

Notice:

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*A Member Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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**Annual Congregational Voters Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

**Call to Order** by Chairman, Craig V. Timm at 10:54 a.m. with 29 members present.

**Opening Prayer** led by Rev. Matthew Lorfeld.

**Welcome** extended by Craig V. Timm

**Roberts Rules of Order** reviewed by Pastor Lorfeld.

**January 19, 2025 Agenda:** Motion made by Marilyn Knoll, seconded by Cindy Johnson to accept the Agenda. Motion carried.

**2024 Annual Report** submitted—none were added.

**Minutes from January 21, 2024** accepted with a motion by Chuck Peters, seconded by Anita Westfall. Motion carried.

**Strategic Plan and Mission Statement:** Plans are moving forward.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Lorfeld read the printed report from the Annual Report.

**2025 Budget** as approved by the Church Council on Nov. 7, 2024 was noted as a “working document”. Motion made by Marilyn Knoll, seconded by Elaine Polansky to approve the 2025 Budget. Discussion. Motion carried with a show of hands of 25 Yea, and 2 Nay.

**Organ Options:** Craig V. Timm read the printed motion, Pastor Lorfeld read and presented the Substitute Motion and explanation of the Phoenix LT 370 Digital Organ for a cost of \$78,700.00. Printed information is included in the Annual Meeting permanent file. Second by Jeff Zimmerman. Discussion. Information included: LCEF rate of 4.125%. Wait time of anywhere from 12 weeks (3 months) to one (1) year. Down payment would be 60% of cost with the remaining 40% when installed and accepted by the Congregation and installation is complete. Call for the question: Motion made by Kaitlyn Federwitz, seconded by Cathy Timm to accept the proposal. Motion carried.

**District Convention** (held every 3 years) will be held June 1 & 2, 2025. Motion made by Gary Getzloff, seconded by Chuck Peters to nominate Craig Timm as representative. Jeff Zimmerman volunteered as an Alternate.

**District President**, Duwayne Lueck will be retiring on July 1, 2025.

**Nomination for District President** of Preston Paul as Candidate. Motion made by Matthew Lorfeld, second by Anita Westfall. Motion carried.

**Nomination for District Vice-Presidents** of Timothy Roser, Brian Liermann and Kelly Smith. Motion by Gary Getzloff, seconded by Cathy Timm. Motion carried.

The **Treasurer** is to have **Monthly Financial Statements** printed and included in the Monthly News Letter for review by the Congregation.

**Meeting Agendas** should include a listing for input by general members.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Spaghetti Supper** hosted by Lutheran Women In Mission on Sunday, February 16, 2025.

**Lenten Service schedule:** Service times to be announced.

**Ash Wednesday, March 5**

**Palm Sunday, April 13**

**Good Friday, March 18**

**Easter Sunday, April 20**

**2025 Annual Congregational Meeting** was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

**Closing Prayer** by Rev. Matthew Lorfeld.

Respectfully submitted

*Judith A. Shepard*

Congregational Secretary