ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday March 24, 2026, 6:30pm

Voting Members Present: Afton Brown, Gaylon Walter, Lee Keffer, D J Klema, Amber Ruggels, Melinda Olson, Mark W. Johnson, Heather Pohlman Alex Krug (Youth), Pastor Teri Sutherlin.
Voting members Absent: John Dumler, Paul Phillips, Alex Krug and Hadlee Brown- nonvoting member
Others Present: n/a

INVOCATION/CALL TO ORDER

President Lee Keffer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Pastor Teri Sutherlin led us in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the February minutes. It was also moved, seconded and passed to approve the February treasurer's report as presented.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Amendments were made, adding the Lenten Wednesday Night Service offering and lawn mower to new business.

COMMUNICATIONS

n/a

REPORTS

EDUCATION – They are looking forward to Palm Sunday with the donkey parade, Sunday school and Confirmation Class will be casual this day. VBS is May 3rd and there is a meeting on April 2nd.

EVANGELISM/PARISH FELLOWSHIP/SOCIAL MINISTRY - No report.

PROPERTY – Toilets in the church and the sewer line problem at the parsonage have had to be repaired.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE - No report**.**

TECHNOLOGY – No new business to share.

WORSHIP & MUSIC – March 29 is Palm Sunday and April 5th is Easter with the 7am sunrise service. May 3rd: We Gather as One Service at 10:30, followed by an outdoor meal if weather allows.

YOUTH - The Youth group is having their Easter Breakfast.

CEMETERY – Work was done on chipseal in the grounds.

PASTOR - A written report was submitted. Pastor Teri Sutherlin noted several key points, including that May 3rd will feature the "We Gather as One" service during the 10:30 session. The funeral for Marjorie Pohlman was held this past week. There is a Baptism April 18th. And the General Assembly is June 6th, and they are putting together a Regional Gathering for May 30th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) History Display- There was discussion and this will be continued.
b) Custodian Position- Heather Pohlman is gathering information for Kylie Stoppel to draft a posting to advertise for this position and we are looking to post around Easter and cut off around April 30th. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the job description with requested amendments.
c} Executive Committee – At the next meeting, a written document will be presented outlining the committee's responsibilities, along with a motion for approval to accept.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Page Usage/Hymnals – The Worship Committee will follow up and report ideas to the Council.
b) Pastoral Evaluation Process – There was some discussion on if this process would work for evaluation and it was agreed that it was a starting point and we could adjust as needed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to use this process.
c) Council New Members Installed - This will happen on April 12, 2026, at the 10:30 service.
d) Lenten Wednesday Night Service Offering – There were different charities talked about for donations and a motion was made, seconded and passed that the offering will be used for one of these groups. We will discuss which group in the next meeting.
e) Lawn Mower – Gaylon Walter brought to our attention that the lawn mower was not working and a new one was needed. He recommended the most suitable and affordable lawn mower for us. A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase a battery powered 40volt push mower.
f) Bishop Letter Discussion – A motion was made and seconded to go into executive session for 15 minutes at 7:35. The executive session ended at 7:51.

DISCUSSION

a) Mutual Ministry Committee – Discussion of forming this committee and an explanation of committee presented. Pastor Teri Sutherlin will bring names of people that have volunteered for this committee, and this will give us all time to read over the handout.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT AND LORD'S PRAYER

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Executive Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 14th, 2026, at 5:30 pm.
Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 21st, 2026, at 6:30 pm.