

St. Lukes Lutheran Church-**FINAL**

Special Congregational Meeting September 21st, 2025 10:15am

Location - St. Lukes Lutheran Church Sanctuary

1. Call to Order

Called to Order at 10:35am by Randy Brandt, President.

Opening Prayer - Randy Brandt, President.

2. Attendance

Council Members:

Randy Brandt, President

Steve Tate, President Elect

Patty Cappa, Secretary

Chuck Alvey, Stewardship

Pam Alvey, Mercy Ministry

Josh Hall, Head Elder

Kim Brandt, Education

Congregation Attendance

97 Members

13 Proxies

Quorum established.

Other Invited Guests:

Sharise Chatfield, Business Administrator

3. Announcements

a.) Council Position Changes: Randy Brandt (President) announced two council positions that were appointed in the Council's regular meeting held on September 18, 2025. The Council appointed Kim Brandt to serve as Worship Director, and Nate Shoher to serve as Education Chair.

b.) Worship Service Update: Beginning the first week of October, the church will offer two services each Sunday: a modern worship service and a traditional worship service with fellowship time and an optional Bible study time between services. Emily Kester will lead the Sunday Bible Study, following the *Bible in a Year* plan.

c.) Pastor Mike Benke, the circuit visitor, will assist with the pastoral call process. He will not make decisions but will provide spiritual guidance and support throughout the process.

4.) Call Committee Formation

Randy Brandt opened the Call Committee Formation agenda item with prayer to ask God to guide the congregation in the election of a Pastor Call Committee. Following prayer, Randy Brandt provided a summary of the process the Council followed to arrive at a recommended slate for the Pastor Call Committee. Randy explained that the Council process followed the LCMS CNH website guidelines for a prayerful and Spirit-led formation of a Pastor Call Committee.

The Process was as follows:

- 1.) The Council, Elders and Ministry Directors solicited nominations for potential Call Committee members. To date, 23 members have submitted their names as potential candidates.
- 2.) The Council requested that the Candidates respond to a questionnaire requesting personal information, perspectives on the congregation, and past call committee experience. The Questionnaire was prepared by the LCMS and provided as a recommendation to congregations for use in forming a Call Committee. Twenty responses were received.
- 3.) In its regularly scheduled meeting on September 18, 2025, the Council reviewed the information submitted and evaluated all potential candidates for inclusion on the committee.
- 4.) After deliberation and careful consideration, the Council selected 9 candidates and 2 alternates to present to the congregation as the recommended slate of Pastor Call Committee members. The selection was carefully made with the goal of ensuring balanced representation by age group, service attendance, characteristics, availability, involvement in volunteer ministries, and other factors addressed in the questionnaire.

Randy outlined the process that will be followed to vote on the recommended slate or to arrive at an alternate slate nominated from the floor. At that point, Randy called for a Motion.

5.) Congregational Vote

Motion: Jim Frederichs presented a motion to approve the Slate of candidates recommended by the Council.

Second: The motion was seconded by Sharon Rohodert.

Discussion: Open forum and discussion followed, Members requested the candidates that were present at the meeting to stand up and briefly introduce themselves and share personal backgrounds. Randy provided information on the candidates that were not present at the meeting.

Following other discussion, Randy called for the question by a show of hands.

Vote: The Motion passed by a majority.

6.) Adjourn

Motion: After completing all the items on the agenda a motion to adjourn was made by Pam Alvey (Mercy).

Second: The motion was seconded by Ted Graney.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

The special congregational meeting was adjourned at 11:15am., ending with the assembly singing the Doxology.

Minutes submitted by: Patty Cappa, Secretary

Minutes reviewed by: Randy Brandt, President

