

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Special Meeting of the Congregation
April 26, 2026

President Carol Moonan called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.. She stated the purpose of the meeting is to provide the congregation of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church the opportunity to vote for or against calling Pastor John (Jeff) Hackler, and for approving a compensation package for him which would also require an update to the annual budget.

Mr. Glen Austad, who is on the Synod Council for the Cactus Conference of the Grand Canyon Synod, brought a welcome from Bishop Hutterer. Mr. Austad led the congregation in prayer.

President Moonan appointed Ken Olson, Dave Bruce, Dave Moonan and Tony Fabrello as Tellers Ann Bruce served as Parliamentarian. Sue Addy, Council secretary, recorded minutes of the meeting.

President Moonan read the following motion which had been made by the Church Council:

“To call Pastor John (Jeff) Hackler as Pastor of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church.”

Rollin Neumann seconded this motion.

Connie Sornsin and Jim Erickson, Call Committee members, provided background information on the findings of the committee and shared information gained about Pastor Hackler during this process. Jim Erickson shared information gathered from references regarding Pastor Hackler’s ministry. This information, as well as personal interviews with Pastor Hackler had been shared with the Church Council which assisted the council in making this recommendation to the congregation.

President Moonan asked for discussion on this motion and indicated the Tellers had reported there was a quorum.

Congregational members were asked to vote on this motion and pass in ballots.

During the voting process, Miloy Canete provided a period of musical meditation.

President Moonan announced the ballot was favorable in extending a call to Pastor John (Jeff) Hackler.

President Moonan then read the following motion which had been made by the Church Council:

“ To approve the compensation package for Pastor Hackler at \$94,837.00. “

Gayle Denny seconded this motion.

John Brown explained the proposed compensation package for Pastor Hackler.

Congregational members were asked to vote on this motion.

President Moonan presented the following motion from the CELC Church Council:
"To approve the CELC Revised Mission Spending Plan for 2026."

Patsy Blankenship seconded the motion.

John Brown explained how the proposed compensation package would revise our Annual Budget for 2026.

Congregational members were asked to vote on this motion and turn in ballots.

President Moonan shared information about the Call process while votes were being tabulated. She described the involvement of many congregational members from the appointment of the Transition Team over three years ago, to the work of the Call Committee and final recommendation to the Church Council.

President Moonan announced the results of the election of the motions related to compensation and the Annual Budget which were favorable in both instances.

President Moonan then described the next steps in the process which would include a phone call to Pastor Hackler following adjournment of this meeting and sending a Call letter to Pastor Hackler and to the Bishop's office. Upon acceptance, Pastor Hackler will begin as Pastor of CELC on July 1, 2026. In the meantime, supply Pastors will conduct services after Pastor Kim leaves on May 10, 2026.

The meeting concluded with a motion to adjourn by Rollin Neumann, seconded by Jennifer Cole. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sue Addy, Secretary