

**ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

Council Present: Shelley Sperling (vice president), Kevin Amundson, Jolene Hansen (secretary), Noel Peterson (president), Ben Clarkson, Spencer Goetzman, Jim Peterson, Mary Schoenbeck

Members Absent: Approved absence - Alicia Oelkers

Guest: Alan Hansen and Kirk Gill, Building Visioning Team

**DEVOTIONS** - The Big Idea; Spencer Goetzman led our discussion of "Talking is Hard, but Listening Can be Even Harder"

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes of August council meeting - No changes  
Reviewed Staff Reports

Financial Report - Noel Peterson lead the discussion. August was a strong month. We are in a better position than we were last year at this time. Council approved sending \$10,000 to our Synod for our ELCA benevolence contribution.

**STRATEGIC WORK**

**Building Visioning Team Update**

ZLC members Alan Hansen and Kirk Gill gave the council an update on work being done by our Building Visioning Team and WSN. We viewed an early stage master plan. The team asked the council to consider two items:

- 1) Authorize the Building Visioning Team to engage (without fee or commitment) additional parties in exploratory discussions to better understand the potential and alternatives leveraging our north property - approved
- 2) Establish a second work group to define priorities and guidance for the property to be consistent with the mission and priorities of the congregation - will pursue

**GENERATIVE WORK**

Pastor Vern led our discussion of "What it means to be Lutheran - then and now." The council discussed several articles from *Living Lutheran's* "Reformation 500." We learned more about Martin Luther, the Reformation, and the Teachings of Martin Luther. During our celebration of the Reformation, information will be shared with the congregation.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**DATES TO NOTE**

The next ZLC Council meeting will be October 17  
Sermon Series, "Deep Roots," begins September 24 and runs for six weeks

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Hansen, Council Secretary