Call to Order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice President Erica Paffel

Attendance

----Council members present: Caitlin Browning, Missy Keller, Pastor Brian King, Chris Lundberg (phone), Erica Paffel, Melissa Rambow, Katie Schmidt, Michael Weiss

----Council members absent: Dallas Genung, Lori Sampson, Anthony Weber

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

Devotional: Pastor Brian King opened with a devotional around Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 reminding us that everything comes to pass in its season; the season in which you find yourself may not be known or the one you want, but we should all trust that God has a plan for us and is with us in every season.

Agenda prepared by Lori Sampson with input from executive council was reviewed.

It was moved by Melissa Rambow and seconded by Caitlin Browning to
approve the agenda.
The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary Minutes prepared by Michael Weiss were shared prior to the meeting.

It was moved by Katie Schmidt and seconded by Missy Keller to
approve the 18AUG2026 council meeting minutes.
The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

Treasurer's Report provided by Stephanie Wendel showed the monthly budget reflecting a net deficit of about $1532. Some of the larger committee expenditures were in Outreach, noting this reflected costs associated with the parades and other summer activities and Worship & Music, noting that Worship & Music has reached its annual budget.

It was moved by Melissa Rambow and seconded by Caitlin Browning to
approve the Treasure's report.
The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

President's Report Erica Paffel circulated the communion and offering schedule and noted, with Lori Sampson absent, there was nothing additional to report.

Pastor's Report provided by Pastor Brian King was very pleased with how well Rally Sunday went: the games, food, and the largest event that has taken place yet on the new deck. Other August highlights included tailgating with youth at a football game and providing the keynote address at the Chisago City 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony. Pastor also reported each week he is seeing new visitors as well as members who have not been attending for a while, so growth is evident; another new member class will take place over the next weeks.

Committee Reports

----Children, Youth & Family report from Missy Keller highlighted the high school-assisted service on 30AUG, Confirmation Orientation took place on 9SEP with 16 students enrolled, and Sunday School will begin on 20SEP, overlapping with service time: with students exiting following the children's sermon. Pastor Brian King added that the Sunday School timing

will be on-trial until the end of December; arrangements have been made to ensure teachers and eligible students may receive communion.

----Finance report from Stephanie Wendel informed council that health insurance forms have been received for the new year, and will need to be discussed with the staff; council will then need to approve this via online vote because the forms need to be completed before the next schedule meeting. Items like health insurance and workers compensation are all expected to increase from present cost.

----Historical had no report submitted for review**.**

----Memorial, Mission, and Ministry (3M) report from Stephanie Wendel reported the monthly gifts and distributions for August; most gifts being to the Capital Campaign and disbursements going to the Capital Campaign projects, Deck Furniture, and Scholarships. Chris Lundberg shared the 3M team has reviewed and determined line items from which monies could be drawn to cover the pending elevator refurbishment up to $175000; any actions to prepare to liquidate these monies will take place after the project is officially approved by the congregation; the total costs will be offset by other monies that are collected. Chris is also applying for grants to help offset the elevator costs.

----Outreach had no report submitted for review.

----Property report was read by Erica Paffel. Council members discussed some of the items in detail as because more information had been gathered since the property meeting.

----Worship & Music report from Michael Weiss highlighted the chime and youth choirs will be starting on 23SEP, general cleanup tasks in the music office and choir room will be taking place, a congregational worship survey is being drafted, an electric piano will be available for the church to collected once the current owner informs us when the arrangements can be made, and the team is starting to think about what to share in the bulletins when Worship & Music team is highlighted during the month of December.

----Cemetery did not meet earlier in the month so had nothing to report.

----Personnel report from Lori Sampson was shared along with an organization chart indicating each staff member will be reviewed annually the chair/person overseeing their role area. An Employer Review form and Self Evaluation form were also circulated prior to the meeting. These were reviewed and discussed by council with general consensus to continue moving forward with no changes to these documents. The next steps are for Chris Lundberg to supply wording for Family Leave, and then submit the handbook to an attorney for review before it is reviewed by the congregation.

Old Business:

----Capital Campaign Appeal Updates Chris Lundberg shared the committee is meeting weekly to prepare for an update on progress after the first year of the project.

----Community Meal Rep: Pastor Brian King knows of one person considering the position.

----Chisago County Sheriff – National Child Safety Council (NCSC) – 'Safetypup' Program: In advance of the meeting, Lori Sampson recommended donating $150 to support this item.

It was moved by Katie Schmidt and seconded by Melissa Rambow to
Complete a request form in the amount of $150 to be taken from the outreach funds and donated to the NCSC Program.
The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

----Constitution Update/Cottage Meeting: A meeting will take place on 29NOV following worship service. Discussion included that notice arrangements can take place starting in early November; and that if Chris Lundberg will not be present, she will delegate someone to oversee the event.

----Near Field Communication (NFC) 'Tap' Tags: Pastor Brian King shared the tags were seeing use: 120 taps in the 30 days, but he did not have success removing tags cleanly.
Action Item: Chris Lundberg will request the property committee to investigate removal processes that minimize damage to the pews.

----Start-up program updates: Pastor Brian King shared MomCo has started with at least eight in attendance at the first meeting, and LifeWise Academy in Taylors Falls reported a total of 55 students registered.

New Business:

----Ilula Parish: Pastor Brian King circulated in advance of the meeting and summarized their plan to build a new church. The plans included the background information, plan development work, and an open request for donations to their cause. Discussion followed with consensus that this item should be part of the cottage meeting in November.

----Ratification of email vote to set Special Congregational Meeting for 27SEP2026: An email vote took place between the August and September council meetings which passed and requires ratification.
It was moved by Caitlin Browning and seconded by Katie Schmidt to
ratify the 31AUG2026 email vote approving the motion to set a special congregational meeting for 27SEP2026 in the sanctuary following worship service to seek approval for the elevator project.
The motion carried unanimously without discussion.

----Elevator Update: Chris Lundberg relayed the latest information shared by Mark Burch about the elevator quotes that have come in as well as his recommendation of which bid to select and present at the congregational meeting.

----Moody Field/Lakes Area Recreation Association (LARA) request: LARA recently contacted the church on a discussion that was initiated months ago: they expressed their willingness to oversee the work necessary to update Moody Field so it is fit for use. The ballfield size is good for youth 11-13. In order to complete the field in time for next season, the project would need to kickoff in the next week or two. The completed field with proper drainage, improved dugout areas, and portable restroom would be cared for by LARA except for the grass mowing which is already managed by CLLC. The field would be available for public use whenever LARA does not have a scheduled game/practice. Mark Burch reported that the offer is great in that LARA is fronting as much as they can. LARA has indicated a donation from CLLC should help secure the larger, remaining expenses required to complete the work.
It was moved by Pastor Brian King and seconded by Melissa Rambow to

commit a one-time gift of $10,000 from 3-M Outreach funds toward LARA's proposed refurbishment of CLLC's Moody Field, pending their ability to commit all remaining funds necessary to complete the project, satisfactory obtainment of all necessary permits, proof of insurance, and development of a "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) signed by both parties that outlines continuing public use of the field and maintenance responsibilities for LARA and CLLC moving forward.

The motion carried with discussion that much of this motion's stipulations have already been discussed between Mark Burch and representatives at LARA with both parties confirming that these stipulations are common elements in other agreements that LARA drafts, and should pose no issues attaining.

Action Item: Pastor Brian King will share this council decision with LARA representatives prior to their meeting at which they will determine if LARA elects to update Moody Field

----Personnel – proposed organization chart: This item was discussed under the personnel committee report.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Melissa Rambow and seconded by Caitlin Browning to **adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.**

The chair declared the meeting adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting: 20OCT2026 at 7 p.m. in the Green Room of CLLC

Faithfully submitted,

Michael Weiss, Council Secretary