

March 2025 Wakeman Congregational Church

Church Council Minutes

Moderator, Susan Hazel called the church council meeting to order at 7:05pm on Monday, March 17, 2025, in the church outreach building. Pastor Janet Ross opened the meeting in prayer.

Those in attendance: Susan Hazel, Moderator; Janet Ross, Pastor; Brenda Friend, Trustee; JoDee Palmer, Diaconate; Keely Krumwiede, Music and Christian Education; Pattie Eschen, Missions and Social Committee; and Neil Koester.

Keely K. moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2025 Church Council meeting as presented. JoDee P. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Calendar Dates:

- Thursdays at 6:30pm Lenten prayer service
- April 2 – June 25 at 6pm – 8pm Grief Share at the Church
- April 9 at 11am – 12:30pm Pearls of Wisdom
- April 17 at 7:00pm Maudy Thursday reflective prayer service with communion served
- April 18 at 12pm – Stations of the Cross walk with St. Mary's Church
- April 20 at 7:00am Easter sunrise service
- June 16 – 19 Vacation Bible School
- Messenger dates discussed for March and April. March articles due February 17. April articles due March 24

No Treasurer Report

Pastor's Report – Janet R. reported that:

- Pastor report is attached to these minutes.
- No sign ups for the Grief Share Program
- Senior Fellowship – focusing on our Congregation only for now. Will then reach out to wider community.

Diaconate – JoDee P. reported that:

- Diaconate met on February 23
- As written in the Church constitution, the Board discussed the need to set goals for the Pastor for the upcoming year.
- Discussed the need to offer Bible instruction to the older youth of our Church

Trustees – Brenda F. reported that:

- The parsonage is being cleaned out. The kitchen floor will be replaced. There is furniture available to take. Looking for double bed mattress and box springs

- Will contact Tina Hormel for listings asking price once all work is completed. Selling price in the \$200,000 range.
- Met with Janotta and Herner. The price for the accessibility project was quoted at \$310,000 - \$345,000 for lift and construction.
 - Drawings were received. Drawings will be shared with the Congregation for questions and comments.
- Pavillon must be unwinterized by April 12.
- Trustees need to find keys for alternate doors. Side door will not have access. Front doors unlock from inside.
- Bruce L. will connect with Kenny for the keys
- Guidelines for use of the apartment – Trisha P. will assist with outlining the guidelines. Janet R. will connect with Trisha P.

Christian Education – Keely K. reported that:

- Vacation Bible School – “Road Trip” will be the theme

Mission – Pattie E. reported that:

- The Easter offering will be given to WAR (Women at Risk)
- Abigail Baby Bottle campaign May 11 – June 15
- Social reception March 30 – Fellowship gathering after Church Family Worship
- April 20 – Easter breakfast served after sunrise service

Moving Forward Team – included in the Pastor’s Report

- Meets the Strategic Planning criteria of the Constitution

Music – Keely K. reported that:

- Working on Easter music. Possibly the bell choir

Old Business: none presented

New Business:

- Passing pew pads – on hold. Not needed at this time.
- Joel R. is working on the Church directory

Council Meeting Schedule:

- meet at least quarterly or bi-monthly with advanced notice to assist with better attendance.
- Use One Call the day of the meeting as a reminder.
- April meeting – April 21
- May meeting – May 19
- July meeting – July 21

- August meeting – no meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Trisha Palmer, Clerk