

Council Meeting: September 20, 2026

In Attendance: Pastor Shaw, Joan Simons, Bill Simons, Ken Ritt, Austin Becker, Kim Mury; recorded

Meeting called to order at 11:04am

The meeting did not open with prayer due to just ending church service.

Minutes from the May meeting approved as written.

Financial Treasurer Report—Ken

Please see attached document.

Donations are down.

Going to use the Money Market account to supplement Pastor's salary

Will need to have a revised budget at next Congregational Meeting

Discussion held about finances needed to assist with Pastor's move to Greenville, NC

Current financial status explained.

Financial Secretary Report—Bill

Please see attached.

Expenditures explained. No significant changes

Will need to revise "need" list for next year.

Elder's Report—Austin

Please see attached charts.

August had a decrease in attendance, but nothing concerning. The same with Communion.

Discussion held regarding tracking YouTube and Facebook views.

Austin will add Olivia and Christian to the Roster. Will remove Monica from roster as she has been attending service with her son and daughter-in-law.

Will need to check on Sharon and getting her to service as Monica is unable to bring her to church. Discussion regarding taking turns providing transportation.

Austin will reach out to Michael and family to provide updates on services.

Pastor's Report—Pastor Shaw

Pastor Shaw visited Bill and Dot King on August 2, 2026. He visited Terry at the hospital on August 24, 2026, and Eileen on August 25, 2026.

Upcoming Plans:

September 8th will be the Circuit 13E pastor gathering.

September 13 will be Pastor Shaw's final preaching Sunday.

September 20 Pastor Shaw will be in Erie, PA for son's parent's weekend at school. William will lead service with sermon prepared by Pastor Shaw

September 27 will be the first Sunday for Pastor Bob.

Upcoming Liturgical Dates:

Reformation on October 25th

All Saints on Nov 1

TIM Report:

Growth of Programs-Confirmation, Sunday School, Bible Studies

Journey through the Small Catechism took much longer than anticipated but Pastor Shaw really enjoyed the discussion. Joan has prepared the classrooms for future Sunday School and Confirmation classes.

Outreach to the Community

Peace has landed the groundwork with partnerships with Chamber of Commerce and LIFT.

Military friendly

Pastor was initially discouraged with the Military community, but he is now encouraged by Matt's integration into the church and the church's support for Josh during deployment. Pastor Shaw feels we continue to try to establish a presence with the Military Community and possibly use Matt and/or Josh as points of contact for support. Church will continue to send care packages to those deployed.

Members

Janet has been sending postcards to members and is providing an extra personal touch. Please keep thinking of ride share opportunities for Eileen and Sharon.

Pastor strongly encourages engaging regular attendees who are not members. He also encourages building Ministry Teams to assist with future home visits and other opportunities.

Heritage

Pastor feels the church is in a better position as a restart or mission plant church.

Mission

Pastor feels that the military is a priority but there is also a potential as a tutoring center or family support mission to impact the community and help us grow.

Leadership

Focus should be on the future and look into new people in the leadership roles. William stands ready to run for President when Austin's term ends.

Connections

Pastor is very encouraged by Joan's connection with the Chamber and other church leaders in the area. Pastor Bob can build upon this with continued support.

Future

Pastor is impressed by the number of ideas Joan has voiced over the past few months. He sees potential for Peace to be a service to the community.

Trustee's Report—Bill

Old Business:

Painting the front of the church Estimate to be \$1500 from Brad Matthew Painting. Council approves moving forward with painting.

Powerwash the church and sidewalk on hold until next Spring

Purchase TV/Mount for nursery: Ken to donate a TV and Joan will get a ROKU stick.

New Business:

Council needs a new Trustee at the end of 2026.

Fellowship/Outreach Coordinator Report: --Joan

Fellowship: September 13 Farewell reception for Pasto Shaw

5th Sunday Celebration: November 29, 2026

Digital Roster has been updated. Austin will update the paper, Rosters.

Outreach Opportunities:

Continue assisting with the Soup Kitchen

Chamber of Commerce LIFT group

Old Business:

Filing of the approved changes to the Constitution

The next 5th Sunday Celebration will be November 29.

New Business

Paint the front of the church.

Folding chair was taken down for the attic to assist Pastor Bob.

IIM Process

Pastor McCanless has the contract; it needs to be signed.

Moving Estimate—Please see attached. Some things can be placed in the storage space at the church.

Welcome/Install service—Invited Pastor Daub to lead the service and invite other Circuit members, other congregations, LIFT committee Members, etc. Pastor Daub can do this on October 31. We will have a catered meal/heavy appetizer after the service. This service can be held in lieu of Oktoberfest. Pastor Daub will dictate time.

Discussion of catering options and setting up for the service. Will Pastor Daub write the program?

Mark calendar for March 26, 2027, to review if the plan is to proceed with a call to Pastor Bob or another Pastor. This will be 180 days into the contract.

Install Call Committee: (Austin Becker, William Bass, Brenda Wilkens, Janet Elton, Kim Mury)?

Ministry Teams

Request from member to change to DS3 for awhile.

Janet Elton has sent out cards to members.

We need to try to get Sharon to church.

Next Meeting Date:

October 6, 2026, at 7:00pm will be the next meeting date.

Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 11:45am