

**Salem Lutheran Church Council
March 17th, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

Present: Cory Olson, Todd Osman, Robin Schwaegerl, Naomi McVay, Ron DeJong, Dori Bechtle, Colleen Kahler, Kent Weckwerth, Pastor Sam Kautz
Others: Jackie Lindvall
Call to Order at 7:00 pm by Ron DeJong
Opening Prayer by Pastor Sam Kautz

Secretary's Report for February 2026 Meeting

Motion: Approve the Secretary's Minutes of the Feb 17th, 2026 meeting

Motion made by Cory Olson 2nd by Robin Schwaegerl Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Given by Jackie Lindvall – Edward Jones funds had been transferred to Money Market account. Payments and Income Statement results were reviewed.

Motion: Approve the Feb. 2026 Treasurer's Report.

Motion to approve made by Kent Weckwerth 2nd by Cory Olson Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda:

- **Council review of Constitution, By-Laws, Continuing Resolutions & Support Documents-Discussed wording of committee requirements associated to documenting minutes for each committee meeting.** Had discussions on various topics upon overall review by council members. Motion was made by Colleen Kahler to accept constitution with changes made to be made by Jackie Lindvall with approval responses from council members, then prepare to submit to Synod for next step in process. 2nd by Cory Olson. Motion carried.
- **Access Keys to church – Review list of individuals who have a key(s) and who needs them –** Need to review list of key's that have been assigned per document held in church office. Confirm list and reach out to members no longer on council and/or others for return of keys. Identified members on the church council who will need to receive a key upon return from non-members. Recommend reviewing on an annual basis. Church Council to determine approvals for keys distributed per request outside of church council.
- **Church Council protocol of Offerings (counting, documenting, securing, transferring) –** Reviewed process of moving funds received after services to church safe for counting, documenting, and transferring by church council members.

Pastor's Report –

- **Lay Delegate(s) to Synod Conference –** Planning for scheduled June Assembly. Colleen Kahler is interested in attending and will consider asking one additional member of the congregation who may also wish to attend.
- **Middle School "Kids in Community Day" (Friday, May 8th) (\$\$ Support/Work Activities or Projects?) –** Requesting coverage towards the cost of putting together hygiene product kits and activities associated to planned events in addition to local business donations. Motion made by Robin Schwaegerl. to donate \$200 from General Fund to support efforts. 2nd by Naomi McVay. Motion carried.

Committee Reports -

***Fellowship/Outreach/ Social Ministry and Evangelism –** In the process of receiving a grant of undetermined amount at this time. Continuing with scheduled Table Community Breakfast Events.

***Stewardship –** Completed letter and mailed to congregation. Reviewed parking lot fund indicator created by Robin and Colleen for tracking progress. Need to contact contractor to determine final cost, timeline, and terms & conditions. Todd will do an announcement this coming Sunday for awareness of planned repair efforts and funding goals we wish to achieve.

***Property –** No update

***Worship and Music –** Determining licensing for music to be played when pianist/organist is not available for services available on network for public? Also discussed options for recorded contemporary music licensing. Palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday. Reviewed current Lay Reader Assignments and added readers. Review options to provide more contemporary music for additional services based on positive responses on what's been done to date. Committee is looking for musicians and special music for Easter Sunday.

***Christian Education/Youth –** Had a good overnight experience with group of 12. Planning on program youth will hold on March 25th.

***Endowment –** Adam Spray has agreed to join the committee and continuing to look for others that may consider sharing their time & talents.

Old Business

- **Capital Expenditure –** Parking lot fund raising letter, mailing, and tracker update. Motion was made to take \$5000 out of general fund by Cory Olson reflecting amount stated in letter to congregation for raising additional funds. 2nd by Kent Weckwerth. Motion carried.

New Business

- Member requesting fellowship hall on June 20th at 11:30am. Ron DeJong to follow up with party making request.
- Email Newsletter fixes have been installed and still monitoring if some members are still not receiving along with any other issues.

Upcoming Dates/FYI

- **Thru Mar. 25th: 5:45pm-Salem Fellowship Hall-UMC&SLC** Coverage of Offered Meals, Wed. evenings during lent
- **Thru Mar. 25th (lasting 5-6 weeks): 6:30-7:45pm-Strombeck Room**-Wednesday Lenten Study “Unlikely Lent”
- **March 28th 8:30am-10:00am:** The Table Community Breakfast
- **Each Tuesday 10:00am Salem Strombeck Room:** Salem Quilters open to all
- **Each Friday 10:00am Salem Strombeck Room:** Friday Morning Coffee open to all

Closing Prayer by Pastor Sam Krautz

Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn by Cory Olson. 2nd Robin Schwaegerl. Motion carried.

Next Meeting April 14th at 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes taken by Todd Osman