

St. Lucas United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2026

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Katy Forand. Katy led the Council in prayer
Motion to approve agenda by Tracy: seconded by Margit. Motion passed.
Word of thanks/ and Months big success which included Confirmation and banquet.

Staff Present: None

Guest Comment:

Surprise visit by Donovan to introduce Kenya Foster, renter of Parsonage

Ministry Reports:

A: Financial Ministry:

Report submitted in google doc Offering revenue remains soft

B: Physical Facilities Ministry: Kirk Dalgaard gave update of Panel replacement. Waiting on parts. Roof safety: OSHA requires guard rails and tiedowns when making roof repairs. Second handrail on kitchen entrance: OSHA standards can't be obtained due to lack of space for additional handrail. Will continue to seek alternative Request made to clean up entrance to Pre-school bushes. In need of removing Barberry bushes. HVAC system: LaMour will assess all HVAC systems and make repairs as needed. Will also assess needs in Parsonage and Sexton house. Amanda asked if he can also check on hot water heater. LaMour has become invaluable

C: Preschool Ministry: Chris updated council on preschool summer Camp which is over sold for June Camp. 2 teachers have been hired. Looking for more. Sara Savat and Caroline Schwarz are new board members.

D: Personnel Committee: Looking at future staffing needs for church. Working on Job descriptions. Priority on Child, Youth job descriptions since this may be more eminent.

E: Other meeting updates: Membership updates include new confirmands

Approval of Items by Consent:

A. Approval of Minutes from:

- a. April Church Council Meeting (4/27/26)
- b. A/V Ministry Meeting (4/24/26)

- c. Heritage Ministry Meeting (4/13/26)
- d. Finance Ministry Meeting (4/21/26)
- e. Preschool Board Meeting (4/13/26))
- f. Social Justice Ministry Meeting (4/14/26)
- g. Membership and Evangelism (4/7/26)
- h. Open and Affirming Task Force (4/28/26)
- i. Preschool Board Meeting (3/9/26)

Motion made by Melinda to approve items by consent. Seconded by Wanda. Motion Passed

B. March Financial Reports. Margit made motion to approve financial reports. Seconded by Wanda Motion approved.

Individual Action Items:

A: Approval of Grant Opportunity for Good Neighbor Week/Community meal:

- 1. Motion: That the Church Council approve the proposed application for the America 250 Missouri Mini Grant Program supporting Community meals. Motion brought forward by Tracy, seconded by Melinda. Motion approved. Discussion: This is a one-time Community meal event to take place sometime between Sept. 1 – Oct 04 2026.

B: Approval of Parsonage Inspection:

- 1. Motion: That the Church Council approve hiring DECA to perform a light interior and exterior inspection of the Parsonage for \$100. Motion proposed by Wanda, Seconded by Margit. Discussion made. Vote was to approve motion

C: Approval of Keeping God's Children Safe Policy Updates

- 1. Motion: That the Church Council approve the proposed amendments to the "Keeping God's Children's Safe" Policy on page 8
Motion proposed by Tracy, seconded by Katy. Motion approved

Miscellaneous Reports and Communications:

- a. Confirmation Banquet and Service Review: Recommendation that the Special Events Committee take over the coordination and execution of banquet versus Youth Leaders. Start planning event 2 months prior. Shout out to Stephen Hanpeter for all of his help with banquet. Membership and Evangelism committee did a nice job with gifts and bread that was presented to confirmands.
- b. Bequest Response Update: Next steps are to consolidate and streamline responses before sharing with congregation.
- c. Event planning Checklist and Supporting Materials Update: Next version Celebration Sunday. Document needed. How to coordinate Building use form
- d. Parsonage Property Analysis Status. In Progress

- e. Upcoming Calendar events for June/July . Put in Bulletin and website. Move Council Conversations to August 16.
- f. Email regarding Summer Camp
- g. Victory Garden Funding Clarification: More communication of location of funds
- h. Anticipated June Discussion Topics:
 - a. Personnel Ministry Update on Children, Youth and Family Ministry
 - b. Personnel Ministry Update on mid-year performance reviews and compensation planning.
 - c. Form nominating committee for Council and board vacancies
 - d. Membership & Evangelism roster update approvals
 - e. Prepare for Sexton's House lease renewal
 - f. Form Celebration Sunday planning team for 9/13 event

Motion to move to Executive Session made by Tracy seconded by Melinda (8:18 pm)

Respectively Submitted,
Margit Scott

Approved by the St. Lucas UCC Church Council on June 22, 2026