

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES – APPROVED

October 28, 2025

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Rexanne Spicer.

Members present: Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, Melissa Pohlman and Stephanie Friesen, Julie Anderson, Janice Devine, Allison Eger, Christopher McCarty, Rachel Moeller, PJ Ritters (Z), Laurel Stewart, Heidi Tysk-Poppe

Members excused: Ron Fiscus

Staff present: Pat Hansen

Christ Care Prayers: Pastor Melissa invited all to share their joys, sorrows, concerns, and thanksgivings, which were lifted in prayer. Pastor Melissa then shared her thanks and gratitude for her recent sabbatical, which included reflections, pictures and mementos from walking the Camino in Portugal and Spain.

Adoption of the October Agenda: The Meeting Agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes from September Council Meeting: The Council Meeting minutes for September 23, 2025, were approved. Also received were the Pastors' Shared Report for October 2025.

Financial Reports: Pastor Peter shared Ron Fiscus' Treasurer's Report, which summarizes the monthly financial reports through September 30, 2025 – Revenue & Expense, Balance Sheet, and Summary of Designated Accounts. Pastor Peter also shared a financial summary of the ERC, Parking Lot Easement, Capital Appeal, Consumables and Casavant Restoration funds for work completed this summer and early fall. These financial reports were accepted by the Council. The Treasurer's Report can be viewed by emailing Pat Hansen, phansen@centralmpls.org.

Information and Conversation:

- Invitation/Connection/Communications, Seasons of Life, and Mental Health and Wholeness Task Forces updates: Pr. Peter presented the ICC task force's first draft of their SMART goals. Pr. Stephanie shared that the Seasons of Life task force met last week and are in the process of writing their SMART goals. Now that Pr. Melissa has returned from sabbatical, the Mental Health and Wholeness task force will be getting back on track.
- Constitution Review Committee update: This committee has completed its review and will bring a draft to the November Council meeting for approval at its December meeting, with voting by the congregation at the Annual meeting in February 2026.
- Columbarium update: Pr. Peter shared that this is still on pause.
- Portico Enrollment update: The employer enrollment is done and staff on the benefit plan are beginning their selections.
- Minnesota Paid Leave Act update: Work has begun to prepare for this law that goes into effect on January 1, 2026.
- Initial 2026 Budget work has begun with a draft to Council at its November meeting.
- Fall Generosity Appeal has started with an in-gathering on November 22-23

Casavant, Sanctuary Renewal Projects, ERC Fund Projects and General Maintenance:

- Parking Lot and Ramp project update: completed
- Sanctuary Boiler and mechanical updates: completed, with work continuing on the controls
- Roof Project update: completed
- Fins/Posts painting: completed
- Sidewalk Project update: completed
- Casavant update: Pr. Peter shared that work continues with “soft negotiations” being held with another organ builder.

Action Items – there were none this month.

Closing Prayer and Adjourn: After closing with the Lord’s Prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

The Council’s next meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hansen

Recording for Heidi Tysk-Poppe, Council Secretary