# Christ Lutheran Church and PreSchool Congregational Meeting
## Sunday, February 8, 2026 • 10:30 a.m.(ish) *(Rev 1/29/26)*

As part of our efforts to be good stewards with the resources entrusted to us, and to ensure that we share in the decisions of this ministry, we hold congregational meetings. Thank you for participating in this meeting and in all aspects of this ministry. Volunteer leaders are available at any time to answer questions and hear ideas, and all are welcome to sit in on Council Meetings. There is always room for more leadership and participation. Thank you for your attendance, support and fellowship.

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OPEN POSITION – Stewardship (including how we support other organizations)

## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order/Determine Quorum/Opening Prayer**
2. **Update: Good News on State of the Ministry**
   - Consistent Worship: Have worshipped every Sunday, in person & virtual
   - Ministries: PreSchool, Caring Hands, Scouts, 12 Step, Pantries, Hungry, Homeless, Love INC, COOL
   - Bills consistently paid
   - Requested that Synod consider us for an interim or part-time pastor to take burden off of our pastors
   - Partner: Nora Gao/American Friends of International China Concern
   - Rental Partner: South Lake Chinese Christian Church – April start?
3. ***VOTE:* Current Financial Reality *(motion/vote)*** *– Henry Sauer and Richard Davis*
   - *Resource: 2025 Profit & Loss Report*
4. ***VOTE:* 2026 Budget Proposal *(motion/vote)***
   - *Resource: 2026 Budget* – conservative;
   - Additional Expenses to consider – Fix front sign timer & mailbox lights, Narthex chairs, painting, other?
   - Completed – Workroom fan; ceiling tile repairs; lots of clean up!
5. ***VOTE:* Council Roster *(motion/vote)***
   - *See list above* – Room/need for more help; team with another person, or go project-by-project
6. **Update/Discussion: PreSchool Ministry**
   - First school year with new PS Director Stephanie Vertucci
   - Ministry is self sustaining and working toward again contributing
   - Report: Trends in enrollment, programming, staffing, tuition rates, expenses
   - Thank you to Penni, Kathy and PS Board who have put in countless hours
7. **Discussion: Our Path Forward**
   - Discussion: Mission, commitment, participation, ministries. Hold this Holy Ground as a safe space?
8. **Discuss: Worship – Processes & Ideas**
   - Continuing and working to expand rotation of Sunday-only Pastors. Continue to talk with Synod.
   - Children/Youth – help for Kathy on Sunday, options for additional partnerships for youth
   - Discussion – mission, focus, changes, options, suggestions, volunteers
9. **Review: Calendar/Activity Check**
   - **Synod Assembly:** Friday/Saturday, June 5 & 6; 2 attendees; reg opens 2/3) ***(MOTION/VOTE)***
   - **Ash Wednesday:** Feb 18 at 7p; No Maundy Thursday; Good Friday 4/3 at 7p; Easter 4/5 at 9:30a
   - **Lay Leadership Day:** Sat, March 14 from 9 to 3 at Prince of Peace, Schaumburg (reg opens 2/10)
   - Donate flowers for Easter; Butterflies; No Lenten worship planned (devotions on website)
   - Service Projects? New ministry partners?
   - OTHER: PreSchool Birthday Fundraiser 4/25. Bazaars? Rally Day? July 4th Parade? God's Work?
10. **Open Forum – Ideas, feedback, suggestions, announcements**
11. **Adjourn *(VOTE)* and Lord's Prayer**