

**Cross of Christ Lutheran
Church Council Minutes
January 20, 2026**

6:10 pm

Mission Statement: “As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and deed, inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.”

Officers	P	A	Pastors	P	A	Cabinet	P	A	Cabinet	P	A
Sandy Erickson (President)	X		Pastor Dana Jackson	X		Steve Halvorson (Finance)		X	Ellen Hongerholt (Stewardship)	X	
Brad Hongerholt (Vice President)		X				Jessica Brand (Youth & Family)	X		Ron Evenson (Personnel)	X	
Marsha Benson (Secretary)	X					Mike Markegard (C of C Building)	X		Kathy Olson (Worship & Music)		X
Patrick Forsyth (Financial Admin.)	X					Chuck Halvorson (C of C Grounds)	X		Heather Reay (Education)	X	
Karen Christensen (Financial Sec.)		X				Mike Berg (Evangelism)	X		Wayne Runningen (Stone Church)	X	
						Lyn Halvorson (Co-Chair WELCA)	X		Claire Reay (Youth Rep.)		X

1. Call to order – 6:10 pm

President: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Council: Amen.

2. Devotions – We prayed the Lord’s Prayer.

3. Review of the Agenda – Sandy brought up the camp cost for our youth attending summer Bible camps other than Good Earth Village. Jess explained that the committee decided to support youth going to Good Earth Village because it’s part of our synod. It was decided that the question of youth support for summer camp will go back to the committee.

4. Reports –

a. Pastor’s Report: No Report

b. President’s Report: No Report

c. Secretary’s Report: Lyn made a motion to approve December 16, 2025, Council Meeting minutes, seconded by Ron. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Financial Administrator’s Report: December’s net income was \$12,736.94. We are \$13,000 ahead of budget year to date. Expenses were well under budget, but giving didn’t hit the budgeted amount. A motion to approve the December 16th Financial Administrator’s report was made by Mike M., seconded by Jess. It was approved unanimously.

5. Cabinet Reports –

a. Education: No Report

b. Evangelism: Mike Burg continued helping with the food shelf and delivered hams at Christmas time.

c. Finance: The annual report is available.

- d. Personnel: No Report
- e. Cross of Christ Grounds: No Report
- f. Cross of Christ Building: Cathedral Crafts has tried three times to come and remove the stain-glass windows, but there was bad weather each time. A decision has been made until the weather breaks. A new defibrillator has been purchased and is in place. We couldn't get parts for the old one anymore. Heather will be offering classes on how to use it.
- g. Stone Church and Cemetery: Kyle Krumrie cut down the large tree in the cemetery. It was 6.5 feet around, weighing 35,000 pounds. Removal of the stump will wait until it warms up. The tree had grown around a headstone. It will take much care to remove the headstone. Mr. Krumrie was paid \$2,000, with the remaining \$900 to be paid when the stump is gone.
- h. Stewardship and Mission: We have \$82,150 pledged toward the stain-glass window project.
- i. Worship and Music: No report
- j. Youth and Family: We will not be participating in the gathering in March.
- k. WELCA: The Valentine Brunch will be held Saturday, February 7th. Chef Ron Evenson will have a special lunch. Chaplin Norlien will be the speaker. Tickets will go on sale this Sunday.

6. Old Business –

7. New Business –

8. Open Discussion – The annual meeting will be next Sunday with soups served for the coffee hour.

9. Calendar – Up Coming events.....

- January 25 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Holy Comm/Caring C/FB
followed by Annual meeting
10:30 a.m. Coffee hr./**NO S.S./Club 56/Confirmation**
- February 1 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Holy Comm/Baptisms/Noisy Offering/FB
10:30 a.m. Coffee hr./S.S./Confirmation/Club 56
- February 2 2:00 Ruth Circle
- February 7 10:00 WELCA Valentine's Brunch
- February 8 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion/FB
10:30 a.m. Coffee hr./S.S./Confirmation/Club 56/Cem. Mtg.
- February 9 9:00 a.m. Quilting Day w/potluck lunch/Noon Business Mtg.
- February 10 9:00 a.m. Quilting Day w/potluck lunch
6:00 Executive Mtg.
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 15 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion/FB
10:30 a.m. SS/Club 56/Confirmation/Coffee hr.
S.C. Preservation Mtg
- February 18 6:30 Ash Wednesday worship service
- February 20 9:00 a.m. Hobby Huddle w/potluck lunch
- February 21 9:00 a.m. Hobby Huddle w/potluck lunch
- February 22 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion/FB
10:30 a.m. Coffee hr./S.S./Confirmation/Club 56/Cem. Mtg.
- February 23 6:00 a.m. Council Mtg.

Benediction President: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit order our days and our deeds in his peace. Amen

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully,

Marsha Benson, Secretary

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