

BIG TIMBER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 11, 2025

Present: Pastor Julia Seymour, Becky Frese, Kelli Brewer, Rusty Terland, Jeni Lannen, Judy Riter, Brannin Tyler, Lori Minette, Debbie Buerkle, Meggen Whalin, Pat Leary, Einar Stene

President Lori Minette called the meeting to order and Pat led devotions.

Council Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2025 were reviewed. Pat moved to accept the minutes with second by Kelli. Unanimous approval.

Examples of Fulfilling our Mission included our successful Family Fun Night, conducted a funeral and reception for family, and the youth group collected canned goods for the local food bank.

Treasurer's Report by Debbie included the financial report that was moved by Rusty, seconded by Meggen for approval. Unanimous approval. Debbie reported on her meeting with CPA Katie Gentry that she found the church to be compliant with our taxes and should not have capital gains tax to pay should the second parsonage be sold. Quarterly statements were mailed to members this week.

Committee Reports included **Pastor Julia** noted that November 9, 2025, marked her seventh year at BTLC. **Music and Worship** committee met October 27 and worked up schedule through December 28. We will decorate the church following the worship service on November 23. The committee will meet at 1 pm on December 3. **Education** committee reported, "they're educating!" in the confirmation classes on Sunday and Wednesday. The bible study has finished their study of Genesis. Pastor Julia is looking into making 'Quiet Bags' for children attending services. **Mission** committee is preparing to decorate the PMC for the holidays. Rusty reported the **Property** committee member Al Buerkle plans to meet with Marvin Arlian next week concerning possible outdoor lift and ramp infrastructure needs. Ben Nation will check on drainage issues next week also. Jason Palm completed roof drainage repair but no bill or photos of work have yet to arrive. Rusty fixed the women's toilet downstairs and Pat installed a motion light inside kitchen entry door.

WELCA will hold their Christmas Tea at 2:30 pm on Thursday, December 11. It was reported that the Soup and Pie Luncheon/Silent Auction was a monetary success thanks to the cutting boards. There was no **President's Correspondence**.

Old Business: A Grant Committee has been formed with Mary Parker and Steve Harvey as co-chairmen. Jane Lowry, Barb and Rusty Terland are also committee members. A motion made by Pat, second by Meggen to authorize this grant committee was unanimously approved. This continuing resolution will be appended to our constitution.

New Business: The budget planning meeting will be held in December. Nominations for three new council members are sought.

The next meeting will be December 18 at 6 pm with Pastor Julia leading devotions. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Riter, Secretary