

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2026

Members present: Sandy Gabel, Ann Bruce, Carol Moonan, Stevie Henderson, Jim Hill, Su Erickson, Valerie Ellis, Beth Blankenship, Kathy Williams, Sue Addy,

Members absent: John Brown, Olga Blanchard

Visitors: Jim Erickson, Miloy Canete

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. and a prayer was led by President Carol Moonan.

Miloy Canete provided information about a concert/event to be provided by Teresa Walters in February. She provides artistic services for a musical program free of charge, and CELC was selected to be one of the congregations to experience her performance. By consensus, the council agreed to having this event. Miloy will handle the paperwork to be submitted and other arrangements necessary prior to the performance date.

A motion was made by Ann Bruce, seconded by Sandy Gabel to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026 special council meeting and the April 19, 2026 regularly scheduled council meeting. The motion was approved.

Unfinished Business - There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Jim Erickson provided the council with a report on Security and IT/Technology related items.

Security issues focused on a trespassing event that occurred May 14 and involved activity by individuals caught on the Blink Cameras at night. The non-emergency number was called asking for a check of the area. On May 22 activity was noticed on the camera again and the non-emergency number was called. Police responded and trespassed the individuals in question. There has been no activity since then but cameras are checked regularly.

Jim explained consolidation of door access and Building B alarm system has been given to Johnson Control. Johnson will be consolidating into one system at an additional cost equivalent to what we are currently paying ADT monthly for alarm monitoring which is a break-even for the church.

Jim indicated that he is working with the office staff on the church directory/servant keeper for updating and cleaning up data before Pastor Jeff begins. The goal is to have this done by the end of June.

Some congregational members have received a phishing email stating it was from Pastor Jeff. Jim reminded council members to be careful about responding to emails that don't sound right. Pastor Kim's christgoodyear.org email is now inactive but she and Bob are still in the family section of the directory.

In preparation for Pastor Jeff's arrival, a computer has been obtained and is being set up for him. He has been added to the website staff page but without contact information right now. A christgoodyear.org email address has been set up for him, and care is being given not to 'overload' him right now. He will begin his ministry at CELC on July 1, 2026. Jim will also be working with Pastor Jeff on microphone preferences for worship services.

President Moonan said Installation Services for Pastor Jeff will be held July 12, 2026. Miloy is organizing this event, and several council members are needed to read a short passage during the service. Please contact President Moonan if interested.

Council Reports

Building and Grounds - Jim Hill reviewed each of the closed items (28 have been completed). Paving of the parking lot has been completed and council members thanked Jim for all of the work involved in getting this done. He reviewed some of the open items as well as the status of various inspections which have been completed and passed.

Education - Beth Blankenship indicated Sunday School would continue through June and begin again sometime in August. The carpet near the altar needs to be cleaned before Pastor Jeff begins July 1.

Evangelism - Sandy Gabel said there have been about 30 requests for name tags at \$8 each. In June the emphasis will be on getting updates for the church directory. June and July greeters are scheduled, and she is working on getting greeters scheduled for August.

Fellowship - Valerie Ellis shared that Pastor Kim's farewell dinner was well attended; expenses for this event came to \$607 and proceeds were \$930. Work on the Murder Mystery Dinner continues and will likely be held in October/November. The Singles Mingle is working out nicely and is well attended. Valerie is working on a reception for Pastor Jeff after the July 12 Installation.

Health - Kathy Williams said she is working on a plan to manage distribution of personal products on Tuesdays to ensure everyone who needs these supplies is able to receive the maximum amount allowed. Kathy worked with Jim Hill to relocate the first aid kit in Building A kitchen to a more accessible location and clean it out and update supplies as needed. She also helped Jim make sure AED's were in working order throughout the facility.

Outreach - Su Erickson said Maricopa County visited earlier this month for one of the twice-yearly inspections. We received an A rating and the updated sign is posted in the kitchen.

Kim Warren from St. Mary's Food bank visited April 23 and discussed possible new grocery rescue opportunities. She was also present for the delivery of our 2-door refrigerator. Also received is \$1500 in grant monies; both the refrigerator and grant awards were from St. Mary's Food Bank.

Statistics for April, 2026 are as follows:

Individuals - 1449
Decrease over last year - -3%
Decrease over last month - -20%
Households - 279
Decrease over last year - -15%
Decrease over last month - -22%

SW Valley IHELP - While there was no Advisory Council meeting this month, Program Director Michelle Harrison keeps us informed by regular communications. The biggest challenge this month has been cash flow. We have applied for several grants and are waiting for approval and funding. We put out an urgent plea for donations to bridge the gap as we have to meet payroll for our night monitors and other expenses in order to keep the program going.

We had 7 - 12 participants in the program with several successful placements. Updates will be forthcoming after the June Advisory Council meeting.

Hosting at CELC has gone smoothly. Several different people have volunteered to provide meals, including a group from Lord of Life. Summer is a bit light on our volunteer teams with several people away, but we are able to maintain 2 - 4 people during our 4-9 pm time slot.

There was one incident where a client slipped on a wet floor. Paramedics were called and she was taken to the ER but no major injuries were reported.

Outreach - Ann Bruce reported the fundraising for the painting and carpeting projects will continue through June. So far \$6,000 of the \$10,000 goal has been collected.

Worship - Stevie Henderson said she is working on an Installation program with Miloy. She is planning to speak to the congregation about how rewarding their involvement in the life of the church can be.

Youth - no report

The next regular meeting of the church council will be held on June 14th at 10:15 a.m.

A motion was made by Sandy Gabel, seconded by Stevie Henderson to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned following the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Addy
Secretary