



Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Welcome

Whitney Anderson opened with a welcome and an outline of the agenda for the annual meeting for the fiscal year July 2025 to June 2026.

Call to Order

Brett Boyum called the Calvary Lutheran Church annual meeting for July 2025 to June 2026 to order at 6:03 p.m.

Certification of Quorum

Parliamentarian Mark Christenson certified that there was a quorum of at least 75 people in attendance.

Devotions & Opening Remarks

On behalf of the council, Brett thanked all for their investments of time, financial support, and commitment and passion for our mission: *To lead all people to a lifelong faith in Jesus Christ.*

Pastor Hans led the group in prayer.

Pastor Hans offered words of celebration for the congregation and the many ways that their engagement is growing the church and leading more people to a lifelong faith in Jesus.

Brett and Pastor Hans presented the work of the council to make room physically, make room financially, and make room for all to engage.

#1 Make Room Physically: A third Sunday morning worship service will be added. Beginning on September 13, the Sunday worship schedule will be 8:30 Traditional, 9:30 Modern, 10:30 Modern.

#2 Make Room Financially: Brett outlined the 90% strategy, a budget strategy to spend 90% of the previous year's income. This coming year, we will be halfway there with a budget to spend 95% of last year's income.

Treasurer Jana Berndt presented a mid-way update on The Make Room Appeal.

Congregational generosity has allowed us to make an additional \$265,000 in principal payments. To date, Calvary has a mortgage balance of \$2.5 million. With current Make Room

Appeal commitments, we will still have approximately \$1.4 million in mortgage debt at the end of the appeal in 2029.

#3 Make Room for all to Engage: Pastor Hans shared the council vision for all to engage in the transformative experience of Connect Groups with the addition of a Connect Group Coordinator to grow the ministry.

Pastor Hans outlined the plan for interim staffing for our Next Gen/Youth ministry and the time we will take to pause and develop a long term strategy for a ministry team. A position for the lead Next Gen/Youth Minister will be opened before the end of the year.

Treasurer's Report & Adoption of July 2026-June 2027 General Fund Budget

Treasurer Jana Berndt and Pastor Hans honored Bruce Luehmann for his past eight years of dedicated leadership as Calvary's treasurer. His profound impact on Calvary's financial health is greatly appreciated.

Jana shared the 2025-2026 fiscal highlights. It was an exceptional year of growth in attendance, service to the community, and generosity. Total income exceeded budget by 8.5%. We finished the year spending 95.8% of our income, accelerating our 5-year goal to reach 90%. Jana presented the 2026-2027 financial goals. The proposed budget projects a 4% increase in income and is set at 95% of last year's actual income.

A motion was made by Judy Sumption and seconded by Nancy West to approve the 2026-2027 General Fund budget. Motion was carried.

Election of 2026-2027 Council Members

Cheryl Whitchurch presented the slate of council candidates as follows: Whitney Anderson, Brian Baustian, Brett Boyum, Mark Christenson, Samarah Hadley, Jeff Rodel, Mark Stromswold, and Cheryl Whitchurch.

A motion was made by Nancy Einerson and seconded by Kathy Hungness to approve the 2026-2027 Calvary Council members as presented. Motion was carried.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Jeff West and seconded by Wayne Erickson to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. Motion was carried.

Pastor Angie closed in prayer.