

Your Congregation Council

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The Congregation Council has general oversight of the life and activities of our congregation. The Council has eleven members, elected by the congregation, and also includes the Pastor as a voting member. The Council includes committees dedicated to the management and ministries of Bethlehem.

Executive Committee	
The Executive Committee consists of the Pastor and the four officers. It is responsible for setting the agenda of the Congregation Council.	
Senior Pastor Advises and directs the Council's work with all of the church's various ministries and activities.	Pastor Laura Ziehl
President Sets the agenda for and leads the monthly meetings of the Executive Committee and the Council. The President also supports and assists all Council members in the performance of their duties.	Dennis Astroth
Vice President Assists the President and serves in the President's absence.	Dee Smith
Secretary Maintains the records of the Executive Committee and Council. Organizes and distributes all records and information as needed.	Karin Kloehn
Treasurer Analyzes and reports on the finances of the church. Provides monthly budget reports to the Executive Committee. Prepares an annual budget report for the Congregation	Jim Cowles

Council Committees	
Audit Committee Performs audits of church's finances, as requested by the Council.	Appointed as needed
Adult Education and Spiritual Growth Chair Works to develop, encourage and support programs and ministries in these areas including Bible study, workshops and retreats.	Matt Dickerson
Communications Chair Works to facilitate and promote effective communication between the Council, the congregation, the pastor, the church staff and our community.	Karin Kloehn
Welcome Ministry Chair Works to develop, encourage and support programs and events that will assist in welcoming visitors, receiving new members and providing fellowship opportunities for congregation members.	Dianne Nichols
Nominating Committee Responsible for preparing a slate of candidates for Council, as needed.	Appointed as needed
Property Committee Chair Provides oversight and management for maintenance and repair of the church's property and campus.	Tim Staycer Dennis Astroth
Social Concerns Ministries Liaison Acts as the Council's liaison with and provides support for the various service projects and social ministries within the congregation.	Jim Cowles Audrey Murphy
Stewardship Committee Liaison Provides leadership for the annual stewardship program. Provides year-round encouragement in the areas of financial support and volunteerism.	Marji Wilkens
Transition Team Chair Responsible for working with the Pastor, the Council and the congregation to facilitate a smooth transition in the months following Pastor Laura's acceptance of our call.	Tom Rappolt
Worship and Music Committee Liaison Coordinates and supports volunteers who perform a variety of tasks in support of our worship services and activities, such as Chancel caregivers, ushers, acolytes and the seasonal decorating of the sanctuary. Acts as the Council's liaison and provides support for the music ministry staff	Dee Smith Dennis Astroth
Youth and Children's Ministries Liaison Acts as the Council's liaison with and provides support for the Youth Director, the Director of Children's Ministries, the Childcare and Preschool and other programs and activities involving our youth, children and families.	To be determined