CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – November 4, 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, Anne Rosenow, Joslyn Frey, Ray Sorge, Nona Blaisdell

Absent:

MOTION by Jonathan to approve and dispense the reading of the October 14, 2026 council minutes, seconded by Ray, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sample light- will review next meeting
- By-laws review date to be determined
- Special assessments paid. Two separate checks written (one per parcel) Kevin gave receipt to Joslyn. Terence obtained plat information from city hall to verify street footage. Determined that no dispute warranted. Emailed copy of Concordia Addition plat picture to secretary.
- Congregational Officers willing to commit to another term
  2 year Positions-
  - Executive Director: Jamey Backus
  - Assistant Executive Director: Kevin Herrmann
  - Education: Terence Schmidt
  - Secretary: Tiffany Sommerer
  - Treasurer: Joslyn Frey
  - Church Properties: Vacant

  3 year positions:
  - Finance committee: Casey Voigt
  - Lay Ministry: 2 vacant positions

TREASURER'S REPORT – Joslyn Frey

Building Fund $74,877.61, Sunday School $2,138.02, LYF $1,115.25, Music Fund $2,178.00, Memorial/Misc $64,479.47, Endowment Interest $2,216.95, Thrivent $21,053.81, Savings $169,445.84, Checking $142,922.04

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lonny Buchmann as of 11/1/2026

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	$189,035.88
General Fund	$211,807.91	Income to Date	$234,853.77
Loose Offering	$8,544.00	Short/over to Date	$45,817.89
Electronic Offering	$10,940.28	Short/over per Week	$1,041.32
Missions	$0.00	Building Fund	$9,930.00
Misc	$3,561.58	Memorial Fund	$1,470.25
TOTAL	$234,853.77	Music Fund	$0.00
		Sunday School	$0.00
		Miscellaneous	$102.62
		Thrivent	$2,129.00
		Endowment Fund	$0.00
		Total General Savings	$13,631.87

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

Not Approved

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender

- Will have elder's meeting next Wednesday November 11th

EVANGELISM – Vacant – no updates

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt

- Working on getting more Sunday school materials

LYF – Anne Rosenow

- Over fall break took three youths to Shepard's Hill to a catechism retreat
- Planning a Bible study/activity in the beginning of December

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant – no updates

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson

- Entrance signs mounted after being painted by Joslyn
- Parsonage: water leak repaired/valves changed out
- Discussion on leaking water heater in parsonage. Has lifetime warranty. May change out dysfunctional piece, if not able will work on replacement plan.
- Contacted 5-Star contact again for Ridge cap repair

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell

- Will provide goodies for November 8th Voter's Meeting
- Soup and sandwich will be December 2nd, 9th, & 16th, with group 1 starting the serving rotation
- December 6th Advent brunch potluck

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge

- Trunk or treat went well
- Add is in the paper for Advent services
- Will work on getting Christmas services in paper

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

STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller

- St. Matthews in Hazen call extended to Reverend Jordan Andreasen

NEW BUSINESS:

- Budget reviewed

  MOTION by Jonathan to accept the current proposed Budget for 2027 to be presented at the Voter's Meeting, seconded by Joslyn, motion carries.

Not Approved

- Looking for volunteer to lead setting up and taking down of Christmas decorations. Connie willing to set up this year but will need someone to take them down.

Next meeting December 9th after Advent Service

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer
Secretary
Attachment: Plan of Action Items

Not Approved