

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 16, 2026**

Kevin Herrmann called the meeting to order. Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Pastor Heller, Kevin Herrmann, Terence Schmidt, Tiffany Sommerer, Richard Simenson, Lonny Buchmann, Jonathan Schlender, Anne Rosenow, Nona Blaisdell, Joslyn Frey

Absent: Jamey Backus, Ray Sorge

MOTION by Jonathan to approve and dispense the reading of the August 12, 2026 council minutes, seconded by Joslyn, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Changing high light bulbs – ongoing discussion

TREASURER'S REPORT – Joslyn Frey

Building Fund \$73,197.61, 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 \$20,901.81, Savings \$167,755.31, Checking \$173,501.27

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lonny Buchmann as of 9/13/2026

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$158,961.99
General Fund	\$192,822.44	Income to Date	\$212,020.04
Loose Offering	\$7,166.00	Short/over to Date	\$53,058.05
Electronic Offering	\$8,495.02	Short/over per Week	\$1,434.00
Missions	\$0.00	Building Fund	\$8,030.00
Misc	\$3,536.58	Memorial Fund	\$1,470.25
TOTAL	\$212,020.04	Music Fund	\$0.00
		Sunday School	\$0.00
		Miscellaneous	\$102.62
		Thrivent	\$1,977.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$11,579.87

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender

- Will hold off on small fridge at this time
- Mission Fest confirmed to be on October 25th with Rev. Mark Chepulis
- Nona offered to coordinate a potluck after the service

EVANGELISM – Vacant – no updates

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt

- 16 families (estimated 40 children) contacted to encourage participation in Sunday School
- So far 1 child in Sunday school (6th grade and under)
- Catechism started

LYF – Anne Rosenow

- Bible study this upcoming Saturday at her home.
- Continuing to work on National convention fundraising options and coordination

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant – no updates

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson

- Ecolab made a thorough walk through and placed some new traps
- 5-Star, have contacted three times this summer to get the leaking ridge cap fixed. Hopefully will be coming sometime next week
- Parking lot in good condition
- Window by alter area: will apply some clear silicone to help seal it, since it is a small area
- Joslyn working on the entrance sign
- Door repairs at the parsonage completed. Pastor mentioned that there was some damage on the door when unpackaged. Dave Gar to repair.
- Parsonage roof in good condition per insurance adjuster
- Fall application for spraying weeds done per Kevin. Trying to get this done twice per year.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell – attended remotely – email report received for February-September

- Soup and sandwiches will start from Lenten services on Ash Wednesday - 2/18/2026 - 6 services, group 1 service group will start the rotation.
- Voter's meeting in February - Nona will supply goodies for the meeting.
- Collected \$400.00 on the Advent meal in December for the Seminary student. Received monies from Thrivent to buy the ham and buns.
- Will be giving Joslyn money from the soup and sandwich fund for 3 new tables for social hall. At a cost of \$1899.00
- Funeral service we had after November's voter's meeting was Wilma Hausauer.
- Funeral service we had in 2026 so far was Kent Larson.
- Jasmine Gegelman used the church after her daughter's baptism on April 12th, 2026
- In May we had Delphine Traxel's funeral
- Served Muffins for Mother's Day Sunday
- Graduation/Confirmand potluck was May 17th, pulled pork and buns and cake was served, and congregation brought potluck. About 75 attended, all families except Pastor Sperry's came.
- Next thing in church for kitchen will be Father's Day and Nona will get donuts for dads.
- August 11th - Dorothy Simenson's funeral.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge – absent

- Relayed that he is working on planning Trunk or Treat for end of October

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

STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller

- Concerned with limited attendance to Bible Study and requesting suggestions on what could be done to encourage people to attend. Discussion from group resulted in trying to have Sunday School right after Church. Will trial this starting October 4th and re-evaluate with next council meeting in November. Terence and Anne in agreeance with this plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Street assessments sent out for Church property; cost estimated to be around \$18,000.
- Jamey will set up separate date/time for review of all by-laws

- Jamey sent reminder to fill out 2027 budget sheets for review next meeting
- November Council meeting will be held on November 4th
- November's Voter's meeting will be held November 8th
- Congregational Officer positions up for election

Executive Director	Jamey*
Assistant Executive Director	Kevin*
Church Properties	Richard*
Education	Terence*
Secretary	Tiffany*
Treasurer	Joslyn*

Finance (3-year term)	Casey*
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(Lay Ministry: Elect 3, 3-year term) Chris Bonebrake*
Jonathan Schlender*

*Incumbent

Next meeting October 14th at 7pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer

Secretary

Attachment: Plan of Action Items

Not Approved