

Bethesda Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 21, 2026

Bob Eicher, Paul Lundberg, Pastor Connie, Diane Fizell
Sarah Lund – 2026 council member after annual meeting
Via Zoom: Linda Schneider, Cris Lien – 2026 council member after annual meeting
Absent: Darin Anderson, Jane Edwards who had an accident yesterday.
Meeting called to order at 7:03PM

Devotions by Pastor Connie

Discussion of Autopsy of a Dying Church, including a recap of the chapters covered to date

Motion by Paul, 2nd by Bob to approve the minutes of the November meeting with the correction that the Longest Night service was held on December 21st. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Bob, 2nd by Diane to approve the final 2025 financial report. Carried.

Motion by Bob, 2nd by Diane to approve the proposed 2026 budget with the following correction:
Pastor Connie's "compensation" will be set at \$34,012, and the "housing allowance" allowance set at \$19,000. Motion by Paul, 2nd by Bob. Carried.

Motion by Paul, 2nd by Bob to set Mike Powers' 2026 "per service" payment at \$105. Linda opposes, suggests a higher payment. \$105/service payment motion carries.

Paul gives an update on the Wi Fi current situation. He will meet with Bayfield Wireless for a possible solution to the Mevo Sunday service livestreaming problem, and present at a future time.

Pastor's Report

Lenten services: will be held on Wednesday's at noon with soup/short prayer/then a suggested study using Pastor Lee's proposed book "God Didn't Make Us to Hate Us". Motion by Paul, 2nd by Bob, carried.

Ash Wednesday: Bethesda, 6PM

Maundy Thursday: Presbyterian, 6PM

Good Friday: Episcopal Church, Noon

Motion by Diane, 2nd by Paul. Carried

Discussion on changing Sunday morning church service to 9am as had been suggested. It was decided that the time Pastor Connie has to spend with congregant's during the fellowship time is to valuable to change the service time. Motion by Paul, 2nd by Bob to retain the 8:30am service time. Carried.

President's Report

We will leave it up to those requesting names on the prayer list to decide when to take their requested names off the list.

Snowplowing/snow shoveling: Snow from the front bank has been removed twice already, so this expense will most probably be quite high this year.

Gutter replacement/repair will remain on the agenda. Suggested name given as who might be asked to do the "ladder" work.

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The next council meeting date/time will be at the discretion of the new council which will be approved at the annual meeting to be held on February 8th. Office Manager Nancy Heaton will be asked to take minutes.

Motion by Bob to adjourn at 8:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Fizell