

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by President Carol Moonan who led the council in prayer.

Members present: Carol Moonan, John Brown, Jim Hill, Beth Blankenship, Valerie Ellis, Kathy Williams, Su Erickson, Ann Bruce, Stevie Henderson, Olga Blanchard, Sue Addy, Pastor Kim Sterner

Members Absent: Sandy Gabel

A motion was made by Su Erickson, seconded by Olga Blanchard, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2026 minutes. The motion was approved.

The financial report including the Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2026, the CELC Cash on Hand Statement, and the Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual was reviewed by John Brown. These reports are attached these minutes.

Unfinished Business - There was no unfinished business for this meeting.

New Business

Election of President and Vice-President - A motion was made by Su Erickson, seconded by Ann Bruce to nominate Carol Moonan for the position of Council President. By a show of hands, Carol Moonan was elected Council President. A motion was made by John Brown, seconded by Stevie Henderson to nominate Ann Bruce for the position of Council Vice-President. By a show of hands, Ann Bruce was elected Council Vice President.

The following positions were confirmed by President Carol Moonan: Administrator - John P. Brown; Treasurer - John P. Brown; Secretary - Mary Suzanne Addy.

The Lenten/Easter schedule has been developed, and President Carol Moonan will provide this information to council members this week. A schedule of council meeting dates for the year and names, email addresses and phone numbers of each council member will be sent via email. It was decided to move the June 2026 council meeting to June 14th to avoid a conflict with Father's Day.

President Carol Moonan asked that communications related to the newsletter, website, scheduling of events or needing space should be sent through the office at [office@christgoodyear.org](mailto:office@christgoodyear.org).

### Council Reports

Building and Grounds - Newly elected council member Jim Hill presented a punch list he has created of 60 items that need to be addressed with varying degrees of priority. A couple items have been completed including fixing the Building B sanctuary main outside entry door, so it is quiet and fixing the facilities in the men's bathroom. There is still a need for some plumbing work to be done at this location. Jim listed three goals of highest priority: 1) parking lot repaving; 2) painting in Building B classroom areas and Building A sanctuary; 3) Recarpeting of Building B altar and sound room areas. Additionally, we are investigating replacement of the church sign on Litchfield Road with an updated electronic version. A suggestion was made to install a new CELC sign at the west entrance to the church parking lot, due to increased traffic along the road behind the church. The current sign on Litchfield Road will continue to be maintained by Randy Heibel. "Authorized Parking Only" signs will be purchased and placed on light poles in the parking lot.

Discussion was held about funding these projects, and John Brown will gather information about obtaining a loan to cover the expense of

repaving the parking lot and perhaps begin work on some of the other higher priority projects.

Education - Newly elected council member Beth Blankenship reported the education program is good at the present time but noted that there is a need to begin addressing educational opportunities for adults who are still working. She suggested considering evening programs and intergenerational family types of educational opportunities be explored in the future.

Fellowship - Valerie Ellis said the Valentine's Dinner was well-received, and an excess of \$230 remains after all expenses have been paid. Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on February 25 with dinner at 5:45 and church service at 6:30. The last Lenten Soup Supper will be on March 25, and a Fish Fry will follow on Friday, March 27, 2026.

On March 21, a women's retreat, Angels Among Us, and luncheon will be held at CELC, sponsored by Thrivent and led by Ellory Christianson.

An Easter Breakfast is planned for Easter Sunday, and an Easter Basket Raffle will be held with proceeds going to the Youth Group Camp fund.

Other events yet to be scheduled include a Murder Mystery dinner, a Singles Mingles Social, a Multi Church Spring Festival, Summer Dinner and Movie/Game Night, Fall Festival and Quilts Boutique for September/October, and an Advent Holiday Festival/Boutique on December 11.

Evangelism - no report

Health - Kathy Williams shared that the presentation Safeguarding God's Children was a success with eleven in attendance. There will be a private link on YouTube once it has been created. There will be follow-up with anyone who works with children so they can watch and sign the required paperwork. Kathy indicated a plan needs to be

developed for Tuesday distribution of hygiene products to keep the process more orderly.

Outreach – Su Erickson reported that 75-80 food boxes have been distributed each week plus 10-15 walk-in/emergency boxes as well. There has been enough to serve everyone. IHELP began on February 2, 2026, and CELC had its first experience on February 6, 2026. We are at the beginning stages and still working out some details, but things went smoothly for the first time for our group.

Worship - Newly elected Worship Committee Chairman Stevie Henderson reported that there will be a need to increase seating capacity during Lent and Easter. She also noted she will be working on developing a plan for ushers to be more consistent in their duties in that role.

Stewardship - Ann Bruce shared possible fundraising ideas to address the building projects needing to be completed.

Youth - Olga Blanchard reported that the youth/adult had a game afternoon - 5 adults and 4 youth participated. Super Bowl sub sandwiches were made on Saturday by four adults and two of the youth. Approximately \$300 was made and a thank you is extended to all those who purchased sandwiches. The youth will be participating in a service project at New Dawn Sanctuary on March 21, 2026.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Kim reported we had two deaths within our congregation this past week and no service dates have been made at this time. Pastor Kim is planning to offer an adult class entitled "What Was God Thinking" to be held after Lent.

A motion was made by John Brown, seconded by Olga Blanchard to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. The motion was approved and Pastor Kim led the Council in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Addy, Council Secretary

