

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 12, 2026**

Jamey Backus called the meeting to order. Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Pastor Heller, Jamey Backus, Kevin Herrmann, Terence Schmidt, Tiffany Sommerer, Richard Simenson, Lonny Buchmann, Jonathan Schlender

Absent: Anne Rosenow, Nona Blaisdell, Joslyn Frey, Ray Sorge

MOTION by Richard to approve and dispense the reading of the April 8, 2026 council minutes, seconded by Jonathan, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sound system, still needs to be put in
- Dale Schwabe- appreciation gift given
- Confirmation done on April 26th
- Insurance paperwork done for Church Mutual
- Damage from storms estimated to be \$4,700. Below deductible.
- Shingles on parsonage still in good shape

TREASURER'S REPORT – Joslyn Frey – absent – report received

Building Fund \$71,997.61, Sunday School \$2,138.02, LYF \$1,715.25, Music Fund \$2,178.00, Memorial/Misc \$64,429.47, Endowment Interest \$2,216.95, Thrivent \$20,901.81, Savings \$166,505.31, Checking \$181,124.37

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lonny Buchmann as of 8/9/26

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$137,480.64
General Fund	\$182,377.03	Income to Date	\$199,868.26
Loose Offering	\$6,204.00	Short/over to Date	\$62,387.62
Electronic Offering	\$7,841.65	Short/over per Week	\$1,949.61
Missions	\$0.00	Building Fund	\$7,370.00
Misc	\$3,445.58	Memorial Fund	\$1,420.25
TOTAL	\$199,868.26	Music Fund	\$0.00
		Sunday School	\$0.00
		Miscellaneous	\$0.00
		Thrivent	\$1,977.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$10,869.87

MOTION by Kevin to accept the financial reports, seconded by Richard, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender

- Elders meeting on Aug 11th, discussed Pastor's insurance. No changes.
- Mission Fest- tentative date October 25th, waiting to hear on confirmation
- Working on membership list
- Brought up small communion fridge leaking

EVANGELISM – Vacant – no updates

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt

- Hosted Vacation Bible School beginning of June
- Catechism planning with parents meeting September 9th
- Sunday school starts on September 13th

LYF – Anne Rosenow – absent

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant – no updates

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson

- Roof worked on after storm to replace 3-4 ridge cap pieces
- Group came in and did ridge caps, damage on addition fixed
- Parsonage window damaged, glass replaced
- Door in process of getting replaced
- Piece of siding blew off, fixed
- Parking lot done; Kevin painted lines
- Ladies bathroom on west side of kitchen had leak, Harlan Wagner assisted in repair
- Notification of rodents in Church, still have contract for pest control

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell – absent

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge – absent

MOTION by Kevin to accept director's reports, seconded by Richard, motion carried.

STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller

- Going to remove MIDIbox from organ, will have available if anyone wants to play organ and record a song. iPad contains the software that plays organ for Church services.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Challenges with changing the high light bulbs. Concerns with safety. Discussion on having electrician add light fixtures to bring lights down vs. renting a scissor lift and changing all bulbs at once.
- Section of by-laws reviewed
- Suggested to have folder with current printed by-laws available at Church

Next meeting September 16th at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned by Kevin, seconded by Terence, closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer

Secretary

Attachment: Plan of Action Items