

# **Ascension Lutheran Church – Council Meeting Minutes**

Littleton, Colorado

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

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## **In attendance:**

**Council Members:** Tom Munson, *Barbara Rutter*, Margo Pasha, Tim McClaren, Linda Achziger, *Mike Zehnder*, Stephanie Roettjer, Christa Kirschner, Norm Fringer, Connie Fringer, *Pastor John Larson*, Scott Luethy, Terry Utecht

**Excused:** Ian Kirschner, Joyce Lord, Anita Baresel

## **Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 6:28 p.m. in the Council of Ascension Lutheran Church (ALC) by the President.

## **Opening Prayer:**

The *Pastor John Larson* offered an opening prayer.

## **Opening Devotion**

Joyce Lord emailed the devotion and the President read the devotion.

## **Approval of Previous Minutes**

May regular meeting minutes were approved. The special meeting minutes correction for the day of the week.

## **President**

- No report

## **VP**

- No report

## **Treasurers Report**

- Attached
- May treasurers report passed unanimously.

## **Staff Reports**

- **Pastor John Larson**
  - Very appreciative of everything the congregation has done.
  - Started back at work last Tuesday.
  - Pastor is back full time.
  - Gave highlights about district convention
- **Director of Music Ministry – Michael Zehnder**
  - Attached
  - Advertise the Hymn festival with Michael Burkhardt
- **Director of Education and Youth**
  - Attached

## **Board Report**

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- **Columbarium Memorial Garden**
  - Nothing to report
- **Community Outreach and Communication**
  - None
- **Board of Elders**
  - Attached
- **Ladies Guild**
  - Attached
- **Parish Education**
  - Meeting with Stephanie about Sunday School.
  - VBS prep
- **Social ministry**
  - None
- **Stewardship**
  - None
- **Trustees**
  - Attached
  - Motion: Approve Accurate Janitorial Services to clean the church and sign the contract.
  - Passed unanimously

## **New Business**

- None

## **Announcements**

- Next Voter's Meeting – September 25, 2022
- Next Council Meeting – July 12, 2022
- Board of the Month (July 2022) – Elders

### Board of the Month duties includes:

Devotions for Council Meeting, "Happenings" newsletter article each week, coffee cleanup

## **Adjournment**

- At 7:23 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

——— Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Rutter, Secretary

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## HANDOUTS

Director of Music Ministries  
Report – May 2022, Michael J Zehnder

## THANKS

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Thanks to Ann Kaneko and Diana Gaide who subbed for me on the organ during pastor's recovery. Others were also scheduled but God was good and healed up pastor faster than we could have even hoped. Thanks also to Pastor Don Ginkel who covered for the Sunday morning Adult Bible Study during the recovery period and to the Elders for visiting shut-ins.

## SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

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During the summer, with choir, bells and children's groups not meeting we use solos/duets etc., for vocal or instrumental music specials. So far we have people signed up for 10 of the 12 summer Sundays.

## CALENDAR REMINDERS - MICHAEL BURKHARDT HYMN FESTIVAL – LIFE ENRICHMENT REQUEST

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Thursday, September 29 @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm - FINAL REHEARSAL FOR CONCERT WITH PROF. BURKHARDT

**Friday, September 30 7 or 7:30 p.m. HYMN FESTIVAL WITH MICHAEL BURKHARDT (With Bells and Choir); Sponsored by the American Guild of Organists and Ascension**

Saturday, November 1 9:00 am to 11:30 am - Hymn Playing workshop (for interested organists only)

Also, since this event was originally scheduled for January 2020 during the tenure of the Wilson's on Life Enrichment, **I've requested of the Wilsons if they would graciously consider handling some of the LE details for that event.** Most of what need to be done will be handled by the AGO or myself, but I could use help with in-house promotion and day of event hosting/ushering.

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## Youth Ministry/Education Report – 6/13/22

There is little to report this month. We are gearing up for VBS next weekend. So far we have 20+ kids registered, but are expecting more to register as we get closer to the day. We have been blessed this year with an extra large group of volunteers. VBS will be on Friday night, Saturday morning, and concluding on Sunday with the kids singing at the 9 am service with a carnival directly after the service.

As far as youth goes, there was a game night on 6/12/22. Next up will be the mission trip soon to follow. Hoping to schedule a meeting after VBS and mission trip to discuss future planning for next year.

Thanks, Ian & Christa

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Elders report 06/12/2022

- 1: Pastor John, was back at the Pulpit, this last weekend and delivered an emotional sermon.
- 2: Thanks go out To Michael Zehnder for the amazing work he put in covering all the services, preaching as well as organizing the music.
- 3: Thanks to everyone for the help not only with the church functions but also assistance for the Pastor.
- 4: Sunday morning Communion will be at the rail, and the requirement of mask for the servers will be dropped as well.
- 5: Visitations by the elders were discussed and a some were scheduled. Due to amazing recovery by Pastor and Parishioners, people returning to worship in person, and some requesting to be communed by the pastor, the Visitation list has been reworked, by Arvin and Pastor John. The Elders are on call if needed.
- 6: All the request for payments will have been submitted by the council meeting for Michael Zehnder Pastoral duties.
- 7: The elders have not received any bills from Pastors family as of today.

Scott Luethy

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## **Board of Trustees Report to Council June 14, 2022**

- 1.0 Office Computer Server Replacement Delay: The staff and Pastor Larson will attempt to meet with True Tower Group soon and move to cloud storage and access. We also have a new laptop computer for Pastor to replace his older desktop. The old computer has trouble accessing data online.
- 2.0 Cleaning/ House Keeping Position: Lee Valdez cannot continue to help Ascension with the cleaning tasks. We have obtained two bids from cleaning companies. The bid from Accurate Janitorial Services seems to best meet our needs. Our agreement with them can be cancelled within 30 days. We hope to have them working in the building by Tuesday, June 14. During the summer we are planning to have the building cleaned twice a week.

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When the Preschool and Church fall schedule starts we plan to have the building cleaned three times per week.

- 3.0 Security Cameras: The camera system is now operating as planned but the camera monitor in the main office still needs to be brought on-line.
- 4.0 Sprinkler Controls: We now have all our sprinkler systems operating. We replaced one sprinkler control for the Memorial Garden and repaired the connections on the other controller for the east lawn and parking lot.
- 5.0 Kids Playground: 1. The State Preschool Inspector has asked us to reduce the possible hazard of some of the bolts that secure the fence around the area. The identified bolts are too long and could cause a small child to injure itself. We have several months to fix this situation. 2. Kelly Lafferty, our Preschool Director, was able to purchase some new playground items with a grant. The Boy Scout Troop 361, which meets at Ascension, has agreed to help her assemble the equipment.
- 6.0 Trees in our front yard along Caley Avenue: The limbs from the recent storm that fell to the ground have been removed but we still have some highhanging branches that appear not to be short term a hazard, so we plan to remove them in a timely manner.