

**Agenda  
Congregational Council  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**1. Devotions (15 minutes)** on Walter Brueggemann's *The Prophetic Imagination* pp. 67-79.

**2. Approval of June Minutes**

**3. Financial Report**

See addendum #1 (below) for Treasurer's Report.

**4. Action Items**

Katie Fick has requested that a portion of her pay for her Bridge Pastor work be designated as housing allowance. Council needs to move the following: "In accordance with IRS regulations, the Council approves a housing allowance of \$xxx for Bridge Pastor Katie Fick."

Olaf Hall-Holt has volunteered to fill the current vacancy as chair of the Adult Education and Ministry Board for the remainder of the year. He is already a member of the Board. Council needs to vote on the matter.

The Foundation Committee has approved a grant proposal submitted by Andrea Hoff to support the Bishop Regina girls school in Tanzania. Council needs to vote on the matter.

**5. Discussion Items**

Update to Council on recent developments regarding prospective gift(s) to the Foundation? The Executive Committee has had some conversations recently about how the profound success of fund raising by Sustaining Grace and by the Foundation may have the potential to detract from giving to the general fund, which often runs a deficit. Do Council member have ideas about how to remind the congregation that there are many ways to give to St. John's?

On a (possibly) related note, Stewardship Board wishes to inquire about whether any council members would be willing to give a temple talk during the Fall stewardship campaign.

**6. Pastors' Report**

See addendum #2 (below) for Pastors' Report.

Pastor Davis

**7. Board Updates**

**8. Old Business**

At its June meeting Council approved contingently a Foundation grant request for \$5,000 from Julie Brehmer to update the furnishings of the St. John's nursery this summer. The approval was contingent on the approval of the Foundation Committee. The Foundation Committee has since approved this grant request.

**9. New Business**

**10. Future Dates**

Board Meetings on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

Council Meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm