CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 14, 2026

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

Present**:** Pastor Heller, Jamey Backus, Ray Sorge, Kevin Herrmann, Terence Schmidt, Tiffany Sommerer, Richard Simenson, Lonny Buchmann, Jonathan Schlender, Nona Blaisdell

Absent: Anne Rosenow, Joslyn Frey,

MOTION by Jonathan to approve and dispense the reading of the September 16, 2026 council minutes, seconded by Richard, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Border States electric sent sample light. Smaller than the ones we currently have. Will bring to next meeting
- Light changed in social hall
- By-laws review date still to be set
- Officer positions up for re-election. If anyone interested, please come forward

TREASURER'S REPORT – Joslyn Frey – absent – report received
Building Fund $74,297.61, Sunday School $2,138.02, LYF $1,715.25, Music Fund $2,178.00, Memorial/Misc $64,479.47, Endowment Interest $2,216.95, Thrivent $21,028.95, Savings $168,840.84, Checking $168,008.66

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lonny Buchmann as of 10/11/2026

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	$176,147.07
General Fund	$203,612.73	Income to Date	$224,907.01
Loose Offering	$8,079.00	Short/over to Date	$48,759.94
Electronic Offering	$9,653.70	Short/over per Week	$1,189.27
Missions	$0.00	Building Fund	$9,130.00
Misc	$3,561.58	Memorial Fund	$1,470.25
TOTAL	$224,907.01	Music Fund	$0.00
		Sunday School	$0.00
		Miscellaneous	$102.62
		Thrivent	$2,104.00
		Endowment Fund	$0.00
		Total General Savings	$12,806.87

MOTION by Terence to accept the financial reports, seconded by Lonny, motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender

- Elder's worked on budget
- Member letters sent to individuals in the Bismarck/Mandan area
- Letters also sent to local area individuals
- Pastor Olson will do the November 25th Church service the evening before Thanksgiving
- Jamey will do the November 29th Church service

EVANGELISM – Vacant – no updates

Not Approved

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt

- Different Sunday School hours started. Will continue to review and re-evaluate impact in December
- Michelle made a picture collage of Bible School to share at the Voter's meeting

LYF – Anne Rosenow – absent

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant – no updates

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson

- Rodent issue appears to be under control. No one has noticed anything since the traps set out.
- Parsonage-facia and backing had fallen off. Dave Gar repaired. Put in pressure treated wood
- 5 Star Roofing contacted about 2 weeks ago, said they were going to replace the ridge cap, still under warranty, have not come yet

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell – remote attendance- report received

- September 13th - served donuts for first day of Sunday School for the year for coffee hour.
- October 4th - LWML Sunday - cookies were served to celebrate this.
- October 25th is Mission Fest - we will have a potluck and Nona will purchase pulled pork and buns from Bronson's to be served along with members bringing a dish to share. Group 2 is in charge of serving.
- November 8th is voters meeting - Nona will get some goodies to be served during the voters meeting.
- Soup and Sandwich's will be starting on December 2nd, 9th and 16th. Group #1 will start. (Assuming these dates are correct)
- December 6th will be the advent brunch potluck. (If this date works for Pastor)
- Budget information shared

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge

- Trunk or Treat will be on Friday October 30th from 5-6:30pm. Add in the paper, will get candy, will serve hot dogs
- Discussion raised on limited offerings some months for WARC. Discussion on if change needed. Group decision to follow Lorraine's lead on this.

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

STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller

- Noted that there has been a significant increase in attendance of Bible study so far

NEW BUSINESS:

- Special assessments- next Monday there will be a city council meeting hearing on street projects. Any residents who want to dispute need to put in a written dispute by October 19th.
- 2 parcels included in assessments. Concordia addition: $12,645.93 and empty lot $4,742.22. For a total amount of $17,388.15. Group discussion on the pay in full or to pay in installments with interest. Also, discussion on potential for dispute of amount assessed.

MOTION by Jonathan to pay special assessments in full up to $18,000, seconded by Richard, motion carried.

- Kevin brought up discussion on use of empty lot and current shed which is in poor condition.
- Budget reviewed

Next meeting November 4th at 7pm.

Not Approved

Voter’s meeting November 8th after Church service

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Tiffany Sommerer
Secretary
Attachment: Plan of Action Items

Not Approved