

Bethesda Lutheran Church Council Meeting

February 25, 2026

Attendee: Jane Edwards, Darin Anderson, Pastor Connie Monson (from Corny), Cris Lien, Paul Lundberg, Bob Eicher (ZOOM)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in by President Darin Anderson.

(Thank you Cris for setting up the computer.)

Pastor Connie started the meeting with prayer. We then discussed the 7th Chapter of "Autopsy of a Deceased Church". We thought that it was ironic that we had just discussed changing the service start. Pastor reminder us that you can't make everyone happy, for each preference. My opinion out-trumps yours.

Secretary Report:

The minutes from the January 2026 meeting were discussed. A motion was made by Jane to approve the minutes, seconded by Bob.

Treasurers Report:

A copy of the current Treasurer's Report was distributed. Paul said that we continue to have a good report and that it was a Joy to be Treasurer". A motion was made by Bob to approve the report, seconded by Cris.

Pastors Report:

Pastor said that for the second straight year, the first Lenten service, Ash Wednesday, had to be canceled because of weather. Darin made a suggestion that in the future Pastor and he will make all decisions regarding closures, especially if it includes other churches. It was agreed that this was a good solution.

Easter services will be:

Maundy Thursday: April 9th, at the Presbyterian Church

Good Friday: April 10th, at the Episcopal Church, Pastor Connie will preach

Easter Sunday: April 12th (it was not discussed if there will be a brunch afterwards)

Now some fun stuff: There will be a pie (PI) sale on 3-14 to raise funds. Yvonne Cox will start taking orders.

Presidents Report:

Darin stated that he had no report, but the he will try to do his best.

New Business:

- Bayfield Wireless will come and make a survey regarding our WI-FI system. He agreed he could make a better service and probably save us money.
- The church sewer was plugged and had to be cleaned. Tree roots were the problem. This may happen again, we should evaluate this problem.
- Chuy gave notice that he has found a new home and will be moving out of the church basement in 3 weeks. This has been very successful, and we will look for our next family.
- Chuy had agreed to help shovel, his problem is he worked mornings. Bob has done this several times, Darin said he would help out too in the future.
- This months electric bill seemed very high. When we considered that this past month has been very cold and rates had increased, the bill seemed reasonable.
- The Annual Fish Fry will be scheduled for July 24th.
- The Sound System seems inadequate, Darin will continue to check this out.
- Nancy wanted to upgrade the computer program – Shepards Staff. The cost is about \$600. Jane made amotion to approve of this service, seconded by Cris.
- Church Council Officers are:
 - President : Darin Anderson
 - Vice President: Bob Eicher
 - Treasurer: Paul Lundberg
 - Secretary: Jane Edwards

Paul mentioned that the Endowment Committee needs to determine its recipients. We will have Nancy determine who is on this committee.

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with Immanuel, here at Bethesda March 18th, starting at 6:30. Our regular meeting will follow.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm. Motion made by Paul, seconded by Bob.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Edwards- Secretary