

**Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Council Meeting
February 16, 2026**

Attendance: Pastor Vanderbilt, Ken Tague, Jake Hermanson, David Cormeny, Mary

Barkley, Terry Pauling, Jen Olson, Linda Norton, Natasha Cooper

Ken called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Ken and Pastor mentioned that the \$50,000 donation from the Zitzmann Mission Fund was not notated correctly in the January minutes.

Terry motioned to approve January 2026's council minutes with the amendment notating the Zitzmann's Mission Fund. Mary seconded the motion. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

Pastor Report- (See Email Attachment)

- 10 Questions

- Traditions- What are necessary? Can the unnecessary lead to idolatry? Our furniture? Architecture? Bell for the Lord's Prayer? The kitchen? Our very form of church governance?

- Should we look at a new form of governance?

- Executive Board (Constitution and Bylaws)

- Includes President, VP, Treasurer, Financial, Records, Head Elder

- Action Team (Policy)

- Includes Youth, Education, Stewardship, Evangelism, Worship, Property, Discipleship

- In charge of church calendar

DCE Report- N/A

Elder's Report- Jake (See Email Attachment)

- Thinking about mixing music from both services for the consolidated service

Financial Report- Linda (See Email Attachment)

- Jake motioned to approve January 2026's Financial Report. Jen seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report- Mary Barkley (See Email Attachment)

- Lutheran Witness will no longer be funded by the Church

-Terry motioned to approve January 2026's Treasurer Report. David seconded the motion. Motion was carried with unanimous vote.

-Mary is negotiating with Brotherhood Mutual to reduce costs since we no longer have a DCE.

Education Report- N/A

Evangelism Report- N/A

Discipleship Report- Ed and JoAnn Chapman (See Email Attachments)

Worship Report- Jen Olson (See Email Attachment)

Parish Nurse- N/A

Youth Report- Natasha Cooper (See Email Attachments)

Records Report- David Cormeny (See Email Attachments)

Stewardship Report-N/A (See Email Attachments)

Property Report- Terry Pauling (See Email Attachments)

Old Business

-Pastor Tom and Terry will be presenting the \$10,000 check to WeLive.

-Annual Financial Review has been tabled for next meeting.

-Bridge the Gap update, Pastor found a Hootesuite discount through Tech Soup.

New Business

-The iPad for Preschool is outdated and will be discarded

-Church will be looking into new ways of donating to the church, Give Butter, Venmo, QR Code, etc. Linda, Terry, Mary, and Pastor Tom will investigate the options.

-Next Church council will be on March 23rd.

-June 6-7 is free fishing

-March 11th we will have the Church Council taco meal, starting at 5:30 PM.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was offered by Jake, a second by Terry. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,
David Cormeny