

St. John's Lutheran Church
Annual Congregational Meeting

January 18, 2026

Before the start of the meeting, packets were distributed which included the agenda and several reports, as listed below. Ballots were also distributed.

1. Opening Prayer – Vice President David Clark started the meeting with prayer
2. Call Meeting to Order – the meeting began at 12:24pm.
3. Approval of October Meeting Minutes – David Clark invited congregants to review the previous quarterly meeting minutes. Karen Grossman made a motion to approve the minutes, Elaine Bennett seconded the motion and the motion passed.
4. Financial Report – Treasurer Kathy Myers submitted a written report and also gave a verbal update. She thanked the congregation for their generosity and noted that we are finishing the year in a good financial position. She also expressed how much growth she has seen and her gratefulness to serve this congregation. No questions were asked about the financial report. Steven Johnston made a motion to approve it, Dave Shrum seconded and the motion passed.
5. 2026 Budget – Treasurer Kathy Myers presented the proposed budget for 2026. She explained that the focus for the year is on being able to call a Senior Pastor while maintaining other ministries as well. No questions were given. Jennifer Uhrin made a motion to approve the 2026 budget, Cindy Gonsowski seconded the motion and the motion passed.
6. Pastors Report – Pastor Patti Morlock submitted a written report and also gave a verbal summary of her report. She noted that this year has seen some goodbyes, as Pastor Seth retired, and also many welcomes, as we saw new members and welcomed a new pastoral intern. She also noted we have much to look forward to, as Life to Life Discipleship groups begin and we look to call a new senior pastor, among other things. Pastor Patti thanked Pastors Jeff and Don especially for their help in this interim time.
7. Intern Report – Intern Billie Fisch submitted a written report and also spoke to say thank you for the welcome and support over the last six months. She also gave an explanation of Life to Life Discipleship and invited the whole congregation to be a part of what God is doing through these groups.
8. Call Team Update – Steve Johnston submitted a written report from the call team and gave a verbal summary of the report. No further questions were asked.
9. Construction Team Update – Dan Yeater gave an update on the 10 major projects that are part of the renovation. A question was asked about how the new flooring

plan in the Family Life Center will affect the acoustics of the room. Dan explained that each situation is unique and this will be evaluated further after the flooring is installed.

10. Other Reports – Written reports included in the packet that did not have a verbal report included: Business Manager Annual Report, Lay Ministry Annual Report, Youth Staff Annual Report, Altar Guild Annual Report, Bereavement Annual Report, Membership Statistical Report, and the Sunday School Annual Report.
11. Election of Officers – David Clark invited all present to take some time to look over the ballot and pray about it. He then asked if anyone had any additional nominations to make. None were given. David then asked to vote on the ballot as a unanimous ballot and no objections were given. Pam Wittenberg motioned to approve the full slate of the ballot. Wilma Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed. The ballot included: Council President-Scott Hirth; Council Treasurer-Theresa Orahoad; Council At-Large-Susan Previts(one year term), Dave Stallard, Dennis Imbrock, David Clark; Nominating Team-Bill Snashall, Carol Rich, Dave Sweeley, Jackie Rutan, Kirsten Lovell, Tom Lang; Delegates-Don Allman, Diane Carducci, Don Carducci, Debbie Abbitt, Rachel Katterhenrich, Mel Penrod.
12. Vote on NALC Amendments – At the NALC national convocation, three amendments to the NALC constitution were agreed upon and are now being brought to the congregation for ratification. The full text of the amendments are in the packet. David Clark asked for approval and the congregation unanimously approved the ratification.
13. Council Installation – the new members of council were invited forward and Pastor Patti installed them to serve in this role.
14. Adjournment – Jeff Morlock motioned to adjourn the meeting, Elaine Bennett seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was concluded with saying the Lord's Prayer in unison.