



LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 23, 2025 Congregational Council Minutes

- Financial Report – The bank statements and summary were in the packet. Isis provided a brief overview. We are still spending more than we are receiving. However, Pastor Monica reminded council we have some members who wait until the end of the year to make their pledge, so November and December typically have larger plate and pledge receipts. The Capital Campaign account has received about \$30,000 recently, so the roof project is almost completely paid for.
- LHH Sink Installation – John Hile has gotten bids to install the sink and they are between \$6500-\$9500. Because LHH is on break between mid-December and mid-January, it would be the best time for the installation. Funds from rent of LHH are about \$1200. Pastor Monica explained we currently have about \$8000 in the Columbarium fund and we have never needed to use those funds for anything on the Columbarium. **A motion was made and passed to use LHH funds and as much of the Columbarium funds as needed for the installation.**
- Return to a former procedure - Starting in January we will return to the procedure of keeping a binder located in the narthex of the constitution, council minutes, congregational meeting minutes, the names of the council members and committee chairpersons.
- LMLC CD Maturation and next investment – We currently have a \$125,000 CD maturing Dec 21. **Council passed a motion to reinvest the CD but in two different CDs. One for \$75,000 as a long-term CD and one for \$50,000 as a short-term (3 month) CD.**
- Photo Directory Signup – Photos will be taken on either Dec. 2nd and 3rd. We need 35 families to sign-up and we are currently at 26. So, we need to encourage more signups.
- Welcome of New Council Members at the Dec. 21 meeting – A reminder the three new council members will be welcomed at our next meeting. New council members are Danny Knott, Bill Baldwin, and Michael Fearer.
- Pastor Monica's Spine Surgery and Substitute Clergy – Pastor Monica's surgery is scheduled for December 4th. The substitute clergy will be Pastor Bryan on December 7th and Pastor Bill King on December 14th.
- After hearing from some of the VBH Committee members that they no longer wish to serve now that the committee's tasks, as originally requested by Council, are finished, the Council voted to dissolve the VBH committee. Council also agreed to discuss the land trust details in January and will appoint persons with relevant expertise to negotiate and finalize details related to the land trust, as voted on by the congregation majority.
- The Red Cross contacted LM to request holding an emergency disaster drill on the church property. Pastor Monica showed them around and agreed that the church would be available. The approximate time of the drill would be sometime between February 15, 2026 and March 1, 2026.
- Two dates in the final weeks of 2025 needed CPP assignments. Chris Skogen agreed to serve on November 28th and Jan Buss agreed to serve December 14th.