

# ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS, WHEATON, KANSAS 66521

Voters' Meeting - Sunday, July 13, 2025

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The July 13, 2025 Voter's meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Abitz at 11:04 after worship service. Pastor DeGiovanni led the meeting with a prayer. There were 21 members present.

Dennis Schwant moved we approve the April minutes and treasurer's report. It was seconded by Milton Falk and approved by voice vote.

## **Old Business:**

Painting the Parsonage Chairman Abitz reported the project was completed by Luke Baxter. Paint was purchased at a 20% discount. Chairman Abitz explained that an additional 20% discount (40%) was available thanks for Luke Baxter/Rober DeChant accounts. Chairman Abitz proposed we offer the additional 20% (\$160) as a bonus to Luke for completing the task quickly and professionally.

Bob Matzke made a motion to pay the bonus to Luke. The motion was seconded by Dennis Schwant and approved by voice vote. Alan Fischer asked it be noted Luke report some siding needs replaced; to be considered in the future.

Veteran's Rock Chairman Abitz reported there was no update for this meeting. Milton Falk is still working on this.

Veteran's names Chairman Abitz reported the names of Eugene Bosse, Lowell Bosse and George Jeanneret need to be added to the South Cemetery rock. Milton Falk reported it would cost \$412.82 to have these names etched in by the Parsons KS company.

Susan Magnett moved the church pay the money to get the names added. It was seconded by Loring Kufahl and approved by voice vote.

Recording and Posting Church Services Martin Henneberg and Karen Harder had checked into methods to record our church services and place online. They each reported that it could be done with an iPad on a tripod and it would not cost to post. Chairman Abitz indicated Karen was willing to set this up as a test. It was discussed that it would be helpful if the church purchased its' own equipment to do this. Bob Matzke indicated he would check on the equipment used by the local sports' teams.

Dennis Schwant moved the church make the equipment purchase based on recommendations from members. The motion was seconded by Tom Kasten. It was approved by voice vote.

## **New Business:**

Nominating Committee Chairman Abitz said that Milton Falk had agreed to chair this committee and asked for volunteers. Dennis Schwant volunteered to be on the committee. Past committee members had been Wanda Magnett and Joy Zabel. Milton said he would ask them. Susan Magnett explained she would volunteer only if another committee member was needed.

Exterminating Service Pastor had indicated there is an ant problem at the parsonage and treatment is needed. Chairman Abitz explained the Magnett's used Schendel Pest Control in Wheaton and were pleased. Other church members are using Bugs Be Gone with success. An initial visit and monthly costs were discussed. It was suggested that we asked for treatment quarterly to begin.

Loring Kufahl made a motion to contact Bugs Be Gone to treat the church and the parsonage. It was seconded by Dennis Schwant. Pastor explained there is \$2120 in memorial funds available that the family gave permission to use as needed. Milton Falk said he would contact Bugs Be Gone to meet him at the church to discuss cost for their services and proceed. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Circuit Forum Chairman Abitz told the voters a volunteer was needed to attend the October 2025 meeting in Manhattan following their Reformation Service to elect a lay and pastoral candidate for the 2026 meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Tom Kasten volunteered to attend.

Lutheran Witness Chairman Abitz asked congregation members to contact Pastor by August 15<sup>th</sup> if they wish to receive the Lutheran Witness. Pastor explained there is a signup sheet available.

## **Reports**

Pastor's Report A written report was submitted. Pastor announced there had been \$347 collected for the baby bottle project for Lutherans for Life. Twelve of the 15 baby bottles had been returned. He also explained that Pastor Bono will conduct worship service on July 20<sup>th</sup> because Pastor will conduct services for McFarland's voter's meeting. They will switch pulpits this day. On August 3<sup>rd</sup> our services will be at 8:30am on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor will preach in McFarland at 10:30. Pastor will be on vacation September 28- October 4. Pastoral substitutes are being planned.

Sunday School Ireta Schwant explained there was not enough participants to have a float in the Wheaton parade, but they may do the Pottawatomie County Fair parade. She explained there are Thrivent shirts available in the basement for anyone who want them. Ireta also explained there had been a lot of fabric donated and that the congregation should help themselves to it in the basement.

June convention Tom Kasten attended the June 25-26 meeting in Salina. He reported the convention theme was 'Abide in the Word' based on John 8:31-32. There were 350-400 in attendance. Four services were held with Bible studies. Resolutions were posted, with no direct effect on our congregation. He said the meeting was very uplifting.

Youth Gathering It was announced the Youth leave for New Orleans, Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 11:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Depew,

Recording Secretary