MEETING NOTES

Christ Lutheran Church and PreSchool Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 8, 2026

1. **Call to Order at 10:30 a.m. with opening prayer**
   - Lynn Brandl determined quorum with 17 in attendance
2. **Good News on State of the Ministry**
   - Consistent Worship: Have worshipped every Sunday, in person & virtual (virtual views between 35 & 100)
   - Ministries: PreSchool, Caring Hands, Scouts, 12 Step, Pantries, Hungry, Homeless, Love INC, COOL
   - Partner Nora Gao/American Friends of International China Concern in place
   - Partner South Lake Chinese Christian Church may begin in April
   - Bills consistently paid
3. **2025 Profit & Loss Statement Approved**
   - Included writing off $11000 in tuition bad debt carried over for many years
   - Theresa Calabrese moved to approve; Kathy Davis seconded; Motion approved
4. **2026 Budget Proposal Approved**
   - Kathy Davis moved to approved budget; Kathy Bilodeau seconded; Motion approved
   - Need help with lawn and exterior upkeep
   - Get sign timer fixed; Ceiling tiles replaced; Replace some light lenses (i.e., Narthex)
5. **Council Roster Approved as Presented in Agenda**
   - Nan Dahlke moved to approve roster; Theresa Calabrese seconded; Motion approved
6. **PreSchool Ministry**
   - New PreSchool Director Stephanie Vertucci started in August 2025
   - Long-time teacher Jayne Hezner retiring at end of school year
   - Continue to investigate online tuition payment option without hindering Scouts, others
   - Marketing efforts include special events, open house, signs, banners
   - Thank you to PreSchool Board President Penni Sauer and volunteers for their efforts
7. **Discussion: Our Path Forward**
   - Requested additional/interim pastoral support; scheduled to meet potential interim
   - What do we want to focus on? Worship; Challenge us; Build up Preschool; Not be judgy
8. **Discussion: Worship**
   - Get help for Kathy on Sunday for Sunday School activities
   - Creating curriculum as we go to make it easier in the future
   - Lynn will work to expand our roster to give our Pastors enough support
9. **Synod Assembly June 5 & 6**
   - Nan Dahlke and Tom Pfenning will attend/vote on our behalf
   - Theresa Calabrese motioned to approve and Kathy Davis seconded; Motion approved
10. **Discussion Topics, Plan, Events, Worship**
    - Worship – Ash Wednesday 2/18 at 7p; No Maundy Thursday; Good Friday 4/3 at 7p; Easter is 4/25
    - Easter Sunday – Heavier snacks & decorations; Butterflies & flowers, etc.
    - PreSchool Birthday Bash –: April 25 from 10a to 1p; Please start collecting raffle prizes
    - July 4 Parade – PreSchool will march; Sign up on the Village website and line up in parking lot with Scouts
11. **Adjourn and Lord's Prayer**
    - Theresa Calabrese motioned to adjourn; Penni Sauer seconded. Motion approved.