

**St. Lucas United Church of Christ**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
February 23, 2026

Members Present: Chris Blanke, Katy Forand, Ken Fey, Kirk Dalgaard, Margit Scott, Melinda Borman, Tracy Mulderig, Wanda Gillman. Amanda Boyer on line

Absent: Janet Pillman

Staff Present: Rev George Miller (on Line)

Meeting was called to order at 6:23 by Katy Forand. Melinda led the Council in prayer

Motion to approve agenda by Tracy: seconded by Ken Fey. Motion passed.

Staff Reports: No report.

Ministry Reports:

A: Financial Ministry: Ken Fey updated council on audit. All going well. Anticipated completion March 31 Or April 1, 2026 . Preliminary report due in about 2 weeks.

Recommended redoing Audit every 3-5 years. Regular Envelope offering off budget by \$15K, \$25K off budget compared to 2025. Decline could be due to generous Dec., snow day, announcement of bequest. Mayberry bequest currently sitting in Money Market Fund collecting interest. Balance: Cash assets 475K. Eating into cash balance by 140K. Biggest concern is that we are eating into Cash Balance.

B: Physical Facilities Ministry: Kirk Dalgaard updated council on the status of Lamour with the help of PFM members, Bob Beck, Adam Rustige and Donovan Larson. Concern is getting Lamour to his 20 hours/weekly and fine tuning his role and responsibilities,...including HVAC, etc...

C: Preschool Ministry: Chris updated council on shared space and Preschool director's positive response to LaMour. Kelly did voice concern over unreliable internet access with impacts to security for preschool.

D. Emergency Preparedness: Amanda updated council on flowchart/process in place for Disaster Response. Goal of committee is to empower church members to prepare for possible disasters during high risk seasons, ie...tornado, hurricane etc....

E. Social Justice: Wanda communicated details of upcoming Black History Tour March 14 at 10:30.

Approval of Items by Consent:

A. Approval of Minutes from:

- a. Church Council Meeting (1/26/26)

b. Membership & Evangelism Meeting (1/6/26)

B. January Financial Reports

a. Revenue and Expenses

b. Balance Sheet Analysis

C. Approval of Memorial Committee Fund expense. (Front Sign bid)

Ken motioned to approve items and Wanda seconded. Motion passed by council

Individual Action Items:

A: Amendments to Covenant Proposal for Former Ministers:

a. Motion: Approve the revisions to the 3 way Covenant language for former ministers of St. Lucas UCC who wish to become active members of St. Lucas UCC, as recommended by the Committee on Ministry Support.

Motion to discuss proposed by Tracy and seconded by Melinda.

After a discussion on inception of language of Covenant a vote was taken to approve motion. Vote was 7 to approve language and 2 members abstained. Motion approved.

B: Mayberry Bequest Information Gathering Proposal:

a. Motion: Approve the proposed actions for gathering information and input regarding the Mayberry bequest and future expenditures.

Margit made the motion to discuss the proposed actions for gathering info and input re: Bequest and Kirk seconded motion. Motion passed.

Suggestion of information dissemination to Congregation to start with next Council Conversation. Opportunity for Congregation to communicate needs of the church. More specific plans to engage Congregation to come.

Miscellaneous Reports and Communications:

A: Community Resources Document:

a. Best Practices for Handling requests for financial assistance.  
Provide list of resources.

b. Community Resources Directory. Laminate resource in Pantry Box (QR code)

B: Open Items/Status Reports

a. Event Planning Workflow Update: Still getting feedback

b. Status on Space Utilization: Update Michelle on progress. Next step: Day of service coming up on March 15.

c. Ukraine update: Mission successful.

d. Covenant, Facilities/HVAC review, and Winter Weather procedures in working progress.

OPEN SESSION ENDED AT 8:55

Closed Session

A. Motion: Enter closed session to discuss topics related to legal, real property, identifiable personnel or member records, and or contracts.

a. Parsonage Lease Renewal and Terms.

Motion to move into closed session made by Chris, seconded by Melinda. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Margit Scott, Secretary



**SAINT LUCAS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Minutes of the Special Church Council Meeting**  
**March 1, 2026**

The Church Council held a Special Meeting on Sunday, March 1, 2026, in the South Narthex. The meeting was called to order at 10:41 A.M. by Katy Forand, President of the Council.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amanda Boyer, Chris Blanke, Melinda Borman, Kirk Dalgaard, Ken Fey, Katy Forand, Wanda Gillman, Tracy Mulderig. || Eight members. (*Absent – Margit Scott*)

The purpose of the meeting was to select a lawncare provider for the main church property, the athletic fields, and the two leased properties. Two, 3-year bids were provided by Jeff Wagener for consideration.

It was moved by Kirk Dalgaard and seconded by Chris Blanke to retain MS Lawncare. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) by a show of hands with no abstentions.

It was moved by Amanda Boyer and seconded by Chris Blanke to amend the DECA lease agreements to state that lawncare will be provided by the landlord. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) by a show of hands with no abstentions.

It was moved by Wanda Gillman and seconded by Amanda Boyer that the Church Council meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously (8-0) by a show of hands with no abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 A.M.

*(Minute marker: 0 hour/12 minutes)*

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Mulderig,  
Vice President

*The next regular meeting of the Church Council is scheduled for Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm.*