

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2025

At 10:30 a.m., Council President Su Erickson called the meeting to order. Interim Pastor Kim Sterner opened the meeting with a prayer.

PRESENT: Su Erickson, Carol Moonan, Olga Blanchard, Kathy Williams, Jim Brown, Ann Bruce, Sandy Gabel, Valerie Ellis, Pastor Kim Sterner, Jim Erickson, and Jo-Ann Wordell

ABSENT AND EXCUSED: Magan Ratalsky

A MOTION was made by Carol Moonan, and seconded by Kathy Williams, to accept the meeting minutes from the January 12, 2025 council meeting. There were no objections, and the motion passed.

John Brown presented the financial statements for January 2025 and noted that they were on track as budgeted. In addition, he advised the council that the annual report for 2024 has been completed and filed with the ELCA. He also recommended to the council that a short-term CD might be a good idea to take out, using funds designated for the solar project and the reserve fund, to be used for the solar project later. John mentioned that the solar project may be a smaller project with less panels over the parking lot than originally planned.

Ann Bruce provided an update on the transition team's work. The initial work by the team is on track and expected to be done by the end of April. The first part of the transition is to review the Mission Statement (which congregation members are doing in the sanctuary while the council meeting is taking place). Regarding the wording, it was suggested that the word "might" should be replaced by the word "may". The council also suggested considering the slight change of wording to read: "so they may see, know and experience God's love for them" in place of "so they might experience God's love for them."

NEW BUSINESS:

Su's term as council president has ended. Olga moved to nominate and elect Carol A. Moonan as council president. Ann seconded. Motion passed and Carol conducted the remainder of the meeting;

Council confirmed that John Brown will continue to hold the position of treasurer, and Jo-Ann Wordell will continue to serve as council secretary.

Olga moved to elect Ann Bruce as vice president of council. Su seconded. Motion passed.

Since the facilities and maintenance council position is vacant, the council authorized Jim Erickson to coordinate the facilities and maintenance team until a replacement can be found.

Valerie Ellis was appointed to the council position for Fellowship Team.

The call committee (which will follow the transition team's work) will require 5-7 church members of a variety of ages. A special congregation meeting will be held to elect persons willing to serve on the call committee, and Pastor Gustafson from the synod will provide training for the call committee members. Carol agreed to contact congregation members regarding possible interest in joining this committee.

It was noted that Wednesday evening Lenten services will not be available via streaming this year.

Pastor Kim shared the following schedule of Lenten Services. Ash Wednesday, March 5, Services at noon and 6pm, both with communion and imposition of ashes.

Weekly Soup Supper at 5pm and Communion Service at 5:45pm, on March 12, 19 and 26, and April 2 and 9. Valerie will make poster and sign up for Soup Suppers.

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, April 17: 6pm, Seder Meal with communion. Tickets will be sold, Valerie will coordinate.

Good Friday: April 18, 6pm

Easter, April 20: Sunrise Service at 7am, Easter Breakfast at 8am, Egg Hunt: 8:30 – 9, 9am Choir rehearsal with brass, 10am Easter Festive Worship.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE - Jim Erickson provided an update on the facilities and maintenance requirements of the church campus (see report). It was noted that the sanctuary in Building B needs to be painted, but that project will be put on hold for the time being. Council agreed by consensus that the Building A Fellowship Hall may be painted (with volunteer help). Updating the landscape in front of Building A (area torn up by the sewer project) will not be an elaborate project, and Jim will get bids for that work.

EVANGELISM – Sandy Gabel will send out cards to non-member persons who attend CELC's church services on Sundays.

HEALTH – Kathy Williams mentioned that she will be on vacation the month of March, and that the church's musical director Miloy Canete (who is a nurse) has agreed to take blood pressure checks on the Sunday when they are offered. In addition, Kathy advised the council that she sent off pictures to Sarah at the West Valley Lutheran Thrift Store as a thank you for the grant money she received and to share how those funds were used. Kathy brought up the issue of an available

wheelchair, and it was agreed that the wheelchair should be placed near the entrance of sanctuary in Building B to be available for anyone who might need it during a church service.

STEWARDSHIP: No report

YOUTH: Olga spoke about the Youth Event to the New Dawn Animal Rescue Center on March 1.

EDUCATION: No report

FELLOWSHIP – Valerie Ellis noted that she will be seeking help for upcoming events, and that she has inspected the garage pantry closet to assess what supplies are available for fellowship. She has several ideas to pursue soon.

OUTREACH – Su Erickson noted that the number of persons/families who participate in Outreach varies from week to week, and that generally the number of participants is increasing. The Souper Bowl competition raised \$335 for the Outreach food pantry. Su will prepare the cereal brackets for March Madness to collect cereal for the food pantry.

WORSHIP: Carol reported that Norma Heinrich and Valerie Ellis started training as Altar Guild participants.

The Grand Canyon Assembly will be held in Las Vegas, NV, on June 12 and 13. We need two members to serve as voting delegates. **Registration and travel expenses will be paid by CELC.** A notice asking for volunteers will be put in the Weekly Announcements. Anyone interested should contact Carol Moonan.

The 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will be held in Phoenix, July 28-August 2. They are looking for up to 100 volunteers to help with this event. More information is available on the Grand Canyon Synod website.

Following the Lord's Prayer, a MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Olga Blanchard and seconded by Kathy Williams. There were no objections, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Ann Wordell

Building & Grounds Report

March 2025

Team Identification – Have identified a couple of volunteers willing to be on call for small projects.

Solar Project: Randy handed off the contact with SunValley Solar to me. Jason Roehl is the contact and had sent email that he had a potential investor that might be willing to put up the investment. I had a phone call with Jonah on 2/27 so I could come up to speed on the conversations he and Randy had previously had. I informed Jonah that we are very cautious and conservative moving forward due to our previous bad experience. We had some discussions on Building A as to whether a rooftop system on Bldg A rather than a canopy system might make better financial sense. I have a phone call with Jonah and the investor this next week to better assess what the proposal is, how serious the investor is, and get information to take a look at the financial implications for CELC. At this point in time, **further activity on the solar project is going to be slow and very cautious.**

Building A:

1. **Occasional mild/moderate sewer gas smell** – monitoring.
2. **Painting Fellowship Hall** – Is planned for March 21-22.
 - a. Have a small team of volunteers identified
 - b. Budget impact would be cost of paint and supplies (\$300-400)
3. **AED pads expired** (2 year life) – had to replace (\$274) (unit was beeping)
4. **Fan noise women's bathroom** – Need to investigate.

Building B:

1. **Building B kitchen's leaky water faucet with sprayer.** Done but still awaiting invoices.
2. **Building B water shutoff valve leaks. Tomas Flores Plumbing.** Was some confusion on what doing here. Jonathan and I talked and decided we were going to go back to the more expensive direct replacement valve so as not to have to deal with concrete and potentially causing more problems. Estimate from Tomas Flores Plumbing - \$3500. **Need council approval.**
3. **Outreach 3-door refrigerator** – No change.
4. **AED pads expired** (2 year life) – had to replace (\$274) (unit was beeping)
5. **Investigate a warning sign by stove** – all pilots light must be lit.

Backflow Valve leakage: Will continue to monitor.

Landscaping:

1. **Landscaping in front of Building A** – Have identified a couple of people interested in looking at options. Will try to meet this month.
2. **Astroturf** – has been disposed.
3. **Rodent issues** – Monitoring.
4. **Irrigation Leaks** – Monitoring.

Signage:

1. **Street sign** – Broken Bracket fixed on North side. Sign will be changed for Holy week.
2. **Easter Banner** – Will be displayed before Easter Sunday.

IT/Technology items:

1. **Servant Keeper** – Have upgraded to SK8. Performed training of Finance Team. We are not using to full capabilities, will be investigating how to get better use of tool this year.
2. **Data Procedures/Policies for Servant Keeper/Instant Church Directory** – Need to work with Sandy Gabel, Pastor Kim, Office staff to develop a set of guidelines and policies for how we maintain the information in both systems including visitor cards, prospects and reviewing in-active members (Sandy has been working on some procedures)
3. **Windows 11 conversion** – Windows 10 will no longer be supported by Microsoft after October. Our newer computers are compatible. The donated Windows 11 compatible computer has been installed to replace the older IT-Desktop computer as a trial run to test church tools. The older computer has been recycled (as will Pastor Jeff's old desktop). Will work with staff to schedule update to Windows 11 on Office, Financial, and Music Desktops this spring/summer.

Future Building/Grounds Projects:

1. **Landscaping by Building A**
2. **Parking Lot/Asphalt**
3. **Painting Building B Sanctuary**

Future IT/Tech Projects:

1. **Conversion to Windows 11**

Respectfully Submitted:

Jim Erickson