Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

Church Council Minutes - DRAFT

Saturday, November 7, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

PRAYER / INVOCATION
Pastor DeForest opened with prayer.

ROLL CALL
Officers present: Jacy Krogh, Rachael Thomason, Bruce Holderbein
Board representatives present: Jay Erwin, Keith Siemens, Linda Allen
Also present: Pastor DeForest

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **READING and APPROVAL of MEETING MINUTES**
   a. Adoption of April 26, 2026, Church Council meeting minutes.
      Motion: Erwin
      Second: Siemens
      Vote: Voice vote found all in favor

2. **OFFICER REPORTS**
   None.

3. **STAFF REPORTS**
   None.

4. **BOARD REPORTS**
   Deacons: none.

   Trustees: Working to determine a repair for a broken sprinkler line; roof project is about 99% complete pending some finishing work.

   Fellowship: Will have one Advent meal on December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. before the evening service.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
   None

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2027 Congregational Budget
Krogh presented the proposed 2027 budget for review. The council worked through the budget line by line making small adjustments. Some additional adjustments will need to be made before the voter's assembly. The budget, in principle, was recommended to be adopted by the council.
Motion: Holderbein
Second: Allen
Vote: Voice vote found all in favor

b. 2027 Church Council and Board Elections
The council discussed the constitutional officers and board members for 2027.

Officers: Jacy Krogh, President
Tanner Durfee, Vice President
Rachael Thomason, Secretary
Bruce Holderbein, Financial Manager

Boards

Deacons:	Trustees:
Jay Erwin	Keith Siemens
Tim Wenslaff	Tim Lange
Fred Sherman	Jay Erwin
Evangelism:	Young People
None	Diane Scott

Fellowship:
Roster to be finalized before Voters' Assembly.

c. Replacement of remaining HVAC units
The church property has four aged HVAC units that are past their expected end of life. Alternative Heating and Air, who replaced the sanctuary units, has recommended the replacement of the remaining units and the Trustees concur. The cost per unit is $16,445.83 for a total of $65,783.33.
Motion: Erwin
Second: Siemens
Vote: Voice vote found all in favor

d. Redeemer House Rent
The current rent at $1,650.00 per month was set in 2023 and has not been changed. In light of increased costs and rental increases for the school wing, it was proposed to

increase the rent at the Redeemer House. The proposal is to increase the rent to $1,800.00 in 2027, with automatic 3% increases yearly. The council will receive additional information regarding Section 8 guidelines and noticing requirements before the rent increase goes into effect.

Motion: Krogh
Second: Holderbein
Vote: Voice vote found all in favor

e. Monthly Scholarship Fund Policy

Pastor DeForest presented a proposal he had drafted for the criteria for the monthly scholarships that are funded by the school lease income. The approval authority for these scholarship lies with the church council. In sum, the proposal was well received with some revisions including: a tiered system to give priority to Redeemer members attending college or trade schools for an approved course of study. Pastor will revise the policy and bring it back to a future council meeting for final adoption. The matter was tabled.

The current scholarship funds are approximately $8,600.00. A proposal was made to award 50% of the funds to Isa Maguire and then remaining funds split evenly between Paul Mroczenski and Bethany Bramwell.

Motion: Thomason
Second: Erwin
Vote: Voice vote found all in favor

f. Synod Constitutional Amendment

Received information regarding an item to be voted on at the Voters' Assembly that would amend the LCMS Constitution on the ability to call special district conventions without the consent of the District President. Congregations need to vote on this matter prior to March 2027. This item will be on the December 6, 2026, Voters' Assembly agenda.

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

a. Redeemer House rental increase start date.
b. Monthly Scholarship revised policy.

8. CLOSING PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer was said.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.