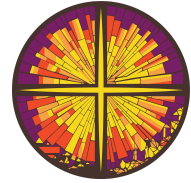


St. Paul Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 20, 2026



Gathered at 5:30 p.m. for social time

Devotions: Led by Christina Fashner, Christina shared a very well prepared prayer for the church which included the outgoing Council Members.

Call to Order: Council President Christina Fashner called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Attendance: Present: Pastor Carrie Stiles, Pastor Dale Stiles, Christina Fashner, Chris Timmons, Steve Greseth, Carole England, Thomas Stoyke, Karen Rozeske. **Absent:** Andy Buccanero, Kimberly Bahls, Chris Janelle.

Consent Agenda: A motion to approve the meeting agenda by Christina Fashner and seconded by Karen Rozeske. Motion carried unanimously.

Affirmations:

- The Grounds and Grace group for all their work around the church.
- Jamie Hyrkas for the prayer wall.
- All of the Christmas/Advent readers, music and those who helped to decorate and undecorate the church.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Update Through 12/31/2025	ACTUAL
General Fund Offering	\$203,195
Total Revenue* (<i>*Total Revenue includes Mortgage Pay-off revenue</i>)	\$354,795
Total Expenses (before mortgage)	\$282,186
Total Expenses (after mortgage payment)	\$346,122
Net Revenue (after Mortgage payment)	\$8,682
Mortgage Balance	\$25,863
Edward Jones Balance	\$61,563

Pastor Dale's Monthly Report:

Pastor Dale highlighted several recent events and activities. December and January were full of activity, including the **Mortgage payoff!** Baptisms on December 21 of Grace Fern Marie Tilly and December 28 Ryan

Thomas Palmer, December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight worship, December 28 Service of Lessons & Carols, January 11 Engage worship: Lutherans! Saints and Sinners, Thursday evenings Lament & Hope gathering. Looking ahead, Pastor Dale noted upcoming events including February 8 Souper Bowl Sunday (Food Shelf Drive), February 8 Guest Pastor, Emily Rova-Hegener (Carrie and Dale at Conference Diving Championship in IN.), February 15 - ENGAGE: Lutherans! Cross & Resurrection, Ash Wednesday, February 18 - Worship with Imposition of Ashes. Ongoing Ministry efforts continue with Weekly & Monthly Groups/Teams:(H.E.A.L. Grief Group, Vocal Choir, Grounds & Grace Men's Group), Church Maintenance – Coordinating needed repairs and facility upkeep, especially related to LADC, LADC Chapel, Social Media – Regular updates and announcements, Worship Leadership – Weekly worship planning and music coordination, Sermon Preparation - weekly (when preaching) consideration of preaching texts, commentaries, and current events, Pastoral Care – Home, hospital, and crisis visits; counseling and support, and participation in Redevelopment Pastors Gathering.

Pastor Carrie's Monthly Report:

Pastor Carrie listed appreciation for all those who helped undecorate the church. "It went so quickly!" And all who cooked soup, sang, played bells, and helped lead times of beautiful times of worship and reflection. Pastor Carrie highlighted several recent activities including Advent and Christmas Eve worship. "It was a holy time. I am especially thankful as January has been a chaotic month.", delivering poinsettias to shut-in and those experiencing surgeries in December, First Call retreat in Marine-on-the-St. Croix, Engage Sunday, Wild Faith and Wild Explorers. Ongoing ministries include preaching and pastoral care, worship planning, Wild Faith and Wild Explorers, Spiritual Direction group meetings, the Synod Prayer Team, cleaning organization efforts, preparing for The Table and Confirmation on Wednesdays, Chapel with the preschool, Stewardship for All Seasons.

New Business:

2026 Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 25, 10:30 a.m.

- No additional names have been added to open position ballots. All nominees for Council, Conference and Synod Assembly can be voted on by a show of hands. No ballots are needed since nominees are listed in the Annual Written Report. In the event of a nomination from the floor and that nomination accepted, a ballot can quickly and easily be created, printed and distributed for a paper ballot vote.
- Council Roles at the Meeting include: Check- in Table will be Kimberly Bahls, Thomas Stoyke and Chistina Fashner. Ballot counters if needed will be Chris Timmons and Karen Rozeske. Minutes will be recorded by Carole England. All the members should sit in the front pews. Andy Buccanero will present the Treasurer's Report and 2026 Proposed Budget. Carole England will be seated at a small table facing the congregation to assist with taking minutes.
- No individual committee reports will be read. Questions regarding Committee resorts will be invited.

Ongoing Business:

Church Council Position and Synod Assembly Delegate Nomination. At the end of January 2026 there will be six Church Council positions open, which are - Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Member-at-Large.

- **Council Member's terms expiring:** Karen Rozeske, Vice President; Carole England, Secretary; Andy Buccanero, Treasurer; Kimberly Bahls, Member-at-Large; Chris Jennelle, Member-at-Large; Chris Timmons, Member-at-Large.

- **Continuing Church Council Members include:** Christina Fashner (President, term ending 1/27), Steve Greseth (Member-at-Large, term ending 1/27), Thomas Stoyke, (Member-at-Large, term ending 1/27).
- **2026 Church Council Open Position Election Ballot - All ending 1/28:**
 - Vice President - Carole England has agreed to serve
 - Treasurer - Andy Buccanero has agreed to serve
 - Secretary - Chris Timmons has agreed to serve
 - Member-at-Large - Bruce Spangler has agreed to serve
 - Member-at-Large - Kimberly Bahls has agreed to serve
 - Member-at-Large - Jamie Hyrkas has agreed to serve
- **2026 Saint Paul Area Conference and Synod Assembly Delegate Election Ballot:**
 - The Conference Assembly is scheduled for Saturday, February 14 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in New Brighton. The Synod Assembly Delegates and Christina Fashner and Andrew Fashner have agreed to attend. There is one opening which will be filled at the Annual Meeting by volunteers from the floor.
 - Synod Assembly is scheduled for May 15 & 16 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. Our church is allowed three voting delegates. Karen Carlson, Carole England, and Kimberly Bahls have agreed to attend.
- **Line of Credit Update:** Withdrawal of \$30,000 on January 13 with plans to pay it down the first few months of 2026.

Ministry Team Reports:

- **Creation Care Team** - Pastor Carrie and Chris Jenelle - no report
- **Worship & Music** - Pastor Carrie and Pastor Dale - no report
- **Building & Grounds** - Steve Greseth - no report
- **Senior Group (West of 55)** - Carole England - January Break
- **Humble Bees** - Karen Rozeske - More bookmarks are available and continue working of quilts for the raffle
- **Children, Youth, and Family** - Pastor Carrie, Christina Fashner, Thomas Stoyke - no report
- **Altar Guild** - Kimberly Bahls - no report

Next Meeting:

- **Tuesday February 17 - Welcome, New Council Members!**
- **Devotions:** Christina Fashner

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karen Rozeske and seconded by Christina Fashner. The motion carried.

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Church Council Secretary, Carole England