October 2026 Council Updates

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church | Oct 18th, 2026

DEVOTIONS

Jan read verses from Psalm 82 that Jesus quoted concerning the authority God gives to leaders. The reflection asked: Do we use this leadership for justice and mercy?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Lenore presented the minutes. Jan moved to accept the minutes as read; Rudy seconded. **Motion passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Budget Discussion

The anticipated fall increase in contributions may begin with Sunday's offerings. Approximately $6,000–$7,000 is currently available, with an additional $9,000 in savings. After compiling recommendations from church groups, Peter distributed a tentative 2027 budget. The council will finalize it at the November meeting so it is ready for the annual Congregational Meeting on December 6.

B. Pledge Process

Rudy and DeeAnn are working on the pledge process. Additional Temple Talks will be given during the next two Sundays. Rebekah will print the letters, and pledge cards will be mailed to congregation members on October 29 for estimates of 2027 giving. Cards are due back by November 8.

C. Compensation

Pastor Gladys will meet with Jerre Fercho, chair of the call committee, within the next two weeks to finalize her salary contract for next year before she leaves on her trip.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Gladys reported that all is going well and that she has continued making calls. She noted difficulty contacting some members in special care.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Landscaping

Landscaping work has been completed. The concrete cross design in the driveway still requires special work. The needed material is available at the church, but weather conditions must be considered when scheduling the work.

B. Website

New material has been added, and outdated information has been removed.

C. Samaritan Caregivers/Kokomo Urban Outreach Presentation

The October 4, 2026 presentation was well attended and well received by the congregation.

NEW BUSINESS

A. HVAC Maintenance Quotes

Kevin will obtain HVAC maintenance quotes from QPH.

B. Holiday Time Off

Rebekah asked which federal holidays she is entitled to take off. Jan and Kevin will determine the applicable days.

C. Committee Chair Reminder

Committee chairs, please have your reports submitted to Kevin before mid-November for inclusion into the Annual Report. **Worship/Property/Finance/Stewardship/Members/Service**

D. Pastoral Coverage

If the need should arise, Pastor Paulette will conduct funerals while Pastor Gladys is away.

AROUND THE ROOM

- The quilters delivered 19 quilts to Kokomo Urban Outreach after learning of the need.
- A date will be selected for congregation members to tour Kokomo Urban Outreach.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event	Notes
October 31, 2026	Budget recommendations due	
November 15, 2026	Next Council Meeting	
December 6, 2026	Annual Congregational Meeting	

ACTION ITEMS

Owner	Action	Due
Council	Finalize the 2027 budget	November 15, 2026
Rudy and DeeAnn	Continue the pledge process and Temple Talks	Before pledge-card return date
Rebekah	Print pledge letters	Before October 29, 2026
Congregation members	Return pledge cards	November 8, 2026
Pastor Gladys	Meet with Jerre Fercho to finalize salary contract	Within two weeks
Kevin	Obtain HVAC maintenance quotes from QPH	Before next council meeting
Jan and Kevin	Determine Rebekah's applicable federal holidays	Not specified
Committee chairs	Submit reports for Congregation Report	Mid-November
Council	Select a date for a congregation tour of KUO	Not specified
Facilities	Move sanctuary chairs for wheelchair access	Kevin Completed

Service Date	Presiding Pastor	Special Service	Council Meeting
11/15/2026	*Pastor Gladys*	>>>>>>>>>>>>>	*11/15/2026 >> Pastor Gladys*
11/22/2026	*Pastor Stahlke*		
11/29/2026	*Pastor Stahlke*		
12/6/2026	*Pastor Stahlke*		
12/13/2026	*Pastor Stahlke*		
12/20/2026	*Pastor Priscilla*	>>>>>>>>>>>>>	*12/20/2026 >> Pastor Stahlke*
12/24/2026 (Thursday)	*Pastor Stahlke*	*Christmas Eve Service*	
12/27/2026	*Pastor Stahlke*		
1/3/2027	*Pastor Stahlke*		
1/10/2027	*Pastor Stahlke*		
1/17/2027	*Pastor Gladys ->>*		

All for now –

Kevin