

September 21, 2025 Council Minutes

Present = David Schopp, Jeanine Wambold, Greg Watling, Judy Gatewood-Keim, Sallie Anderson, Helen Mate, Laura Hotelling, Margaret Hellenberg

1. prayer
2. Reaching In – Helen
 - a. Sharon is working on a church-wide weaving project that will hang in front of church throughout the Christmas season.
 - b. upcoming preaching schedule for Sunday when Greg is gone – Helen Crandall, Judy Gatewood-Keim, Maggie Wallin
 - c. There are two kids going through Confirmation: Nola Jean Brown and Bri Boughner – Some meetings will be combined with Peace Lutheran but not all.
3. Reaching Out – Margaret
 - a. School supplies were delivered.
 - b. Our October special collection will benefit Neighbors in Need.
 - c. Judy has been added to the RO group, representing digital ministry.
 - d. Karing Home Youth Project is closing.
 - e. RO is helping with a Refuge fundraiser/awareness event.
4. Trustees – David
 - a. Everyone will get their own financial status report soon showing where they are toward their pledge.
 - b. encouraging pledges of around 3%
 - c. motion was passed for 2.7% raise for staff
 - d. Financials are currently in line with pledges expected.
 - e. Greg – We were approved for a grant from the Conference toward Convergence.
 - f. There is talk of changing from “pledge” to “estimation of giving.”
5. Convergence/Ministers Report
 - a. There are copies of the recording and of the survey details.
 - b. Laura and Helen are coming off of Council.
 - c. We should think about who to ask about being on Council before the next meeting.
 - d. Stephanie has been in charge of the sign wording. There was a suggestion of More Love, Less Hate.
 - e. Convergence is working on interviews with people around town and will eventually have a report of what the community says.
 - f. Rosemary Gibson made it to the next step of Ordination.
6. new annual meeting date = November 9
7. next Council meeting = October 26
8. prayer