

**Congregational Council Meeting**  
**January 17, 2026**  
**Minutes**  
**Faith Lutheran Church**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:11 a.m., by Darryl Anderson, Council President.

**Attendance:** Pastor Jean, Duane Daily, Darryl Anderson, Kurt Mackall, Fedearia Sweval, Nancy Hooper, Lynne Poulton, Wendy Gajarsky  
Excused: Joe Antal, Nicole Vincent

**Review of Minutes:** Wendy motioned to accept the December 15, 2025 minutes; Lynne seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed. The Annual Meeting minutes from November 23, 2025 were reviewed.

**Staff Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Report submitted. The report was very positive with revenues above budget due to an increase in December revenue and a \$35,390 surplus. Darryl motion to accept the Treasurer's report for review; Kurt seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Pastor Jean Hansen:** Report submitted. The report covered activities until January 12, 2026. Pastor will continue hospital visits until the end of the month, but then the visitation team will take over. Her last day is January 31, 2026.

**Eric Jezewski:** Report submitted. The youth have a fundraiser on February 8, 2026 to support their attendance at the 2027 national gathering. They will have a confirmation learning retreat on February 7, 2026.

**David Simpson:** Report submitted. The Interfaith Justice series starts on February 25 at New Hope Baptist Church. Volunteers will be needed on March 18 to help at Prince of Peace Baptist Church and it was discussed contributing \$500 or more to the program.

**President's Report:** Report submitted. It was emphasized for the council to maintain close communications with the teams within their ministry areas,

and that the congregation will be looking for the council to provide strong leadership.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Wendy made a motion to approve the Executive Committee minutes on December 21, 2025, which focused on the engagement documents and rate for Rebecca Shull. Duane seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Lynne made a motion to ratify the unanimous decision of the Executive Committee to approve Rebecca Shull as the Financial Manager. Duane seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Her contract will need to be reviewed in October for budgeting purposes.

The Finance Committee had concerns about setting a clear policy for how the preschool funds are applied for and distributed. The Preschool Scholarship Fund Policy was distributed for review. It was tabled for the next meeting in which Dineen will attend to present.

A motion was made by Fedearia to approve the purchase from building and grounds budget for \$4851.90 from Jordan Power Cleaning Equipment for a new floor scrubber requested by Beth Unk. Kurt seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Darryl reviewed the concepts of the Covenant for a Departing Pastor. The Covenant was signed and will be sent to the Synod office. He will announce to the congregation on February 1 about the covenant, as well as sending letters of explanation. There is a need to establish a contract with Pastor Sandy on how she will be paid for additional services such as hospital visits. Fedearia will follow up with Mark Watkins.

***Adjournment/The Lord's Prayer/Next Meeting:***

Wendy motion to adjourn; Lynn seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m. The next meeting will be February 16, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Submitted by Wendy Gajarsky, Council Vice President