

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
VOTERS MEETING MINUTES – November 2, 2025**

Chairman, Jamey Backus, called the meeting to order, meeting was opened with a prayer, 46 members signed the roster.

MOTION by Aaron Rosenow to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 2025 Voters Meeting, seconded by Gerald Bieber, motion carried.

Agenda presented via PowerPoint.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kevin ordered 7 new aluminum tables, estimated arrival sometime in December/January

TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Presented by Jamey on PowerPoint. A copy of the PowerPoint is attached.

2025 Financial Report as of 10/8/2025

Budget to Date	\$168,957
Expenses to Date	\$172,734
Income to Date	\$172,355
Long (from budget)	\$3,398
Short (from actual)	\$379
Checking	\$110,125
Savings	\$174,046
Building Fund	\$81,038
Music Fund	\$2,178
Sunday School	\$2,138
Thrivent Choice	\$20,532
Endowment Interest	\$2,217
LYF	\$2,139

MOTION by Kevin Herrmann to accept financial reports as presented, seconded by Aaron Rosenow, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender

- New Elder: Brian Wilkens
- Accepted new term: Terry Dschaak, Aaron Rosenow,
- One Elder opening
- Increased the scholarship for the seminary student to \$1,000. Hope to continue increasing in future due to increased cost of living expenses.

EVANGELISM – Vacant

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt

- Gratitude extended to those that make Sunday School and Wednesday classes happen
- Concerned with limited attendance of younger children. Have 3 currently attended, should be around 30. Discussion on how to reach out to families to encourage attendance. Mary Jo offered to assist reaching out to these families. Terence will make list of families to be reached out to.

LYF – Anne Rosenow

- Attended the National Youth gathering in New Orleans. Will share a video on November 16th to share the experience
- Fund raisers in progress for next youth gathering in San Antonio in 3 years, will be selling shirts & blankets
- Continuing to do Bible studies and youth activities throughout the year

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant**CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson**

- Parsonage: flooring replaced, painting completed, hot water heater repaired, new washer/dryer, old air conditioner removed from master bedroom, hole repaired, working on getting matching siding,
- Upcoming: parsonage door needs to be either repaired or replaced. Will work on when weather warms up again
- Church had a lot of water coming in this spring, had major repair of roof including repaired ridge caps, will have to do a couple more in the spring. Insulation was damaged in mechanical room, removed and replaced.
- Drains cleaned in women's bathroom, kitchen and mechanical room
- Storm glass on window is broken, window not compromised at this point, will work on getting this replaced, will have someone come in and look at windows and screens.
- Parking lot: cracks tarred with tarring machine that was purchased saved about \$4,000 just this year from this, going to do a sealing next summer, damage repaired from WAPA
- Electric grass trimmer purchased to help maintain sidewalks, snowblower and trimmer use same batteries
- Entrance sign going to be repainted, the stand has been painted
- Gratitude to Kevin, Ray, Terence, and others that have helped with all the projects and maintenance throughout the year

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell

- February: voters meeting served turnovers
- March: Lenten soup and sandwiches
- May: Graduation/confirmation potluck meal
- June: New members welcome- served cake and ice cream, Pastor's 35th anniversary of ordination- served cake, Father's Day- served donuts for Dads
- August: Served breakfast for All-School reunion
- Funerals: 8/20 Mabel Eisenbeis, 9/13 Jamison Wiebe, 9/30 Deane Weidner
- October: LWML Sunday served goodies
- Upcoming: December 7th Advent Potluck (using Thrivent funds) (using donations to go to Seminary Student), Advent: soup and sandwiches (3rd, 10th, & 17th) Group 1 to serve first

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge

- Gratitude for thoughts and prayers during this time
- Has done advertising for events
- Trunk or Treat was a success, thankful for the help with this
- Upcoming WARC angel tree
- Need volunteers for watering plants during the summer

MOTION by Robert Schriefer to approve the director's reports as presented, seconded by Aaron Rosenow, motion carried.

STATE OF PARISH REPORT – Pastor Heller – Report for January 1- October 31. See attached report for additional details.

- Attended continuing education in St. Paul, MN.

- Gratitude extended to those that worked on the parsonage

NEW BUSINESS

- MDU requesting easement for underground utilities by walking path, will monitor for any damage
- Budget (see attached) note that amount includes seal coating parking lot next spring
MOTION by Casey Voigt to accept the proposed budget as presented, seconded by Chris Bonebrake motion carried.
- Marlene Schriefer provided reminder to designate money from Thrivent account to Concordia, this money has been used for flowers, new tables, etc
- Election of officers:
Vacancies: Stewardship, Finance (1), Evangelism

2 Year Term

Parish Fellowship: Nona Blaisdell

Public Relations: Ray Sorge

Young People's Work: Anne Rosenow

3 Year Term

Finance: Lonny Buchmann

Lay Ministry: Brian Wilkens, Terry Dschaak, Aaron Rosenow

MOTION by Aaron Rosenow to accept the election of officers as above, seconded by Kevin Herrmann, motion carried.

MOTION by Jonathan Schlender to adjourn meeting, seconded by Richard Simenson, closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer, Secretary