



4th Quarter
Congregational Meeting
2/23/2025

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Proposed Agenda

1. Opening Scripture and Prayer
2. Taking of Attendance – Please sign the attendance sheet
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of 3rd Quarter Meeting dated 11/24/24
5. Reading of correspondence: N/A

Unfinished Business:

- 6.

New Business:

7. Birthday Cards - Pastor
8. Randy Graphenteen – Transfer membership to Immanuel LC in Walker MN
9. Elect representative and alternate for MN South District Convention

Instructions from the District: By January 31, 2025, the Delegates Form from each congregation / multi-parish must be submitted. This will allow time to make appointments to the various floor committees well in advance of the Convention. **Each congregation or multi-parish congregation has two votes at the Convention, one cast by the pastoral delegate and another cast by the lay delegate.**

I have already checked with the District Office and we can still submit the Delegates Form although the deadline has passed. – Pastor Mike

Reports:

9. Pastor's Report
10. Reports of Boards: Directors, Education, Elders, Finance – Treasurer, Trustees

Upcoming Events:

- **March**
 - 1st – Grace, Mercy, Peace Prayer Service @Bethlehem LC, Eden Prairie, 9:00 AM (LWML sponsored event)
 - 5th – Ash Wednesday Worship Services @ 10 AM & 6PM
 - 12th – Lenten Worship Service @ 10AM
 - 12th – Women's Bible Class @ 11AM

- 12th – CCTC Using Fellowship Hall 5-9PM
- 12th – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 16th – Mite Sunday
- 19th – Lenten Worship Service @ 10AM
- 19th – Women’s Bible Class starts @ 11AM
- 19th – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 26th – Lenten Worship Service @ 10AM
- 26th – Women’s Bible Class @ 11AM

➤ **April**

- 2nd – Lenten Service @ 10AM
- 2nd – Women’s Bible Study @ 11AM
- 2nd – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 9th – Lenten Service @ 10AM
- 9th – Women’s Bible Study @ 11AM
- 9th – CCTC Using Fellowship Hall 5-9PM
- 9th – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 13th – Palm Sunday
- 17th – Maundy Thursday Service @ 10AM & 6PM
- 18th – Good Friday
- 20th – Easter Sunday
- 20th – Mite Sunday
- 26th – LWML Spring Rally @ Mt. Olive 9-11AM

➤ **May**

- 7th – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 14th – CCTC Using Fellowship Hall 5-9PM
- 14th – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM

- 18th – Mite Sunday

Adjournment with prayer

Next meeting: is tentatively scheduled for May 2025



3rd Quarter Congregational Meeting Minutes

Board, Committee, or Group: Congregational Meeting

Who attended: See attendance sheet

Location: Fellowship Hall

Date & Time: November 24, 2024 at 10:15 AM

Purpose of Meeting: Regular Quarterly Meeting

1. **Opening Scripture and Prayer**
2. **Review and Approval of this Agenda:** Linda Verkennes motioned approval, Don Woytcke seconded. Approved
3. **Review & Approval of minutes of September 22, 2024 meeting:** Linda Verkennes motioned approval, Harriet Gustafson Seconded. Approved.
4. **Readings of Correspondence:** N/A

Unfinished Business:

5. N/A

New Business:

6. Board / Leadership Team Votes 2025-2026
 - a. Sandi Woytcke made a motion to approve the anonymous voting sheet listing who is running. Linda Verkennes Seconded. Motion approved.
 - b. A voting sheet was given to each attendee with a listing of Elder – Joel Reinitz, Secretary – Lindsey Eccles, Trustee – Jim Merchant, Board of Directors – David Miller, President – Andrew Reinitz, Vice President – George Betts. With a majority vote in favor of all, they were voted in for the positions beginning Jan 2025.
7. Birthday / Anniversary Cards
 - a. Don Woytcke made a motion to discontinue the sending of birthday and anniversary cards. Harriet Seconded. Motion approved.
 - b. David Miller mentioned that he uses a website to email cards throughout the year which costs him \$25.
 - c. Marilyn Mulvanny suggested that we still send some members, including homebound members, some type of cards throughout the year. Trudy has resigned from sending the cards and we don't have anyone willing to take on the task.
8. WOMO Treasurer

- a. Claudia Bullock will be resigning from the WOMO treasurer position as of the end of 2024. WOMO is looking for someone to take on this task starting Jan 2025. Please contact Jan Preble or Lindsey Eccles if you are interested!
9. Stewardship Committee
- a. We are looking for people who would like to be on the stewardship committee
 - b. Arlee mentioned that we have \$149k in pledges for 2025. This is more than last year however, we are still missing pledges from some people and are falling short based on pledge numbers vs. budget numbers.
 - c. We are hopeful that with November and December that we will see an increase in our bank balance as those are usually our two biggest months of offerings.

Reports:

- **Pastor's Report**
 - Questions regarding whether we are charging CCTC to utilize our fellowship hall monthly. Jim said that we would start to but wanted to find out what they were needing it for and how much it truly costs for them to use it once a month.

Reports of Boards: Directors, Education, Elders, Finance – Treasurer, Trustees

- **Directors Report**
 - No questions regarding report
- **Education**
 - Was asked how many people are attending Women's bible study – 12 regularly. Harriet invited anyone who may be interested to their Thursday Bible Study with Pastor which is over the phone / zoom. Reach out to her or Pastor if you're interested in joining!
- **Elders**
 - No questions regarding report
- **Trustees**
 - Jim explained a little about the budget on the Trustees' part and the fact that some things are unknown for example the air conditioning units, etc. He hopes and plans not to utilize all that is in the budget, but it may need to be done depending on how things hold up during the year.
 - The elevator heat will be turned on the next time our rep comes out to service it.
- **Finance**
 - Linda discussed the budget and talked about how the pledges are not enough to cover our budget for 2025. We are hopeful with the missing pledges we can make up for the money not listed.
 - If you turned 73 in 2024, please consider making your RMD out of your IRA or 401K to Mount Olive and you won't have to claim it as taxable income! If you

have questions regarding this, please contact Linda at 612-803-2480 or email finance@mountolivecms.org.

Upcoming Events:

➤ **December**

- 12/1 – WOMO Holiday Potluck/Gift Exchange – ALL Women welcome
- 12/4 – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 12/10 – Circuit Pastors Meeting here at Mt Olive
- 12/11 – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 12/15 – Mite Sunday
- 12/24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at **4PM**

➤ **January**

- 1/8 – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 1/15 - Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 1/19 – Mite Sunday

Next meeting: Tentatively February 2025

Close with the Lord's Prayer Linda Verkennes motions to adjourn. Harriet Gustafson
Seconds. Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Eccles

Secretary

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Pastor's Report

For the time period November 2, 2024 – January 28, 2025

Official Acts - baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals

Baptisms: none for this time period

Confirmations: none for this time period

Funerals: none for this time period

Weddings: none for this time period

Members received or released: Randy & Ellen Graphenteen transferred to Immanuel LC, Walker, MN

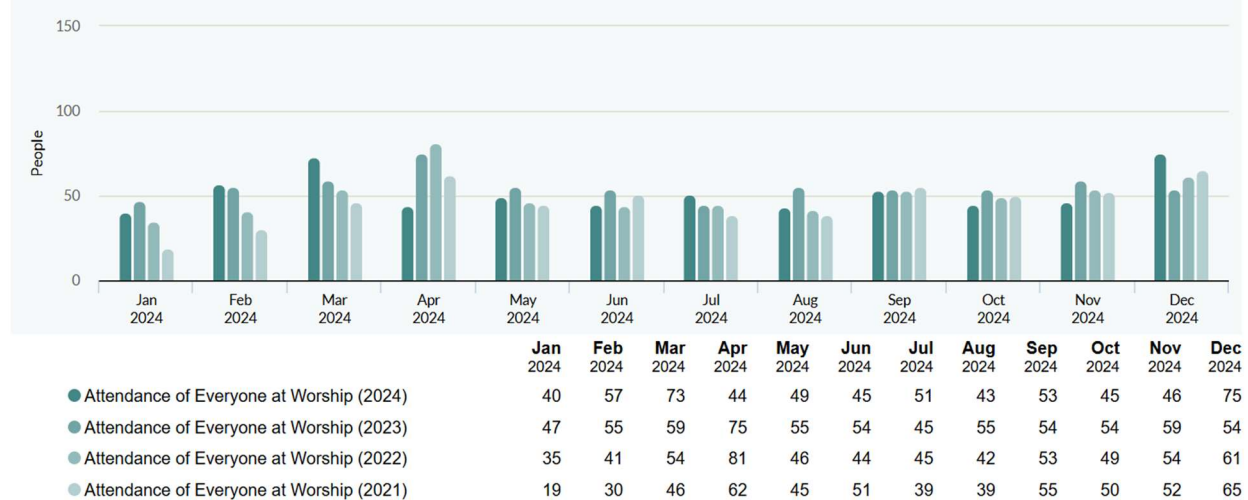
Homebound Members

1. Janice Beise (Auburn in Chaska)
2. Cheryl Blue (Spring Park)
3. Darlene Fasching (Mound)
4. Marlene Gehring (Mound)
5. Marilyn Lemke (Maple Plain)
6. Susie McKee (Waconia)
7. Carol Meyer (Plymouth – visited by Dir. Of Shepherding from Beautiful Savior LC)
8. John & Millie Morrison (Mound)

Current Statistics

Worship Attendance Trends

Trends Report



Active Members: 91 (Have attended worship at least once in the past year) (Previous report: 93)

Inactive Members: 36 (Previous report: 32)

Prospects: 11 (Previous report: 11)

Bible Studies

Tuesday morning men's study: Matthew. Avg. attendance – 5

Wednesday morning women's study: resumes in March

Once/month Wed. afternoon at LMS: Portals of Prayer. Avg. attendance – 6

Thursday morning combined: Isaiah. Avg. attendance – 7

Friday: Harrison Bay Bible Study in Community Room, Acts, avg. attendance – 10

4th Quarter Congregational Meeting 2/23/2025 Directors Report by Andrew Reinitz

A Heartfelt Thanks and a Look Ahead

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to those whose terms have come to an end and to everyone who has stepped up to serve in 2025, whether in a new role or by continuing in an existing position. Your dedication and willingness to serve are truly appreciated.

It is an honor to take on the role of President, and as I begin this term, I am focused on observing, learning, and reacclimating to leadership after some time away. I look forward to growing in this role and working alongside our boards and committees in the months ahead. As we step into 2025 and beyond, we face challenges as a congregation, but we are also blessed in so many ways. While important responsibilities like budgeting and building maintenance require our attention, I hope we can all stay centered on our core mission: to be and make disciples for life.

4th Quarter Congregational Meeting 2/23/2025 Education Report by Arlee Mueller

Bible studies: Mixed, Sunday morning; Men, Tuesday morning; Women, Wednesday morning; Mixed, Thursday morning; Lake Minnetonka Shores; Harrison Bay.

Sunday School: 4 regular students.

Confirmation: Teacher: Andrew Reinitz. Students: Annabelle Reinitz and Kalli Cone

4th Quarter Congregational Meeting 2/23/2025 Elders Report by Arlee Mueller

Lenten schedule: Ash Wednesday, March 5

Wednesday March 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Good Friday, April 18

Easter, April 20

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Your trustees have been working with several volunteers these past few months to go through some of the rooms that have collected items that we are no longer in need of. These volunteers have also cleaned and painted these rooms so they are looking great and ready for spring. Thank you to all who have been working on the facility with us. If you would like to help with these tasks, please let us know because we still have more work to do.

The maintenance things that are needed this year will be challenging with the current budget shortfall. We will rank the things needed and try to put off the ones that can wait. We will list items through the year we are trying to fund so if you can help with them that would be appreciated.

We are currently looking at our fire alert system which is ageing and has some issues. We have the narthex furnace that is being temperamental.

If you see something that needs attention, please let us know so we can check them out.

Thank You all for your continued support and service.

Mt. Olive Trustees and volunteers

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Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Statement of Activity

January - December 2024

	Jan - Dec 2024	Jan - Dec 2023 (PY)
Revenue		
Total 4010100 Worship Service Offerings	180,759	194,115
Total 4010000 Unrestricted Income	211,592	203,470
Total 4020000 Restricted Income	10,653	24,681
Total Revenue	222,257	228,150
Expenditures		
Total 5010300 Elders	103,854	99,709
Total 5010500 Directors	30,444	30,613
Total 5010900 Finance	11,262	10,196
Total 5011100 Worship	1,257	979

Total 5011200 Education	473	773
Total 5011300 Outreach	1,425	549
Total 5011400 Trustees	83,031	93,002
Total Expenditures	231,750	235,820
Net Operating Revenue	(9,492)	(7,670)

Please see Profit & Loss for Savings at LCEF & Thrivent also LCEF Mortgage