



02/15/2026

CLC Council Minutes

Council Members Attending (*Executive Council)

*Pastor: Leigh DeVries	*President: Becky McGrady
*Vice President: Jo Ann Philpot	* Secretary: Jenise Clausen
*Treasurer (non-voting): Bruce Mathias	
Community Education: Becky Wageman	Stewardship: Kelly Dietch
Preschool: Melanie Halsell	Fellowship: Lillian Huber
Evangelism: Matt Durkee	Music and Worship: Sam McGrady
Properties: Steve Andress	

Not in Attendance: Jan Schlack

Opening Prayer

- Pastor Leigh

Tech Training

- Becky gave a brief instruction on how to sign into One Drive, including uploading, downloading and alternative ways to save documents

Approval of Minutes

- November and updated September minutes were approved

Financial Report

- Net Ordinary Income was -\$23,000 January 2026 in comparison to -\$6,000 2025
- Total expenses for January 2026 were \$21,000. This is \$12,000 more than a year ago
- CLCP budget approved

Pastor's Report

- Can be found in the 2026 Council Active/February
- Hoping to hire a bookkeeper by May to assist treasurer
- Youth Ministry Growth Plan
 - A gift of \$7,000 has been given to the church specifically for the use of promoting CLC's youth program
 - Shay will be hired for an additional 4 hours
 - Solveig and a friend will be "hired" to be Liaisons and resources for reaching out to Ferndale youth

- They will likely be given gift cards, as hiring teenagers requires several legal and liability state responsibilities
 - More discussion on this was approved at the March Meeting
- New Membership Game Plan
 - Pastor Leigh shared the goals for membership which were developed by input at the council retreat
 - Council members will host hospitality events for those who have attended two times. These will be determined by the council hosts; hosting at a local restaurant/ brew pub, hosting at a home, going for a walk, etc...

Communication with Congregation

- Council and Executive members have been assigned dates to share their roles and experiences during Sunday services

Committee Reports

- Community Education
 - Planned through spring
 - New classes for fall are being discussed
- Fellowship
 - Valentine's Dessert was a big success
- The Fellowship Committee needs more volunteers for non-food activities such as;
 - Setting up and putting away tables
 - Place settings
 - Clean-up
- Property Management
 - The bypass valve in the kitchen hot water heater is corroded and needs to be replaced
 - The grease trap in the kitchen needs to be pumped yearly. There is a cost for this
- Stewardship
 - The committee is putting the final touches on the Building Use document
 - Wednesday Walk and Talk is a Stewardship function.
 - The Stewardship Committee is reading Funding Forward and recommends the rest of the council read it as well
- Music and Worship
 - Soup Suppers/ Holden Vespers are scheduled for every Wednesday evening through Lent
 - Three applications for worship accompanist have been received. No applications for choir director have been received
- Preschool
 - March 8th is Family Preschool Sunday. CLCP will provide a reception after the worship service
 - There will be an open house on February 25th to encourage 2026/27 enrollment

- CLCP will host an event March 13th at District Brewing where current families and alumni will attend. The Ferndale community will be invited.
- Liza is working with the church to raise money to fund a scholarship for a Ferndale HS graduating student who attended CLCP
 - Funds from the District Brewing event and designated offering will support this scholarship.
 - Approved
- Social Concerns
 - Jo Ann spoke for Jan Schlack who was home sick
 - Faith Lutheran is requesting support from CLC for the Maple Alley Community Meal Program
 - Sponsor one breakfast at the Maple Alley Inn
 - Cash donation of \$100-\$125/for one breakfast or donation of breakfast items, using a provided shopping list
 - The Social Concerns committee is requesting a designated offering to support this program
 - Approved
- Evangelism
 - Matt Durkee is the new Evangelism Committee Representative. Madison Trudeau will join him on the committee
 - Matt suggests utilizing social media to connect with the community.

Miscellaneous

- Council members will be given forms for Pastoral Annual Review
- David Soderland has offered to organize CLC's constitution
- Staff Support Committee will be headed by Carol Brumet

Closing Prayer

- Pastor Leigh

Adjournment

Next Full Council Meeting: Sunday, March 8 at 10:45 AM at CLC

Next Executive Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 3 at 5:00/Zoom

Jenise Clausen

Recording Secretary