

COUNCIL CORNER

At its meeting held on February 10, the Church Council:

- Received Pastor's Report which highlighted worship attendance statistics from 1/18—2/8 and pastoral calls and visits, contacts with parents of children who were baptized the past few years, and a proposal to initiate a program with youth. Also discussed upcoming Shrove Tuesday Pancake/Chicken luncheon on 2/17, the 2/18 Ash Wednesday service at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Soup and Bread supper, and the imposition of ashes on 2/18 from 7:00 a.m. – noon.
- Received President Elizabeth Lowe's report which highlighted activities in which she participated.
- Received Financial Reports and reviewed year-to-date expenses through 1/31/26 and discussed options for generating income in 2026.
- Received a report from Miki Tomita, Music Director, which highlighted contacts made with musicians for Caribbean Sunday (2/15) and Easter (4/5/).
- Received a report from the Bill Kauffman, Communications Director, which highlighted Facebook, eBlast, and website statistics, noting the number of views from people in countries outside the United States.
- Received a report from Robert Jacoby, Property Manager, which highlighted the delivery of a new commercial refrigerator and freezer and which noted various accomplishments during the past month and issues that need to be addressed in the coming months.
- Received a report from the Love in Action/Social Ministries Team which highlighted the January CanCan and February Souper Bowl of Caring collections, the Feeding Ministries programs, the rescheduling of the Valentine's Day dance to 2/27 which will be held in conjunction with the February gathering of the LGBT Ministry participants, the upcoming Iftar dinner with Peace Islands Institute on 3/5, and the upcoming Family Promise Walk-in-Dinner on 3/10.
- Received Seminarian Wayne Olsen's report which highlighted various highlights of his trip to Egypt in January.
- Received a report from Pastoral Associate Rev. Kasana Akridge in which she highlighted updates on the continuing partnership with Ridgefield High School's STRIVE program, the monthly gatherings of the Love Grace Blessed Truth Ministry for the LGBTQIA+ community, and provided an update on her ELCA rostered ministry approval process.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.