

St. Paul Lutheran Church
CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES • June 16, 2026

Call to Order: President Tom Splittgerber called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Adam Wolfe

Secretary's Report - Minutes of April 21, 2026 Congregation Meeting: *A motion was made by Fay Risse and seconded by Dave DePagter to approve the Secretary's Report from the April 21, 2026 Congregation Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*

May 2026 Treasurer's Report: Donna Felch presented the financial reports. Eleven months into the year we have a surplus of \$19,172 prior to special gifts. Giving is significantly ahead of last year. The special gifts bring our surplus to \$493,281. Dedicated accounts were reviewed and are strong, as a reminder these are earmarked for specific things and cannot be used for the operating budget. *A motion was made by Dick Boenisch and seconded by Tom Witt to approve the May 2026 Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimously.*

Donna also explained the Ministry Development Fund. This has multiple uses, primarily uses include:

- Balance church budget at fiscal year end in case of deficit
- Provide a "jump start" to new or expanded ministries or missions.
- Fund unemployment pay for staff in case of temporary layoffs.
- Provide fundraising match to church ministries with an annual 10% fund balance limit.

2026-27 Budget: Donna Felch presented the upcoming budget. It is estimated we will end the year with a surplus of \$2,052 prior to the special gifts. A surplus of \$476,161 is estimated which includes the special gifts. The Church Council will be discussing the best uses for the surplus at their July Council Meeting. The upcoming budget has an 11% increase over this fiscal year, which amounts to \$149,311. Our budget is 65% salaries and benefits, it is our people that run the ministries so this is appropriate. New expenses primarily come from:

- wages
- benefits, which is set by Concordia Plan Services
- discontinuation of the State Covid Grant for the ECC
- moving our part time Public Relations & Media Coordinator to full time
- budgeting Youth Mission Trip support, as their dedicated fund has been depleted

A motion was made by Dick Boenisch seconded by Christine Perronne to approve the 2026-27 Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The 5-year Capital Improvement Plan was shared. This is not a budgeted item, but we do try to plan out the spending for this account, as expenses tend to be significant.

Thank You: President Tom Splittgerber extended a thank you to Jim Weber, Member-at-Large, for his service to the church, as his term is ending.

Congregation Concerns:

None

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Fay Risse and seconded by Christine Perronne to adjourn the Congregation Meeting at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Closing Prayer: Pastor Adam Wolfe

Attendance: 27