Council Meeting: October 6, 2026

In Attendance: Pastor Bob, Joan Simons, Bill Simons, Ken Ritt. Meeting recorded for Kim.

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

The meeting opened with devotion/prayer led by Pastor Bob

Minutes from the Congregational Meeting reviewed. Accepted as written.

Minutes from September Meeting reviewed. Accepted with corrections.

Contract for Pastor Bob reviewed and signed by Council Members.

**Financial Treasurer Report—Ken**

Please see attached document.

We are currently behind in revenue.

Expenditures are high due to Fellowship and Devotion projects.

Pastor pay discussed as the month was split between two Pastors.

Utility bills have increased.

Checking account will be down to $4,000. Ken has transferred money to checking from one of the savings accounts.

Plan to mindful of budget the next few months.

**Financial Secretary Report—Bill**

Please see attached.

Letter from Bill King shared.

**Elder's Report—Austin**

Please see attached charts.

Add Olivia Ready and Christian Walton to roster.

**Pastor's Report** –Pastor Bob

Pastor will share visitations in the first part of his report.

Other Pastoral Activities:

Pastor has contacted Trail Like USA for consultation on starting a troop locally. He has also contacted American Heritage Girls to discuss establishing a group as well.

Member news:

The Kings need to be visited. Sharon Morgan and Virginia Moore were also mentioned as members in need of a visit or call. Joan has provided Pastor with a directory.

Other News:

Pastor Bob Thanks all those who assisted with moving and unpacking on Saturday.

There is a Pastor's Conference in Asheville currently, but Pastor will not be attending. He hopes to attend the Spring Conference.

**Upcoming Plans/Activities**:

Reformation Sunday is on 10/25/26. At this time, we will return to Divine Service III until Christmas.

Pastor has been requesting by a member to lead a brief study on the parts of the Divine Services following Sunday Worship Service. All are welcome to attend. Pastor can make handouts using Peter Bender's day school catechism.

All Saints inserts will be needed for the next three Sundays was given.

The three last Sundays of the Church Year—Season of the End Times (LW propers)

November 8-3rd Last Sunday

November 15-2nd Last Sunday

November 22—Last Sunday of the Church Year

Advent (Wednesday Evening Vesters/Prayer) 7pm time was discussed. Joan will ask the congregation.

Christmas Eve-Festival of Carols service, 7pm (Late communion service-11pm?)

Christmas Day- 11am. This will be discussed with the congregation.

New Year's Eve (Eve of the Name of Jesus) 7pm –Church has never done this this, but it can.

Proposed to congregation.

Epiphany season—Divine Service II

Lent-Holy Trinity-Divine Service III

Lenten Wednesday-Vesper/Evening prayer—do similar to what was done for Advent.

Holy Week-Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper-this was not done last year.

Ash Wednesday discussed

Good Friday-Tenebrae service at 7pm

Easter Sunday-one service provided at regular time.

Ascension Thursday-Congregation has traditionally not done this.

Church Anniversary Discussed

Additional Bible Studies discussed. Requesting to canvass the Congregation. Possibly arrange a Woman's Bible Study.

**Trustee's Report—Bill**

Old Business:

Painting to be completed by Brad Matthews in 1-2 weeks.

Discussion held about mounting a TV in the Nursery.

**Fellowship/Outreach Coordinator Report: --Joan**

**Old Business:**

Constitution updates have finally been received. Suggestions added by the SED. Council will need to review.

Ken will need to present the updated proposed budget at the December Congregational Meeting.

The next 5th Sunday Celebration will be November 29.

**New Business**

Pastor McCanless has signed his portions of the Contract. The Council needs to complete signatures.

Welcome/Install service—Invited Pastor Daub to lead the service and invite other Circuit members, other congregations, LIFT committee Members, etc. on October 31 at 2:30pm. We will have a catered meal/heavy appetizer after the service. Pastor Daub will lead service.

Joan has sent out invites. Ladies of the church will be assisting with decorations.

Email account has been set up for Pastor Bob.

A new mic has been ordered.

Install Call Committee: (Austin Becker, William Bass, Brenda Wilkens, Janet Elton, Kim Mury)—Possibly in December.

**Ministry Teams**

Request from members to change to DS3.

Olivia Ready would like to be a Lector/Reader

Member Care Coordinator:

Janet Elton has sent out cards to members.

We need to try to get Sharon to church. Joan found out that Buses do not run on Sundays.

Joan and Bill will be able to pick up Eileen.

Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 7:00pm will be the next meeting date.

Closed meeting with the Lord’s Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.