



3rd Quarter  
Congregational Meeting  
12/7/2025

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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 12/7/2025**

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting dated 10/5/25
5. Reading of correspondence: N/A

#### **Unfinished Business:**

6. N/A

#### **New Business:**

7. Nominees for the Synod for a president and 2 vice presidents
8. Nominees for Directors
9. Nominees for Elders
10. Worship Service Time 9AM OR 10AM Poll results (See Pastor's Report)

#### **Reports:**

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

#### **Upcoming Events:**

##### **➤ December**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 6<sup>th</sup> – WOMO Christmas Party at 11:30AM (Potluck, Cookie exchange – bring 2-3 dozen if you want to participate. Gift exchange \$10-20 optional if you want to participate.) All women are welcome to attend!
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Congregational Meeting @ 10:15AM
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Mite Sunday
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 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
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Mite Sunday

##### **➤ February**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Mite Sunday

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



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting Minutes

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

**Who attended:** See attendance sheet

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

**Date & Time:** October 5, 2025 at 10:30 AM

**Purpose of Meeting:** Regular Quarterly Meeting

1. **Opening Scripture and Prayer**
2. **Review and Approval of this Agenda:** Don Woytcke motioned approval, Joel Reinitz seconded. Agenda Approved
3. **Review & Approval of minutes of May 4, 2025 meeting:** Harriet Gustafson motioned approval, Sandy Wilsey Seconded. Minutes Approved.
4. **Readings of Correspondence:** N/A

### Unfinished Business:

5. N/A

### New Business:

6. Thanksgiving Worship and Christmas Worship Services Dates and Times –  
**Thanksgiving service will be held on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6PM with a pie social to follow. Christmas Eve service will be held on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4PM.**
7. Treasurer vote for 2026-2028 – **All 22 attendees in favor of voting Kevin Larson in for the 2026-2028 term.**
8. Sandy Wilsey suggests changing service to 10AM. – **Pastor will discuss in future services and with the leadership team and it will be added to the next congregational meeting as unfinished business.**

### Reports:

- **Pastor's Report**
  - The Synod Convention is July 18-23, 2026, in Phoenix, AZ. Pastor is willing to serve. Dick Bromley would like to nominate Pastor. Andrew Reinitz seconds the nomination. Joel Reinitz volunteered to be a lay nominee. Don Woytcke makes a motion to nominate Joel. Sandi Woytcke seconds. Motion approved.

- **Reports of Boards: Directors, Education, Elders, Finance – Treasurer, Trustees**
- **Directors Report**
  - Andrew gave a reminder that the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be in 2027.
- **Education**
  - Next fall there will hopefully be 2 new students for confirmation. Looking for a superintendent for Sunday School. (Thank you to Arlee for the 35+ years he has dedicated!)
- **Elders**
  - October 26<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting the Time and Talent Sheets as well as the Estimate of Giving Cards.
  - Both Arlee and Nathan's terms are up at the end of 2025. Arlee is on his second term and can't run again.
- **Trustees**
  - Parsonage roof should be done in 2025
  - Signed contract for plowing for 2025-2026
  - Parking lot lights are on timers not motion sensors
  - Sink in fellowship bathroom has been fixed
  - Urinal in men's room has been fixed
  - Many things at parsonage have been fixed including garbage disposal, sump pump, and Laundry Tub
- **Finance**
  - Updated report for Jan-Aug separate sheet given.
  - Thank you to Kevin Larson for agreeing to do the Treasurer position for 2026-2028.
  - Monthly mortgage is \$2,700
  - Lynn Betts suggests reaching out to the Synod to see if they can help us with our mortgage payments if needed.
  - Thank you to Terry Podratz for the work she put in with Mediacom with our phone lines and internet.
  - Thank you to Brian Podratz for coming in to work with Mediacom while they installed updated equipment.
  - Phil Holmen says that the Wi-Fi is already working better to use his tablet to view the bulletin during service.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **October**
  - **8<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM**
  - **13<sup>th</sup> – WOMO Meeting @ 2:30PM**
  - **19<sup>th</sup> – Mite Sunday**

➤ **November**

- **3<sup>rd</sup> – Spruce Tip Planter Assembly**
- **5<sup>th</sup> – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM**
- **7<sup>th</sup> – Bazaar Set up 4-7PM**
- **8<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale 9AM-1PM**
- **12<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM**
- **16<sup>th</sup> – Mite Sunday**
- **23<sup>rd</sup> – WOMO Meeting @ 10AM**

➤ **December**

- **3<sup>rd</sup> – Elders Meeting @ 6:30PM**
- **6<sup>th</sup> – WOMO Christmas Party @ 11:30AM**
- **10<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Meeting @ 6:30PM**
- **21<sup>st</sup> – Mite Sunday**

**Next meeting:** Tentatively Scheduled for December 2025

**Close with the Lord's Prayer** Joel Reinitz motions to adjourn. Dick Bromley Seconded.  
Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Eccles, Secretary

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 12/7/2025**

### **Pastor's Report**

#### Service Time Poll Information

- 9AM Votes – 29 People
- 10AM Votes – 6 People
- Suggestions / comments given
  - 9 is most convenient
  - 9:30 AM
  - I am willing to try 10AM for younger families

For the time period September 1 – November 18, 2025

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

Baptisms: none for this time period

Confirmations: none for this time period

Funerals: Committal for John Morrison @Ft. Snelling, 9/4/25

Jerry Babb, Funeral and Committal in Memorial Garden, 9/30/25

Marlene Gehring Funeral, 10/17/25

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. Darlene Fasching (Mound)
5. Marilyn Lemke (Maple Plain)
6. Susie McKee (Waconia)
7. Millie Morrison (Mound)

**As I'm writing this we currently have five people hospitalized. This is the reality of an older congregation. Please keep praying, visiting, calling, sending cards, encouraging each other! Thank you for your faithfulness and love for one another.**

## Other activities

I am playing piano for the Jesus Sent Choir @LMS, led by Harriet Gustafson and Phil Holmen. The choir ordinarily sings at the 11 AM worship service @LMS once/month. Chapel services at Redeemer Christian Academy, Wayzata, and Our Savior's Lutheran Childcare, Excelsior. Zone Counselor for the LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission).

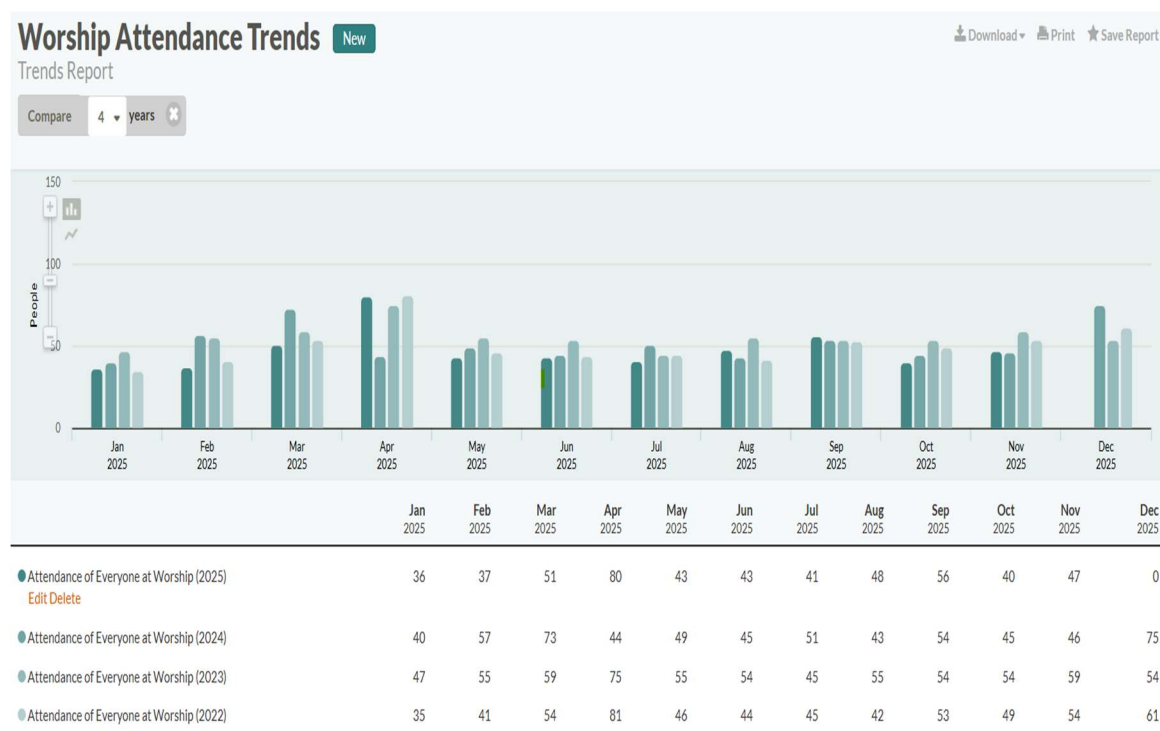
## Bible Studies

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

Wednesday morning women's study: avg. attendance 9 (No study in November, will resume in December)

Friday morning @LMS: avg. attendance 6

## Current Statistics



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

Inactive Members: 33 (Previous report: 34)

Prospects: 13 (Previous report: 13)

## Personal

Kathy and I, Lena and my mom drove to Galveston Texas and back in mid-September for our

Michalk Family Reunion. We attended church at St. John's Lutheran Church which was started by my grandfather in the 1920's. My dad, Erwin, was born there in Galveston.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 12/7/2025    Education Report by Arlee Mueller**

Bible studies: Mixed, Sunday morning; Men, Tuesday morning; Women, Wednesday morning; Mixed, Friday morning; Lake Minnetonka Shores

VBS: August 4–8, 2025. 8 kids attended.

Sunday School: Started up on September 7.

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

Seeking someone to take over the positions of committee chair person and Sunday School Superintendent.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 12/7/2025    Elders Report by Arlee Mueller**

Arlee Mueller and Nathan Betts' Elder terms are up at the end of this year.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 12/7/2025    Trustees Report by Jim Merchant**

The trustees have been working on several things these past months with help from volunteers. Some of the items that were done are the completion of the roof repairs on the parsonage. We hired a new company after several estimates to do the work. Excel Renovations out of Maple Plain were the least expensive and most knowledgeable about our project. We replaced the faucet in the women's restroom in the fellowship hall. We are in the process of replacing some ceiling lights in the education wing with led lighting. We are looking into some work that needs to be done in the kitchen dishwasher heating tank and faucet. We removed a dead tree from the front of the church and hauled it away. We also continue to remove bugs from the sanctuary before service on Sunday. Elevator monthly fire test was completed and the heat turned on for the winter.

Thank you all for your support in keeping our facility ready to serve members and our community. We couldn't do it without you all.

Your Mt. Olive Lutheran Church Trustees

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Congregational Meeting 12/7/2025    Finance Report by Terry Podratz**

The Mount Olive boards are busy working on budgets for 2026 and that is keeping me busy too.

In this final quarter, Mt Olive expenses have been higher than usual due to parsonage updates. Those updates include a new roof, plumbing issues and in November a new water softener.

In October Parsonage Maintenance & Repair shows \$12,723.60. This total consists of \$4472 paid to Tonka Plumbing and \$8251.60 to Excel Renovations. Due to these high expenses \$20,000 was transferred from the Thrivent Funds interest-bearing account to MN Lakes Bank checking. This transfer provides a nice positive cash flow as of October 31<sup>st</sup>, however only the



first half payment to Excel (\$8251.60) for the new roof has been paid. Now that the roof is completed the balance due Excel Renovations as well as the cost for a new water softener will be reflected in November expenses. I hope to have the November financial report prepared by our Congregational meeting.

Kevin and I are trying to find time to work together so that he can learn all the intricacies of the treasurer position. There are many things that only happen annually, and year end is of course the most difficult time.

If anyone has questions about our finances I will be happy to answer or research and get back to you if I don't know the answers off the top of my head.

See separate pages for October and November Financials

-Terry Podratz