

September 2026 Council Updates

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church | Sep 20th, 2026

Devotions:

- Harriet opened the meeting by reading several verses from Psalm 90 and the meditation “Ordinary Time.”
- She closed the devotion with prayer.

Briefing to Council: (Dee Ann Daniels)

- Dee Ann provided the council with a directory of IK Synod Council members.
- She attended the IK Synod Council meeting on September 12.
- Tim Brown presented on stewardship and emphasized using stories to bring greater attention to the topic within the congregation.
- She provided additional resources for the Stewardship Committee.
- The IK Synod is now fully staffed following Jody Winter’s appointment.
- She also attended a regional gathering.
- Two additional regional gatherings are scheduled: October 10 in Kentucky and October 24 in South Bend.
- A discussion topic was what the church could offer the community during a disaster, including access to solar panels and quilts.

Treasurer’s Report:

- Mary Russell is learning the treasurer’s responsibilities and paid the previous month’s bills.
- The account balanced.
- Peter cashed in the endowment fund and will issue checks on October 4: \$10,000 to Kokomo Urban Outreach and \$4,000 to Samaritan Care Givers.
- Last month’s congregational income was close to the amount spent.
- The current balance is \$11,000, with two weeks of income for the month still expected.
- The Audit Committee received answers to its questions about debit-account transactions without receipts.
- Peter and Haley Yeager cleaned up portions of the website.
- Plans were made to publicize the October charitable check presentations.

- Kevin volunteered to photograph the event.
- Rudy moved to approve the financial report; Jill seconded the motion.
- The motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Gladys contacted Scott Stipek, Joyce, Molly, Bob, and Toby.
- The Bible study on Psalm 23 is going well.
- Some previous attendees have not returned, but new members have joined the study.
- Pastor Gladys encouraged the council and congregation to provide feedback on her work as pastor.

Committee Reports:

Altar Guild

- Beginning September 27, apple juice will be used instead of nonalcoholic wine.

Old Business

- **Landscaping:** The church is still waiting for the landscapers to schedule a start date.
- **Website:** Haley Yeager is working with Peter on updating the Church website
- **Friendship Sunday on Aug 30th Discussion:** The event went well and received positive feedback from many attendees.

New Business

- **HVAC maintenance quotes:** Rudy has not yet received the quotes back from the HVAC companies

Upcoming Dates and Pastoral Coverage

- **Sunday, October 4:** Endowment checks will be presented during the service to Kokomo Urban Outreach and Samaritan Care Givers.
- **Committee Chairs:** Please submit their reports for inclusion into the Congregational Report and submit them to Kevin before mid-November

Around the Room:

- Jan Harmeyer spoke with Rebekah and Travis and noted that the church is blessed with staff members who work well together and complement one another.
- The camera at the back door needs to be attached more securely.
- The church needs a new paper cutter.
- Travis plans to hold one choral program in the fall and one in the spring, with a preference for local performers.
- At the pastor's request, Rudy placed a clock at the back of the sanctuary.
- Discussion for Security for people working in the church during the week is a priority, particularly when individuals ask to enter seeking assistance.

All for now –

Kevin