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Our Redeemer's Lutheran Congregation
1st Quarterly Meeting Notes
Sunday, 19 April 2026, v1.0

1. **The Meeting** was called to order at 10:20 am by Council President, Ken Holmes; 21 voting members were present, constituting a quorum (i.e., 16 or greater).
2. **Opening prayer** was led by Pastor Beth Macha on asking God to be with us and to guide our decision making.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. A motion was made by Roy Lawrenz and seconded by Lora Houska to approve the 1st quarterly meeting agenda; the motion was passed unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes** from the annual meeting on Sunday, 25 January 2026.
 - a. A motion was made by Roy Lawrenz and seconded by Karen Zahn to accept the minutes as presented; the motion was passed unanimously.
5. **Reading of the Mission Statements.** Ken Holmes read our mission statements:
 - a. Faith statement: "Living in God's grace, we walk by faith and not by sight."
 - b. Business statement: "Our mission is to support one another to be faithful in worship, witness, and outreach; committing ourselves to proclaim the Gospel."
6. **Financial Reports.**
 - a. 1st Quarter Reports.
 - i. General fund.
 - ii. Improvement fund.
 - iii. Memorial fund.
 - iv. Blessing Basket fund.
 - b. Jack Rabe made a motion to accept the 1st quarterly financial reports as printed; the motion was seconded by Karen Zahn.
 - c. Discussion: Karen Zahn asked if the deficit in the General fund financial report reflected the transfer of the set-aside funds approved at the annual meeting. The Treasurer was not available to confirm this but President Ken Holmes believed they were.
 - d. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.
7. **Pastor's Report.**
 - a. See the written report in the quarterly report.
8. **President's Report.**
 - a. See the written report in the quarterly report.
9. **Committee Reports** – written reports for the following committees were included in the quarterly report.
 - a. Blessing Basket.

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- b. Building, Maintenance, Improvement/ HVAC Subcommittee.
- c. Constitution & Policy.
- d. Evangelism & Stewardship.
- e. Memorial.
- f. Women of Our Redeemer's.
- g. Worship & Music.

10. Old Business.

- a. Security.
 - i. All outside and interior light were replaced where necessary and are fully functional now.
 - ii. Purchase and installation of cameras was tabled for now because of privacy and cost issues.
- b. A Chairperson is needed for the Education Committee.
 - i. Individual sub-chairs will have responsibility for planning and implementing Committee actions (e.g., Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Bible Studies); the chair of the Committee would be responsible for coordinating actions and events.

11. New Business.

- a. Organ.
 - i. The organ has been removed from the Sanctuary because it could not be repaired for full use during worship services.
 - ii. Members of the Congregation have not expressed an interest in taking the organ.
 - iii. Lora Houska will advertise on Market Place that it is available and free.
- b. Danish Festival/Abelskiver.
 - i. Committee Co-chair Karen Zahn reported that planning is well along for the Festival on 2 May. She requested that Congregation members respond to her regarding the requests for their help. Team work is needed for a successful Festival.
- c. Handicap Door.
 - i. There has been a proposal to install an automatic door at the front entrance. An initial cost estimate was \$8,000 for the door mechanics and \$2,000 for the electrical work.
 - ii. Carol Suring made a motion to get additional information and bids on installing a door.
 - 1. During discussion, It was noted that we currently have 3+ members in the Congregation that would benefit from an automatic door and that we are an aging Congregation with more members potentially needing such a door.

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2. It was suggested that Memorial funds may be available to pay for a portion of this door if the contributors approved that use of their funds.
 3. With a show of hands vote, the majority passed the motion.
- d. Audit.
- i. The Council has decided the General Account has become complex enough to schedule an audit every 6 months (i.e., January and July). All other financial accounts will be audited once a year in January, unless the account holders would like an audit in July.

12. Additions to Agenda.

- a. None.

13. Adjourn.

- a. Greg Staabe made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Carol Suring; the motion carried.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am with recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:
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Council Secretary