

**First Lutheran Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2026**

- **The meeting was called to order by council president Mark Roemhildt at 11:17 a.m.**
- **Approval of the Agenda: M/S/C**
- **Pastor Chris Culuris led us in prayer**
- **Introduction of the 2026 Executive Committee**
 - President Kaari Bly
 - Vice President John Nadeau
 - Treasurer Bonnie Pettis
 - Secretary Gabriela Roemhildt
- **Introduction of the new Nominating Committee Members**
 - Laurie Dietrich
 - Randy Fry Hawkins
 - Nancy Thorkelson
- **Election of various representatives for 2026 assemblies:**
 - **Minnesota River Valley Conference:** Allan Bray, Ken Rossow, Keith Stelter
 - **Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly:** Harry Hunt, Rebecca Otterness, Michelle Twait
 - **Gustavus Adolphus College Association of Congregation Representatives:** Annalisa Rivas, Diane Stuewe
 - Motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot M/S/C
- **Budget presentation by Bonnie Pettis**
 - Review of 2025 expenses and income, including the payoff of the nearly one million dollar mortgage.
 - Capital fund is now approximately \$175,000
 - FLC donated approximately \$22,000 to local charities
 - Motion was made to approve the 2026 annual budget M/S/C
 - See Annual report for more information
- **Review of Strategic Plan**
 - Current priorities of the 2023-2028 Strategic Plan
 - Engaging and collaborating with the community
 - Providing programs and services to all demographics
 - Solid financial position
- **Motion to adjourn Meeting: MS/C**
 - Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Next Congregational Meeting December 2026