

Agenda
Congregational Council
St. John's Lutheran Church
August 25th, 2026

1. Devotions (15 minutes) on Walter Brueggemann's *The Prophetic Imagination* pp. 81-88.

2. Approval of July Minutes

3. Financial Report

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

4. Action Items

The Foundation Committee has approved a \$500 grant proposal submitted by Susan Lohmann to support the End of Life Choices Collective. Council needs to vote on the matter.

A deceased member of the congregation is still listed as the primary administrator of St. John's QuickBooks account. Council needs to approve a transfer to Leah Garlie.

Council needs to vote on an adjustment to Pastor Fick to her income and benefits package that would shift some of her income into a contribution to her retirement account. This would require St. John's to enroll her in Portico and contribution 10% her retirement.

5. Discussion Items

The Stewardship Board has chosen Hymn #315 "How good, Lord, to be here!" as its theme for the Fall and would like to use this hymn in worship. Is there any objection to using this Epiphany hymn at this time of the year? Should the Stewardship Board coordinate with the Worship and Arts Board or with Nathan directly?

The Worship and Arts Board has proposed requesting \$3,000 from the Foundation to pay music interns for the Fall Semester. A second request would be submitted for the Spring Semester. Interns were previously funded by gifts set up for that purpose. Is this a proper use for Foundation funds? Are there other options? Is there enough in the general designated music fund to cover these expenses for now?

6. Pastors' Report

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

7. Board Updates

8. Old Business

9. New Business

Update on Isaiah efforts to monitor polling places (President Paul Beck).

Update on probable substantial increases in staff health insurance premiums next year; see Pastors' Report (Pastor Jonathan Davis).

10. Future Dates

Board Meetings on September 8th, 7 pm

Council Meeting on September 22nd, 7 pm