

## Spring Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes January 13, 2026

Attendance: Jessica H, Kay P, Dale P, Duey D, Tracy N, Julie W, Pastor Bob, Cindy, Sue

Call to Order: Jessica started the meeting at 5:27pm.

Agenda: Add to Agenda: Piano Tune Up-Cindy; Sidewalks Snow Removal-Duey; Church Insurance-Dale. Cindy made a motion to approve the agenda with additions. Dale 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.

Secretary Report: Duey made a motion to approve the report. Cindy 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Dale made a motion to approve the report based on the previous report layout, noting that the council needs time to learn where funds are allocated in the new layout of Quickbooks reports. Cindy 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

- Water Testing-Dale states that per Ray's Dec 30th email, the water test came back good. Ray will do a follow up test. If the test comes back good again, we will resume normal water use.
- Mowing Bill-The mowing bill was paid in full.
- Cleaning Checklist-Jess created a list and sent it to the cleaning lady for review. Jess will bring it to the council for approval when finalized.
- Budget and annual reports-Have reports to Brandie by Feb 2nd.

### New Business:

- Christmas Decor-Decor will be taken down after the Jan. 18 service.
- Annual Meeting-Spring Lake's annual meeting is set for Feb. 15, 2026.
- Open Positions/Recruitment-Financial Secretary, Parish Council Rep, Deacon, Trustee. Cindy will make phone calls to recruit for open positions.
- Worship Service Coverage-Jan 18 service: Ushers Don & Cindy Jensen, Reader Dale Place
- Piano Tune Up-Cindy received a request that the Spring Lake piano should be tuned. Jess will check with Brandie to see who has been used in the past.
- Sidewalk Snow Removal-Duey is requesting to use Jeff Johnson for shoveling and deicing the sidewalks at Spring Lake. Cindy made the motion, Dale 2nd. All approve. Motion carried.
- Church Insurance-Dale hasn't received a bill for the church insurance; only an update to the policy. Jess will check with Brandie for an insurance update.

Round Table:

- Pastor's Report
  - Synod Minister Laura Ramelow will be at Gilman on March 1 to present about Malawi, Africa during worship and during Coffee Fellowship Hour.
  - Pastor Bob is attempting to get the Spring Valley Ministerial going again. He has reached out to Pastor Todd and Pastor Kevin, with the main goal at this point being to plan a community Thanksgiving Worship Service for 2026.
  - Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18. Pastor is working on the Lenten theme for 2026. The Confirmation schedule does not change during Lent.
  - Information on First Communion training will be announced soon. Note: First Communion Celebration will take place on Maundy Thursday, April 2.
  - Installation of Officers will be Feb. 22.
  - Annual meetings are set for all three churches. Get information to Brandie in the church office by:
    - Gilman—Jan 19
    - St. John's—Jan 28
    - Spring Lake—Feb 2

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 10th at 5:30pm.

Adjourn: 6:45pm Dale made a motion to adjourn. Dued 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.