



Worship Assistants

	Ushers	Greeters	Reader	Communion Assistants	Communion Set-Up
July 5	Ron & Sue Brooks	Tony & Becky Miller	Tony Miller	Pat & Karen McGregor	Ron & Sue Brooks
July 12	Brad Matthes Dave Blum	Bob & Meridel Kellogg	Donna Krahrmer		
July 19	Daryl & Rita Schoemaker	Victor & Helen Kurth	Ross Heilman	Mike & Vicki Youngerberg	Tony & Becky Miller
July 26	Ron & Sue Brooks	Pat & Karen McGregor	Karen McGregor		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

7th – Conner Eccles
 10th – Deb Thompson
 13th – Gerri Bratsch
 18th – Harvard Jaech
 22nd – Joie Berglin
 30th – Nicole Rosenberg

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1st – Daryl and Rita Schoemaker
 8th – Don and Beverly Peterson
 14th – Jerry and Joyce Roust
 21st – Cliff and Deb Thompson
 28th – Tim and Jean Bye

JULY GOSPEL TEXTS

July 5: Matthew 11:25-30
 July 12: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
 July 19: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
 July 26: Matthew 13:44-52



A PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

Eternal Father, Ruler of all nations, as my country celebrates its birth, I thank you for the blessings enjoyed in our land. In your mercy, you have sustained us in times of trouble and preserved our liberties. Teach me anew to treasure that dearly won freedom of conscience and worship. Let me not misuse this liberty, nor forget that true freedom is freedom to serve. Give me willingness to respect my country's laws and work for the preservation of its institutions. Forgive our past national sins, and grant wisdom to our leaders. Strengthen all those who strive to do Your will, and increase loyalty to you. Above all, dear God, speed the course of your Gospel among us, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, hearts are turned to that freedom from sin and death that you alone graciously give through Jesus Christ. Amen.

JUNE 21, 2026 COUNCIL MINUTES

Members Present: Jerry Roust, Reinhard Riessen, Meridel Kellogg, Donna Krahrmer, Clark Diel, Marilyn Anderson and Pastor Aaron Deutsch
Members Absent: Rebecca Blum

President Marilyn Anderson **called the meeting to order** at 10:35 AM.

Jerry Roust provided a **devotion** on Psalm 19:14.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made to approve the agenda. **M/S/P**

Minutes: May regular meeting minutes were approved and filed. **M/S/P**

Treasurer's Report: Report was approved and filed. **M/S/P**

Pastor's Report: Pastor Aaron reported that the church's summer schedule is well underway. The adult Bible study series, men's and women's Bible studies, and the choir remain on the schedule for the season. Some groups may take an extended break over the summer to allow participants time to recharge before restarting in the fall. Additionally, Pastor informed the council that he will be visiting family in South Dakota from July 2-4, noting that this travel will not conflict with any Sunday services.

Committee Reports:

- **Benevolence/Stewardship:** No meeting.
- **Education/Evangelism/Outreach:** No action items. Summer service projects continue to be well supported by the congregation.
- **Personnel:** No meeting.
- **Property/Facility:** The Property Committee is currently seeking bids for church lawn weed control, as well as contracted landscaping services for fall and spring cleanups. The committee noted that our section of the East Main Street resurfacing project is scheduled to begin in August. While construction is underway, the congregation will still be able to access the church building via Long Street. Pastor Aaron presented bids from three local companies for scrubbing, stripping, and waxing the downstairs floors. A motion was made to award the contract to Zerneck Services, with the request that they complete the project in late August or early September. **M/S/P**
- **Worship:** No action items.

There was no **old business** to discuss.

New Business: Pastor Aaron informed the council that an anonymous donor has offered to help offset the costs of purchasing new chairs for the fellowship hall, overflow dining room, and adult education classroom. A committee from the WOW organization will oversee the selection of the new chairs.

The meeting **adjourned** at 11:10 AM and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

FINANCES

ACCOUNT BALANCES

as of May 31, 2026

MAY 2026

Checking Account	\$21,423.19	Income	\$14,290.33
Savings Account	\$16,960.73	Expenses	(\$17,418.71)
Money Market	\$37,318.89		
Building Loan	(\$74,273.46)		

July 2026 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 1:00pm: Women's Bible Study 5:30pm: Choir 6:30pm: Adult Forum	2	3	4
5 9:30am: Worship	6 10:00am: Morning Prayer	7	8 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 6:30pm: Adult Forum	9 9:00am: Men's Bible Study 11:30am: EEO Committee	10	11
12 9:30am: Worship	13 10:00am: Morning Prayer	14	15 5:30pm: Choir 6:30pm: Adult Forum	16 6:30pm: Movie Night	17	18
19 9:30am: Worship 10:30am: Church Council	20 10:00am: Morning Prayer	21	22 Noon: Lectionary Bible Study 6:30pm: Adult Forum	23	24	25
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SAVE THE DATE

August 18-20
Vacation Bible School

September 13
Sunday School Begins
and Backyard Bash

September 19
Augustana District
Women of the Word Gathering

October 4-7
National LCMC Gathering

October 25
Reformation Sunday
and Annual Meeting



JOIN US FOR MOVIE NIGHT

The Education, Evangelism and Outreach Committee invites you to join us for a movie night on Thursday, July 16th at 6:30pm! Popcorn will be served. Bring your own beverages, or water will be available. The featured film will be *Indivisible*. Fresh out of the seminary and basic training, Army chaplain Darren Turner receives orders to deploy to Iraq, leaving his wife behind to care for their three young children. The harsh realities of war soon take their toll on Turner and his battalion, making it hard to stay connected to his beloved family. When Darren finally comes home, the Turners must decide if they're willing to face one more battle - the fight to save their marriage.

BATTLE OF THE SEXES ECHO FOOD SHELF DRIVE



This July, Resurrection Lutheran is teaming up to support ECHO Food Shelf but with a fun, competitive twist! We are focusing on high-demand essentials that ECHO rarely gets to purchase themselves, meaning our donations make a massive difference. To keep things spirited, we're launching a friendly battle of the sexes to see who can stack the shelves highest. Here are your team assignments:

- **Men** will bring on the flavor! You are collecting ketchup, mustard, and mayonnaise.
- **Women** will keep it sweet and savory! You are collecting sugar, salt, and flour.

Drop off your donations in the designated bins out in the narthex anytime throughout the month of July. Let's see who takes home the bragging rights—all while helping fight food insecurity right here in our community!