



Monthly Council Meeting
for Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
in the Green Room
Minutes for 21APR2026

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APPROVED
19MAY2026

Call to Order at 7:06 p.m. by President Lori Sampson

Attendance

----**Council members present:** Caitlin Browning (call-in), Dallas Genung, Missy Keller, Pastor Brian King, Chris Lundberg, Erica Paffel, Melissa Rambow, Katie Schmidt (call-in), Lori Sampson, Michael Weiss

----**Council members absent:** Anthony Weber

----**Others present:** Stephanie Wendel [church accountant]

Devotional: Pastor Brian King focused on the phrase “for God so loved the world” from John 3:16, and combining this with the recently shared pictures of Earth taken from the Artemis 2 mission, explained that no borders or human divisions of any kind separate any of us from God’s love. He loved the WORLD, not in part, but as a whole. We would do well to treat and see everyone as God does: worthy of His love.

Agenda:

*It was moved by Chris Lundberg and seconded by Pastor Brian King to
approve the agenda.*

Motion carried unanimously without discussion.

Secretary Report/Minutes: minutes from 17MAR2026 were shared prior to the meeting and minor wording amendments were conveyed and adopted.

*It was moved by Missy Keller and seconded by Dallas Genung to
approve the 17MAR2026 council meeting minutes with wording amendments.*

Motion carried non-unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report provided by Chris Lundberg informed council that this year’s March revenue of \$52,983 is the largest on record for our church. Expenditures totaled \$45,214 including some necessary repairs made by the property committee resulting in a net excess of \$7,769.

*It was moved by Michael Weiss and seconded by Erica Paffel to
accept the Treasure’s report.*

Motion carried unanimously without discussion.

President’s Report provided by Lori Sampson included: circulating the communion and offering schedule, relaying that she and Erica Paffel attended a Pres/VP training webinar through the synod, and signing up for specific communion assistant locations for large services like Easter helped the service to flow more smoothly.

Pastor’s Report provided by Pastor Brian King included thanking all the helpers at the different services during Holy Week and sharing that over the last three years he has seen weekly attendance grow from ~85 to +170. Pastor is excited for upcoming New Member classes, more baptisms, and a senior youth mission with an engaged core group of students.

Committee Reports

----**Children, Youth & Family** update from Erica Paffel echoed the excitement around the senior youth students who are planning a mission trip to Indianapolis in late July and switching to meeting Sunday mornings to bolster attendance which conflicted with different Wednesday evening events. Erica reported ~125 people were served at Palm Sunday breakfast. End of school year is approaching with Confirmation on 17MAY, last day of Sunday school 10MAY, and Graduation Sunday on 31MAY.

Discussion took place concerning how to maximize Sunday school students and church attendance, and if changing times (potentially overlapping the events) could help overall retention of both.

Action Item: Pastor Brian King will discuss options with Stacy Johnson.

Action Item: Erica Paffel will communicate council's discussion to the committee.

----**Finance** report from Chris Lundberg shared that a \$28,000 bank CD reached maturity and would be renewed at higher valuation of \$50,000 with additional money from the general fund.

----**Historical** report from Lori Sampson shared the historical room will be open on Sundays in May as they are the 'spotlight' committee for that month and it celebrates the church's anniversary.

----**Memorial, Mission, and Ministry (3M)** report from Stephanie Wendel conveyed highlights from an unapproved but accurate monthly balance statement from the committee. Capital Campaign donations are the major receiving line item, and major distributions include Capital Campaign projects, new cameras in the sanctuary, and investment into a bank CD once the balance statement is officially approved by the committee.

----**Outreach** report from Lori Sampson shared that a good turnout of 25 people attended our AED training event.

----**Property** report from Dallas Genung highlighted many items from the committee report including hot water pump repairs completed for the dishwasher, the addition of four fire extinguishers, building repairs, and Capital Campaign project updates.

Action Item: Dallas Genung will learn about and convey the plans for the area between the lower parking lot and cemetery where water has accumulated into a small pond.

Action Item: Dallas Genung will circulate the most recent copy of the committee's action list to council.

Action Item: Chris Lundberg will make the elevator contract available to Dallas Genung.

----**Worship & Music** report from Pastor Brian King indicated that new cameras have been installed and are able to livestream on both Facebook and YouTube. Orientation meetings to train/refresh ushers will take place twice a year, and a weekly pre-service meetings will provide direction on how to navigate any special items at each service. Pastor is preparing for Worship On the Water (WOW) every Sunday between Memorial Day and Labor Day; he is looking for helpers to move and setup items before those services. A job description for Music Director has been distributed to seek candidates.

Discussion took place around sanctuary capacity at Easter service, how to improve efficiency of communion stations during Holy Week, and whether additional services would be seen as beneficial. Sanctuary capacity was not reached, but the parking lot capacity was exceeded – requiring parishioners to park off-site; some people that regularly view services online attend live at prominent services like Easter; present A/V equipment makes viewing service from the fellowship hall possible.

----**Personnel** report from Lori Sampson indicated Pastor Brian King's interview went well and identified growth items. An organizational chart and supervisory role for the fall needs to be added to the Employee Handbook (EHB).

Action Item: Lori Sampson will send updated EHB to Chris Lundberg for review before beginning a formal acceptance process.

Old Business:

----**Capital Campaign Appeal Updates** Lori Sampson shared a report put together by Jim Peterson highlighting total dollars received is over \$430,000. Bids are coming in for the patio.

----**Committee Spotlights** Lori Sampson shared we are moving forward with historical committee in the month of May and announced Outreach will be spotlighted in June.

Action Item: Chris Lundberg will prepare a gift for Bishop Lull considering a budget of \$100.

New Business:

----**Ratification of 15APR2026 email vote:** Lori Sampson thanked council for its quick response to carry her emailed motion to approve Outreach's request of \$250 to support the Feed My Starving Children event set for 18APR2026 which was seconded by Missy Keller.

It was moved by Pastor Brian King and seconded by Chris Lundberg to

ratify the 15APR2026 email vote to approve Outreach's request of \$250 to support the Feed My Starving Children event.

Motion carried unanimously without discussion.

----**Outreach's 3M requests:** Lori Sampson shared the Outreach Committee's desire to support community events through sponsorship in specific amounts.

It was moved by Lori Sampson and seconded by Katie Schmidt to

support sponsorship of the community events including \$250 for Harmony in the Park, \$200 for Karl Oscar Days, and \$400 for Center City Days

Motion carried unanimously with discussion to verify the amount for Harmony in the Park was a new total value, \$50 higher than an amount approved in March.

----**Facility Use Request:** Lori Sampson shared a building use request.

It was moved by Pastor Brian King and seconded by Michael Weiss to

approve the St. Croix Valley Orchestra building use request on 5DEC2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously with discussion that the concert is in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m., and the lower-level classroom may need to serve as a lounge area

for performers since the Green Room may not be ready due to the Bazaar cleanup scheduled earlier that day.

----175th Anniversary: Chris Lundberg explained the church had a 5-year plan to prepare for the 150th Anniversary and shared some ideas about the various ideas that would need to get discussed and planned for the 175th. Creating a task force to select and make reservations for some items should start as soon as possible.

It was moved by Chris Lundberg and seconded by Lori Sampson

that the church council establish a 175th Anniversary task force to plan and coordinate events and activities in celebration of the church's upcoming anniversary.

The motion carried unanimously after more discussion of ideas that might be considered.

----Other Updates Chris Lundberg shared it was National Volunteer Appreciation and would try to put together gifts for congregation members. Chris Lundberg also explained she covered the registration fee for sponsoring a booth at the Lindstrom Midsömmar Festival just before registration closed, so the church can participate in this event on 20JUN2026.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Dallas Genung and seconded by Missy Keller to

adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

Next scheduled meeting: 19MAY2026 at 7 p.m. in the Green Room of CLLC

Faithfully submitted,

Michael Weiss, Council Secretary