

Our Saviors Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
January 21, 2026

Present: Darla Acton, Darin Frerichs, Erin Saathoff, Chavonn Mailahn, Josh Schmidt, Pastor Gary, Pam Gerdes, Roger Henrichs  
Absent: None

Meeting called to order by: Darla and opened with a prayer.

Approve Previous Month's Meeting Minutes -Moved by Roger, seconded by Chavonn

Financial report - Pam reviewed the financial report. Josh noted the decrease of \$10,500 is due to insurance and mileage. Moved by Josh, seconded by Darin

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor opened discussion regarding the previous week's sermon. Discussion was postponed until the end of the meeting. Pastor reported confirmation has been going well.

Old Business:

- Ushers for February - Google Calendar will be used moving forward.
- Church Directory - Erin provided an update for printing the directory. Erin received quotes from Arbor Ink and Priority Printing. Erin will order 50 from Arbor Ink for \$413.41. Directories will be distributed via email as well, after the Annual Meeting, in order to include the new Council members.
- Electronic Sign bids - Erin will reach out again. Darin will reach out to Terry Jurgens to see who recently installed the one for his business.
- Constitution Question - Erin will provide a bullet list of changes proposed to be handed out at the Annual Meeting. Copies will be handed out January 24th & February 1st at the Annual Meeting.

New Business:

- Date for next council meeting will be February 19, 2026 @ 7:30
- Grant Update - Chavonn reported we received the Morris Grant. The official letter has not been received to verify the total award amount.
- Pam reported we received \$500 from Vaughn & Tina Wright Grant Fund for the Ardys Philippi Memorial which will be put in the memorial fund. Kathleen Remmers has requested that her future contributions be designated for a specific project.
- Church Annual meeting will be February 1, 2026 after service.

- Lenten Services - Ash Wednesday services will be at Filley at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Our Savior's. All other services will be held at Our Savior's at 7:00 p.m. & led by the Council. Maundy Thursday & Good Friday services times will be discussed during the Quarterly Parish Meeting with Filley. Faith Formation will have a soup supper on Ash Wednesday. Details to be announced.
- Quarterly Parish Meeting January 28, 2026 @ 6:30 in Filley.
- Electronic Slides - Darla asked how the new system has been working. It has been well received. Pam has cut down on printing the number of bulletins & will continue to print song and announcement sheets.

The Council discussed the sermon from January 18th and the feelings of the congregation with Pastor Gary.

Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

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