

Annual Meeting 2026

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Initial Housekeeping:

Assess Quorum / Sign people in/ Zoom check in

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from 2025 Annual Meeting
3. Reports / Ministry Updates:
 - a. Q&A en bloc about the following written reports: Pastor's Report, Community Garden, Cares Ministry Report, Worship and Music Team, Altar Guild
 - b. Verbal Summary of Written Reports + Q&A: Treasurer's Report
4. New Business to be addressed in 2026:
 - a. Council Member Elections
5. New Business to be voted on:
 - a.. Council Member Elections
 - b.. Adoption of a 2026 Fiscal Year Spending Plan
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Annual Meeting Minutes- January 25, 2025

I. Housekeeping:

Assess Quorum / Sign In Sheet / Zoom Check-in

Members gathered in the Fellowship Hall and several attended via Zoom

25 Members Signed In, including those on Zoom, establishing a quorum.

II. Opening Prayer:

Pastor Anna opened the meeting with prayer at 11:23 am.

III. Review and Approval of Minutes -

Congregation was provided minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting & Special Boiler Meeting

Fred Risch noted that his wife's name was misspelled in the meeting minutes.

Dan Gullickson moved the minutes from both meetings be approved as corrected; Ken Peeples seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Reports / Ministry Updates:

Q&A en bloc of the following written reports: Pastor's Report, Council President, Community Garden, Cares Ministry Report, Worship and Music Team, Facility Care Team, and Alter Guild
Verbal Summary Written Reports were given

Lynne Reynolds moved the reports be accepted as presented; Ken Peeples seconded the motion. It was noted the motion did not include the Treasure's Report which was to be discussed independently. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Q&A Treasurer's Report

Questions were asked regarding the Rabbit Creek Preschool and the Banking Fees.

The \$2,000 difference in anticipated vs actual income has not yet been resolved.

The Banking Fees are primarily from Tithely. Members can choose to pay the fees with their contributions; if this is not done the Church pays the deposit fees.

VI. New Business to be voted on:

Council Member Elections

Lynne Reynolds nominated Ann Adams and Danna Moser to serve as Council Members. No other nominations were made.

Ky Holland moved Ann and Danna be elected as new Council Members; Jo Stockly seconded the motion.

There was some discussion regarding the 2 year terms with 2 year term limits. The suggestion was made to modify the constitution to ensure 3 members are elected one year and 4 members are elected the second year to ensure a balance in new and continuing members. This issue was resolved in the constitution last year.

Fred Risch moved the nominations be closed and he called for the question. The motion carried unanimously.

Carol Roadifer and Amy Hellmich indicated willingness to serve a second term on the Council.

John Morrison moved Carol and Amy be re-elected to the Council for a second term; Fred Risch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of a 2025 Fiscal Year Spending Plan

Fred Risch moved the 2025 Budget be adopted as presented; Ken Peeples seconded the motion. There were no remaining questions raised regarding the proposed budget. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. New Business to be addressed in 2025:

John Morrison briefly noted a few Maintenance & Repair that need to be addressed. He wanted the Congregation to be aware of them.

The Fire Panel needs to be updated.

The water heater located in the preschool closet has a small leak; we are currently waiting on Klebs to provide a quote. This water heater supplies hot water to the kitchen.

The back wall, by the garden and Turning Point's office is seeping water

There is water on the floor of the Radio Room; shelving has been (or will) be installed as the preschool uses the room for storage.

Pastor Anna presented a slideshow of some activities around the Church and the wider community.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.

IX. Closing Prayer

Fred Risch gave the closing Prayer.

Pastor Report

As I enter my 4th year as your pastor, I am deeply grateful for the ways we have lived out God's call together this past year. It is truly a joy to do ministry with you, and the highlights below reflect the shared energy, faith, and commitment of this congregation.

This year we continued to grow in community and faith formation. We welcomed 19 new members on New Member Sunday in January, and began a monthly Sunday morning Bible Study. Confirmation was hosted at COSLC this fall, with an average of 15–20 youth attending weekly from across Anchorage Lutheran churches. A Book Group began meeting with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, with four COSLC members participating.

Our worship life was rich and meaningful throughout the year. During Lent, midweek services focused on poetry by Jan Richardson and were held in the sanctuary. Holy Week was especially meaningful, including the Table of Our Lord Dinner, Good Friday worship, and a well-attended Easter Sunday. We also participated in the combined Easter Vigil with the other Alaska Synod churches. Advent midweek services were held in the fellowship hall and centered on images from the Alaska Synod Advent devotional, and Christmas Eve worship was well attended with special music from the choir.

We remained actively engaged in outreach, hospitality, and community connection. Toddler Time was held in June and July on Wednesday mornings and saw increased attendance from the previous year. We hosted a compost workshop and began composting in our community garden,

followed by a lively Garden Party to kick off the growing season with approximately 75 people in attendance. A youth group from Chicago volunteered with us, helping to create the compost station, mow, organize for the rummage sale and basement, and paint the room across from the kitchen. The annual rummage sale was successful, raising over \$2,000.

Stewardship and fundraising efforts were strong this year. Spring Beer and Hymns raised \$17,000, and Fall Beer and Hymns raised \$20,000, providing important financial support for Lutheran Social Services.

Significant work was also done in building care and operations. We worked with the fire inspection crew and partnered with Jeff Stark to research fire panel quotes and options for our building. The basement and tool room were cleaned and reorganized. Christ-Centered Mission began renting our basement on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for \$800 per month, and Redeemer renewed their building use agreement for Sundays from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for \$1,000 per month. Heather Tibor was hired in the spring to manage PowerPoint and, beginning in the fall, also took on E-news, and plans to take on office email management, and check writing for a total of three hours per week. We also completed and printed our new church directory—thank you to Danna for taking the photos.

We continued to strengthen partnerships beyond our congregation. Three COSLC members attended a Holden Village Retreat with Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Two COSLC youth participated in the youth trip to Fairbanks. I also participated in fall collegium with colleagues, and Anchorage Lutheran rostered leaders began a Tuesday morning text study together. During my two-month maternity leave, we were blessed by gifted guest preachers.

Photo highlights from the year will be shared in the PowerPoint presentation. I give thanks for all that we have been able to do together and look forward with hope to the ministry ahead.

Community Garden Report

The Paul and Ruth Lemp Memorial Community Garden is a MAJOR COSLC OUTREACH PROJECT. It is managed by a committee, the Garden Gang (GG), which consists of members of COSLC plus Gardeners who have volunteered to assist with management and operation responsibilities. Funding for operations is provided by COSLC, Donations, and a Usage Fee for each bed. The Usage Fee pays for the ADA Certified Portable Toilet, located inside the garden.

Accomplishments

- Annual COSLC Outdoor Service, attended by COSLC members and neighbors
- Annual Gardeners Picnic
- Registration for all of the 55 Garden Beds was coordinated by Jeralyn from the GG. Thanks to her efforts we were able to accommodate all new applicants and all beds were utilized, more or less..
- The new Greenhouse (donation from Grant Stockly) was erected, during a “really yucky” rainstorm, by Steve Oyler and Brian Hellmich, assisted by Jeralyn. Brigitte and Norman, from the GG, ordered the missing parts and completed the shelving and linkage/etc when they returned to town, and the facility had dried out! The Green House works very well, but is high maintenance, and a temporary plan for usage was followed. Based on input from the users, the plan is being redeveloped for 2026

-The Composting project was finally initiated with the assistance of a volunteer youth group from Illinois who erected the “pen”. With the assistance of Laura, GG, a class was presented for the gardeners, and a committee was formed to provide the manual labor needed to process the mulching supplies. Compost will be ready for 2026!

-Water Tank Fill-ups were coordinated by Joanne, who is one of the gardeners. Dan installed new fittings plus an additional hose line, to make it easier for hooking up the hose from the church plus watering the mulch pile. More volunteer gardeners need to assist with the fill-it-up task.

-Ground Maintenance was coordinated by Brigitte and Norman from the GG, assisted by other gardeners.

-Organic Fertilizer Packets (donation) were provided for each plot and all Gardeners received a 10% discount coupon redeemable at Forget-Me-Not Nursery, located at Indian.

-Garden Blend Topsoil was purchased for all of the beds (including COSLC Flower Beds, Planters, etc) due to settling of the original soil. Bark Mulch and Horse Manure and used Brewers grains were donated for the Composting Project. Pallets were donated for the construction of the Frame for the Compost Pen.

-Six Beds for LSSA were planted with Potatoes and harvested by Jo and family.

-At the end of the season, taking advantage of close-out sales, and an anonymous donation, a Tool Shed was purchased for protection of outside garden tools. It will be placed in-between the two water tanks, right where the tools have been leaning against the fence “enjoying” our weather! The Shed will need to be assembled this coming Spring.

Financial Report

Income, including cash donations **\$ 3,085.00**

Expenses

Rent-a-Can	970.72
Garden Soil Mix	937.00
Missing Greenhouse Hardware	77.45
Pitch Forks (2) for Compost pen	99.98
Thermometer for Compost	23.99
Garden Tool Shed	479.99

Total Expenses **\$ 2,589.13**

BALANCE TO CARRY OVER TO FY2026 **\$ 495.87**

2026 Plans

Bed Fee Increase: At the October meeting of the Garden Gang, it was decided to raise the user fee to \$ 25 per bed, to accommodate anticipated increases in the monthly Rent-A-Can rental fee.

Gardener's Manual rewrite: Rewrite/amend Gardener's Operation Manual to include Green House Operations (developed by the 2025 Green House users group), Compost Creation and use, general Yard Maintenance, Water Tank Operations, and gardener's responsibilities.

Gardeners Spring Meeting: Final Registration, payment of user fees, pass out and review new Gardener's Manual, answer questions, and give out Gate Lock Combination

Garden Tool Shed: Assemble as soon as Spring Thaw permits and relocate tools from Large Garden Shed so that they are ready for spring planting!

Projected Income

Bed Fee (50 x \$ 25) \$ 1, 250.00

Carry-over from 2025 \$ 495.87

Total projected income

..... \$ 1, 745.87

Projected Expenses

Rent-a-Can ESTIMATE..... \$ 1,200.00

(based on 5 ea Billing Periods (28 days) @ \$200 ea)

Supplies:

Replace short hose for filling Water Tanks with

Longer hose, cost unknown ?

Garden Tool Maintenance for Garden Carts,

Mowers, Trimmers, etc. ?

Dan Gullickson, Chair

Jeanette Morton, Bookkeeper

Lavonne Gullickson

Brigette Lacouture

Jeralyn Phifer

Laura Kimmell

Sharon Holland

Jo Stockly

Pr Anna Silco

Jessica Morrison

“POCKET PARK”

Accomplishments

The park is our second major continuing community outreach project and it needs a better name! It was proposed and created as a rest area for the neighborhood in general, plus Lemp Memorial Garden Gardeners and COSLC Members. Suggestions for a suitable name are welcome.

Initial Funding from the Lemp Bequest established the park in 2024. COSLC members and Memorial Garden Gardeners helped with the planning and construction. Kelly Landscaping was contracted to create the mini-park.

Management of the Pocket Park was returned to the COSLC Council beginning with the 2025 season. This Spring and Summer COSLC and Gardeners worked to clean up the underbrush and storm damage to the Mixed Forest Border. NEW plantings in the Border and the flower beds included 13 donated White Spruce Seedlings (4 yrs old), one Lilac Bush (donated by Ken) and several Alaskan perennials.(Gullicksons) Some of the plants were donated as memorials to family members or friends of the donors. Two concrete park benches were donated (Jo and Vendor) and placed adjacent to the walkway. The “Park” is maintained by COSLC Volunteers at no expense to COSLC. More participation is encouraged.

Plans for FY 2026 include continued cleaning of the Forest Border, at least one additional Lilac Bush (donated) and continued acceptance of other material donations. Someone needs to step forward to be the Pocket Park Manager. *Submitted by Dan Gullickson*

Care Ministry Team Report

The Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the sanctuary for Sunday Services, and Special Services and Seasons, of the Church Year. We prepare and clean up Communion and change the Paraments seasonally.

We appreciate the help of COSLC members, especially for holidays such as Advent, Christmas and Easter. A special shout out to the Oyler clan, Ken Peeples, and Dave Matthews, for setting up and taking down the decorations in December and January.

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Worship and Music (WAM) Team Report

The WAM Committee, chaired by Pastor Anna, has continued to meet bi-monthly for appr 2 hrs, to select the music for the following two months. At the present time, meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of the month (February 12 next mtg!)

We endeavor to select a mixture of Familiar, Traditional and Contemporary Sacred Music, based on input from the congregation, and we continue to welcome that input ... please consider joining the committee!

Music purchased this year was donated.

Team Members: Pr. Anna, Dan Gullickson, Jo Stockly, Don Enslow, Jeff Stark

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