

Pastoral Council minutes
February 24, 2026

Present: Fr. Kevin, Gerry Leone, Sally Weddel, Don Schleper, Brad Kelzer, Brittany Plude,
Lynda Bouley, Greg Wenisch, Kimberly Watson

Absent: Bill Daw

Ex Officio: David Badger

Opening Prayer by Brittany Plude

Visitors: Creation Care team members Molly Weyrens, Sharon Leider, Laura Pipenhagen, Susan Shaw, and Mike Niziolek

January minutes and February agenda approved by consensus

Additions to Agenda: Capital Campaign

Creation Care Team Presentation

- They are asking for Council support to do survey(s) of Christ our Light parishioners about parish land use. Please let the team know about survey ideas. The team has brainstormed some ideas for a master plan, such as plantings, trails, gathering spaces. They also provided information about a conservation easement option with Minnesota Land Trust.

Security update

- Nothing to report.

Building Floor Issue

- After replacement of floor ductwork and associated concrete, the concrete is not to the flatness specifications required. Breitbach will repair the concrete as needed.

Online Giving software

- 58 people still have to switch over. David will mail them a letter, and then call if they still have not responded.

Capital Campaign

- \$400,000 contingency loan has been paid off using North sale proceeds. Significant savings by not continuing to pay interest for the predicted 3-year duration of this loan.
- \$265,000 has been applied toward our \$1.65 M loan. Approximately \$1M remains on this loan.
- Potential to be debt-free by September 2027 because of parishioners' generosity and interest savings.
- Liquid cash reserve remains at a minimum \$275,000.

Parish Talk- what is everyone hearing?

- Good comments about the fish fry.

Comments from the Pastor

- We are looking into putting a streetlight at the road.
- Sixteen baptisms will occur at Easter vigil
- May 16 volunteer appreciation night

Council meeting announcement

- Jenny Adams will place our Pastoral Council meeting announcement in the weekly highlights email and sometimes as a blurb in the bulletin.

Vision Teams - No issues

Closing Prayer by Gerry Leone

Next meeting on March 24, 2026