

**Agenda
Congregational Council
St. John's Lutheran Church
October 28, 2025**

1. Devotions (15 minutes) on Chapters 11-12 of *Strength to Love*

2. Approval of September Minutes

3. Financial Report

See addendum #1 (below) for Treasurer's Report.

4. Action Items

Benevolence & Social Concerns Board would like Council to discuss and move on the St. John's Foundation request to support the Habitat for Humanity house at 315 Poplar St. See the October minutes of the Board along with Jeff McLaughlin's Foundation Funds Request in addendum #3 (below). \$20,000 would come from the Board and \$50,000, over two years, from the Foundation. This will require two separate motions from Council.

St. John's Foundation would like Council to discuss and move on a request to help fund buses for the ISAIAH state-wide event on December 13th, 2025 (up to \$1,500). See Rod Christensen's Foundation Funds Request in addendum #4 (below).

Council will affirm the membership of five new confirmands.

5. Discussion Items

Worship and Arts Board wishes to alert Council that Nathan will be looking at funding interns from the budget rather than from the Alice Hanson fund (\$484 remaining). The Music Fund currently contains \$18,886.

Children's Education and Ministry Board is still looking for Sunday School teachers. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please talk to someone on the Children's board.

Faith and Health Board will introduce preliminary information on a possible foundation grant request to support the new community dementia chorus.

Business Management Board wishes to update Council on the transition to PushPay. In general the transition is going pretty well, but there have been a few minor surprises. The transition team from PushPay has been helpful and responsive. Also, regarding the solar panel rebates, the tax forms submitted to the IRS for the rebate have been received, but it is likely that the government shutdown has left it stalled somewhere in the process.

Consideration of the revisions to the bylaws. If possible, everyone should read through these revisions and compare them to the current form of the bylaws. Board Chairs may provide a very brief explanation for the revisions they have proposed. Is anything falling through the cracks as a result of the individual revisions? How homogeneous should the revisions be with respect to their formats? See addendum #5 (below) for the proposed revisions, along with the current version of this section of the bylaws – for the sake of comparison.

6. Pastors' Report

See addendum #2 (below) for Pastors' Report.

a. Pastor Fickenscher

b. Pastor Davis

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Future Dates

Board Night: Tuesday, November 11th, 7 pm

Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 18th, 7 pm

[[January Meeting Dates? Annual Meeting is February 1st. Council retreat February 7th?]]

Please note that owing to the Thanksgiving holiday there is only one week between the Board meetings and the Council meeting. The Executive committee will meet to set the agenda for the Council meeting only forty-two hours after the Board meetings. Consequently, you should attempt to submit the minutes of your Board meeting within twenty-four hours. The same will hold true for the December meetings. Thanks!