

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2026

Commenced: 7:01 p.m. Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.

Members present: Caitlin Browning, Dallas Genung, Steve Grossmann (until election of officers), Missy Keller, Pastor Brian King, Chris Lundberg (late), Erica Paffel, Melissa Rambow, Lori Sampson, Katie Schmidt (phone), Anthony Weber, Michael Weiss

Staff member present: Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant

Call to order: President Lori Sampson called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Welcome: Lori Sampson welcomed our new council members and we all introduced ourselves.

Opening scripture/prayer: Prayer and devotions were led by Pastor Brian King, reflecting on Ephesians 4 and if we are playing for team “Christ” or “Culture”.

Approval of agenda: Melissa Rambow moved to approve; Steve Grossmann seconded; motion passed.

Communion/offering schedule: Lori Sampson circulated the schedule for Ash Wednesday and March, including Lent services.

Approval of January 20, 2026 council minutes: Pastor Brian King moved to approve; Anthony Weber seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer’s report: Chris Lundberg provided the report. January had total revenues of \$47,307.00 and total expenditures of \$47,725.00 with a net deficit of (\$418.00). There was a quarterly insurance payment made of \$8,896.00. Pastor Brian King made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report; Missy Keller seconded; motion passed.

Pastor’s report: Pastor Brian King reported that it’s encouraging to see our overall average attendance has risen to 162/week in person in worship and 422/week including online worshipers. He is celebrating that our finances are strong for the beginning of the year, and we had a packed church for the Grumpy Old Men service. He is looking forward to the high school youth group, and WOW services this summer.

Committee reports:

- **Children, Youth & Family:** Missy Keller provided the report. The lasagna dinner was Saturday, February 14th from 4:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. Lee Peterson kicked

off the senior high youth group with 4 kids attending. Mentor meetings will be starting again with Lent. We are teaming up with Trinity this summer for VBS, which will be held at Trinity. On Palm Sunday we will have a pancake breakfast.

- **Memorial, Mission & Ministry (3M):** Stephanie Wendel provided the report. There were donations totaling \$92,877.95, \$92,542.95 of which is for the Capital Campaign. Distributions were \$12.52 for VANCO fees. Chris Lundberg reported that Louise Angrimson will be the recording secretary.
- **Outreach:** Lori Sampson reported that first aid training is scheduled for April 19, 2026. CPR training is not scheduled yet, but they will try to have it after a Sunday service to encourage greater attendance. Girl Scout cookies are ordered for the first responder baskets. They are looking ahead to the summer events and parades.
- **Property:** Steve Grossmann reported that work on doors 1,7,8 and 0, 5,and 6 is underway. We had a frozen sewer pipe which is now repaired.
- **Worship & Music:** Pastor Brian reported that the cameras used to record the church service are no longer functioning, therefore we are missing a whole audience of people that watch us online or on television. He reached out to 3 companies for bids on new cameras: did not hear back from one, was going to be charged for the second one, and the third one was from AVSi. Steve Grossmann will follow up with CWS to make sure our new security cameras aren't interfering with the cameras we use to record the service. Pastor Brian King, on behalf of the Worship & Music Committee, made a motion for Council to approve the streaming upgrade bid from AVSi for \$16,787.00 to replace our cameras with the funding coming from 3M Outreach; Steve Grossmann seconded; motion passed.

Old business:

1. Annual Meeting:

Our annual meeting for CLLC was on Sunday, January 25, 2026 and it was well attended and went smoothly.

2. Conference and Synod Assembly:

Chris Lundberg reported that she and Sue Abrahamson attended the Conference Assembly. Candidates for the Office of Bishop were identified and will be voted on at the yearly Synod Assembly. She encouraged us to have a higher attendance from our church in the future.

New business:

1. Council Officer Elections:

President: Chris Lundberg nominated Lori Sampson for President

Vice President: Lori Sampson nominated Erica Paffel for Vice President

Secretary: Erica Paffel nominated Michael Weiss for Secretary

Treasurer: Erica Paffel nominated Chris Lundberg for Treasurer

Pastor Brian King moved to have a unanimous ballot for all nominations; Dallas Genung seconded; motion passed. All candidates were accepted to their positions.

2. Committee Assignments:

Lori Sampson circulated the committee signup sheet.

3. Check Signers:

Caitlin Browning, Missy Keller, Chris Lundberg, and Lori Sampson will be check signers.

4. Future Council Meeting Nights/Preferred Communication/Treats:

We will continue to have council meetings on the third Tuesday of the month. We will primarily communicate through email, and will rotate who brings the treats to the meetings.

5. Church Council Orientation:

On March 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. we will have our Church Council Orientation, followed by our regularly scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m.

6. Council Installment Date:

We will have our Council Installment during the church service on Sunday, February 22, 2026.

7. Center City Fire Department Funding Request:

The CCFD is requesting funding for children education. Lori Sampson made a motion to fund 80 students for the amount of \$280.00; Chris Lundberg seconded; motion passed.

8. Building Use Request:

Ange Campbell requested the use of the fellowship hall on Saturday, March 28, 2026 for the Chisago Lakes Mutual Insurance Annual Meeting. Chris Lundberg made a motion to approve the request for a \$25.00 fee; Lori Sampson seconded; motion passed.

Adjournment & closing prayer:

At 8:50 p.m. Dallas Genung moved to adjourn; Pastor Brian King seconded; motion passed.

The next meeting will be held March 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Paffel, Council Secretary