



4th Quarter  
Congregational Meeting  
2/8/2026

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**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 2/8/2026****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 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting dated 12/7/25
5. Reading of correspondence: N/A

**Unfinished Business:**

6. N/A

**New Business:**

7. 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Picture Directory

**Reports:**

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

**Upcoming Events:****➤ February**

- 8<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Meeting @ 10:15AM
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Mite Sunday
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday – Services @ 10AM & 6:30PM
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Worship Service @ 10AM

**➤ March**

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Worship Service @ 10AM
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Worship Service @ 10AM
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Worship Service @ 10AM
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Worship Service @ 10AM

**➤ April**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maundy Thursday – Services @ 10AM & 6:30PM
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday – Services @ 10AM & 6:30PM
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter

**Adjournment with prayer - Next meeting:** is tentatively scheduled for May 2026



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting Minutes

MOUNT OLIVE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Board, Committee, or Group:** Congregational Meeting

**Who attended:** See attendance sheet

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

**Date & Time:** December 7, 2025 at 10:15 AM

**Purpose of Meeting:** Regular Quarterly Meeting

1. **Opening Scripture and Prayer**
2. **Review and Approval of this Agenda:** Joel Reinitz motioned approval, Terry Podratz seconded. Agenda Approved
3. **Review & Approval of minutes of May 4, 2025 meeting:** David Miller motioned approval, George Betts Seconded. Minutes Approved.
4. **Readings of Correspondence:** N/A

**Unfinished Business:**

5. N/A

**New Business:**

6. **Becca Boser – Sunday School / Youth Program updates.** – Revamp Sunday School Rooms, Youth Rooms including fresh paint and flooring where needed. SS will be held during the same time as service. Mondays from 6-8PM will be dedicated to the youth program. Linda Verkennes has purchased and donated the shelving needed to organize rooms upstairs in education wing. (THANK YOU, LINDA!) Once the rooms are close to finished, we will be accepting donations of new/close to new toys/ items for the rooms/kids. If you are willing to help in any capacity throughout this process please reach out to Becca, Jim, Pastor or Lindsey! Once finished, we will also need help with teachers for SS. This could be on a rotation type basis if needed.
7. **Nominees for the Synod for a president and 2 vice presidents** – although we may not actually put in votes, Pastor will keep us informed of the changes that will be happening within the next year and any information that would be helpful to know. Joel Reinitz was the alternate lay delegate but the original lay delegate can no longer attend. Joel will now be representing our district and going to Phoenix in 2026! (THANK YOU, JOEL!)
8. **Nominees for Directors** – Phil Holmen is willing to serve on the BOD. We will do a paper vote after service before the end of 2025. (THANK YOU, PHIL!)

9. **Nominees for Elders** – This is the end of Arlee's 2<sup>nd</sup> term and the end of Nathan's first term. Joel will be our only remaining Elder. Arlee is willing to help for a bit in the hope that we find someone to replace him soon! (THANK YOU, ARLEE!) Andrew will verify in the constitution / by laws what the process for this is to be sure it is ok that Arlee continues.
10. **Worship Service Time 9AM or 10AM Poll Results (See Pastor's Report)** – With most votes being 9AM, we will continue with the 9AM service time. Our hope in the future and with revamping the youth program, we will have enough members / children that it's possible we could have 2 services!

**Reports:**

- **Pastor's Report**
  - See Congregational Meeting Packet for Report. No additional questions or comments from members.
- **Reports of Boards: Directors, Education, Elders, Finance – Treasurer, Trustees**
- **Directors Report**
  - Condensed Budget was given to all attendees. If you would like to see a full budget with line items, please contact Andrew.
- **Education**
  - Arlee has concerns for Sunday School Teachers especially if SS is held during service time.
- **Elders**
  - Arlee asked John Skaret if he would be interested in being an Elder. John is not able to commit at this time. Please let Arlee know if you would be willing to be an Elder.
- **Trustees**
  - Parsonage roof is complete.
  - Youth room updates we hope to get some donations for, some may have to come from the trustee budget. An item needed for the youth room is a small microwave. Both Andrew and Harriet have one they are willing to donate.
  - Part of the trustee budget includes "what ifs" some items include the furnaces for this. We have 5 that have been replaced, and 4 we are nursing along with fixing when needed instead of replacing when possible.
  - We appreciate all of the donations!
  - Jan asked what our plan is for security and if the Leadership team is discussing it. Lynn Betts states there is a protocol. Andrew states that we have been discussing as a leadership team. Jim states – If you see something say something. Stay vigilant and aware of your surroundings. People are wondering if the ushers could wear name tags incase someone isn't aware of who is an usher. We have name tags for them in the narthex. Lindsey has cameras in the

office area. Maybe we could order more of those to have some set up near other entrances and put a monitor in the Narthex for the ushers to see?

- **Finance**

- Jan asked what the “Special Events” Income was – this was from the Rummage Sale.
- Thank you to Kevin for becoming our Treasurer for 2026-2028!
- THANK YOU, TERRY, for being our Treasurer for 2025!

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **December**

- **21<sup>st</sup> – Mite Sunday**
- **21<sup>st</sup> – Children’s Christmas Program**
- **24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship @ 4PM**

- **January**

- **7<sup>th</sup> – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM**
- **12<sup>th</sup> – WOMO Meeting @ 10AM**
- **14<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM**

**Next meeting:** Tentatively Scheduled for February 2026

**Close with the Lord’s Prayer** Joel Reinitz motions to adjourn. Don Woytcke Seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Eccles, Secretary

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 2/8/2026

## Pastor's Report

For the time period November 19, 2025 – January 22, 2026

### Official Acts - baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals

Baptisms: Mateo John Treb, son of Jason & Rebeca Treb, grandson of John & Linda Verkennes, baptized 11/23/2025 at Sunday Worship Service

Confirmations: none for this time period

Funerals: Richard "Dick" Bromley, Saturday January 10, 2026 service at Mt. Olive; Interment at Ft. Snelling 1/13/26

Weddings: none for this time period

Members received or released: none for this time period

### Homebound Members

1. Janice Beise (Auburn in Chaska) – worships and communes at the service provided at Auburn by the pastors from St. John's, Chaska
2. Cheryl Blue (Spring Park)
3. Jerry Bullock (Stone Bay in Orono)
4. Joan Coddon (St. Gertrude's, Shakopee)
5. Darlene Fasching (Mound)
6. Marilyn Lemke (Maple Plain)
7. Susie McKee (Waconia)
8. Millie Morrison (Mound)

### Bible Studies

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

Wednesday morning women's study: avg. attendance 9

Friday morning @LMS: avg. attendance 6

### Worship Attendance Trends



### Current Statistics

Active Members: 87 (Have attended worship at least once in the past year) (Previous report: 90)

Inactive Members: 32 (Previous report: 33)

Prospects: 13 (Previous report: 13)

## **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 2/8/2026 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: Renovation of rooms in progress.

Confirmation: Annabelle Reinitz and Kalli Cone are our current students.

Seeking someone to take over the positions of committee chairperson.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 2/8/2026 Elders Report by Arlee Mueller**

### **Lenten schedule:**

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18: Morning worship with Communion 10 AM followed with Potluck  
Evening worship with Communion 6:30 PM with Communion

Other Wednesdays: Feb. 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25 Morning worship 10 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 2: Morning worship with Communion 10 AM and evening worship with  
Communion 6:30 PM.

Good Friday, April 3: Evening worship 6:30 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5: Morning worship with Communion 9 AM.

### **Door offering for food shelf: March 22**

**Guest Pastors: May 10 not filled; May 17 and May 24, Pastor Stefan Wismar**

## **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 2/8/2026 Trustees Report by Jim Merchant**

We have been working on the day-to-day items that our facility has. Many of the items are being done by volunteers who noticed things that need attention. We are grateful for your help with these things.

Our latest work is focused on the education wing renovation project which is to go through and decide what to keep and what to donate or trash. This is a challenge because we have collected a lot of Christian education materials. After we paint and replace the flooring in the larger classroom, we will be going through the materials to equip that room. We will be doing the same thing for the other rooms as well. When all the rooms are completed, we will go through the left over item's to see what to donate and what to discard. We will give you an opportunity to help with that so you can see if you want any of these items.

We will be doing a facility assessment in March for the upcoming years to identify the needs that are most urgent. We will use this information to help us with getting some new insurance quotes to see if we can reduce our premium.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mt. Olive Trustees and volunteers.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 2/8/2026 Finance Report by Kevin Larson**

Financial statements will be provided at the meeting.