardship (Jim) - NTR
- Worship & Music (Cindy)
 - Jan is taking care of this
- Synod communications (Pastor Josh)
 - We have money to pay for 3 people in addition to Josh
 - June 12-14 in Charleston

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **Audit Committee Member recommendations**
 - Jim Vetter, Chairman
 - Marian Benton
 - Robert Knoerr
 - Joe Sears
 - **Motion 1st/2nd/Approval: Sam/Kim/Unanimous**
- **4 Strategic Goals for 2025**
 - **Motion made to formally adopt – Tamie/Michael/unanimous**
- **Condition of the parking lot – trash**
 - We're seeing a lot of trash in the parking lot - especially
 - Stephen sent a letter to the property management regarding trash as well as the removal of 2 trees
- **Michael – communication committee**
 - Has reached out to others to chair/join the committee
 - Would like access to the FB account so he can start posting
 - \$1500 in the budget to hire a resource to help with communications

Next Council Meeting - May 21, 2025, 5:30pm

Next Devotion – Michael Scott

Devotion Schedule thru September

Date	Council Member
May 21, 2025	Michael Scott
June 22, 2025	Jim Jones
July 27, 2025	Tamie Herin
August 24, 2025	Carol Miller
September 28, 2025	Kim Lanier