

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATION COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

January 13, 2026

Attending: Marilyn, Sara, Gabby, Pastor Kristen Larsen-Schmidt, Chris, Karin, Laura, Brian, Kris, Anne

Preparing Our Hearts and Minds to Serve

- Opening Prayer - Sara Hopkins
- As we deliberate, let us affirm our congregation's commitment to pursue racial justice, advocate for migrant families, and support the LGBTQIA community.
- Is there anything on the consent agenda that should be moved to the discussion agenda? If not, is there a motion to approve the whole agenda?

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of December 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Reception of Committee Reports (see summary below)

Discussion Agenda

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor Kristen
2. Update on progress of Flock Ministry Refresh: Pastor Kristen, Chris, and Kris

Working on recruiting and thinking about how we move forward with training and organization. Orientation January 25th noon until 2:00 for flock leaders. Preparing for inclusion and continuity and sustainability within the flock system. The leaders will serve for a three year term.

3. Revision and Approval of Safety Policy, Pastor Kristen, Sara

The cost of these recommendations both financially and how we live as a congregation.

4. Discussion and Approval of 2026 Budget, Pastor Kristen, Chris

Budget chart presented by Chris as we look to the next year.

Sarah makes a motion to approve the budget Brian seconded and it passed.

5. Kids offering to Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

6. Once the Land Acknowledgement Statement is finalized it will be presented to be approved by the congregation at the annual meeting. It was approved by the Council.

8. Reception of December Treasurer's report

Announcements:

Newsletter Deadline January 19th.

Committee reports/summaries due to office on Second Monday of the month

Agenda with committee links emailed to Council Third Monday of the month, Please read prior to the Council meeting.

Next Council meeting, February 17, 2026

Thank-you's and appreciation time

Closing Prayer

With deep gratitude to Marilyn Rue and Kris Petersen as they complete their time on council. Kris has led the council in the role of Vice President, President, and Past President through the transition from pastor Amy to interim pastors to Pastor Kristen with such grace and competence; we are thankful to God for her service.

Marilyn moves to adjourn and Kris seconded and it passed.