

Central Lutheran Church

Annual
Report
for 2025

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – Provost, Alberta
ANNUAL MEETING – January 18th, 2026

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Central Lutheran Church
Annual General Meeting – January 26, 2025

1. Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by vice-chair, Linda Aker.

In attendance were:

Donna Johnston	Kaylee Pylypow	Kathy Botting
Alyssa Rab	Darlene Downing	Wenona McCormick
Dawn Paulgaard	Edna Merriman	Floyd Johnston
Carol Johnston	Gerry Motta	Melanie McGowan
Elton Paulgaard	Cheryl Bouma	Dick Brouwer
Elaine Brouwer	Trevor Provick	Linda Aker
Sherrilyn Spencer	Pastor Paul	

2. Opening Devotion – Matthew 28: 16-20

3. Consideration of Agenda

Trevor Provick moved to adopt the agenda as printed. Seconded by Cheryl Bouma.

All in Favour. Carried.

4. Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting

The minutes from the Annual Meeting dated January 28, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Linda Aker asked if there was any discussion wanted regarding these minutes. There was none.

Darlene Downing moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Seconded by Dawn Paulgaard.

All in Favour. Carried.

5. Old Business – No old business.

6. Correspondence – Bishop's Letter –

7. Reports

a. Committees –

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a) Skyline – p. 12

b. Treasurer's Report – p. 13 - 15

Financials ending December 31, 2024 were reviewed.

Dick Brouwer moved to accept the year-end financials as presented. Seconded by Trevor Provick.

All in Favour. Carried.

c. Chairperson's – p. 16

d. Pastor Report- p. 17

All reports were printed and distributed at the annual meeting. Linda Aker asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the reports. There were none.

Darlene Downing moved to accept all reports as presented. Seconded by Melanie McGowan.

All in Favour. Carried.

8. 2025 Proposed Budget

Donna Johnston presented the proposed budget for 2025 and reviewed the actual budget from 2024.

Melanie McGowan moved that we accept the budget proposed for 2025. Seconded by Cheryl Bouma.

All in Favour. Carried.

9. Nominations and Elections

a) Church Council

Council members whose terms are expiring this year are: Antoinette Erasmus, Ken Berg, Trevor Provick, and Sherrilyn Spencer

We currently have 1 X 2 year term, 1 x 1 year term, and 4 X 3 year term vacancies

Cheryl Bouma, Deon Erasmus, Susan McElhinney, and Brad Pylypow have agreed to let their names stand for council positions.

Linda Aker asked for further nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

The 4 members that let their names stand will be installed as new council members.

10. New business

a) Date of 2026 Annual meeting – January 18, 2026 following church service.

Trevor Provick moved that the 2026 annual meeting will be held on January 18, 2026. Seconded by Donna Johnston.

All in Favour. Carried

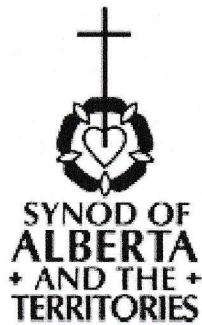
11. Closing Devotion

12. Lord's Prayer

13. Adjournment @ 11:41 a.m.

Darlene Downing made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dick Brouwer.

All in Favour. Carried.



January 2026

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus!

Across the Synod of Alberta and the Territories congregations will soon hold their annual meetings. While this may seem to be business as usual, these meetings are important ministry moments.

It's not an easy time to be the church. Old certainties no longer carry the assurance they once did. And yet, we are developing new ways to put faith into action. Congregations are adapting! We are courageous partners with one another and the Holy Spirit.

Our Synod exists not as an institution hovering above congregations, but as an extension of our shared commission. Collaboration with the Synod and with one another is not an administrative obligation; it is a theological practice. It is one of the ways we live out our baptismal promise and participate in God's work of justice, compassion, and renewal. When we collaborate, we make room for gifts to circulate, for burdens to be shared, and for imagination to multiply. Thank you for your benevolence – gifts that enable administration of calls, training leaders, nurturing young people, guidance through conflict, and much more.

We are in an era calling us from a focus on self-sufficiency and survival, to big-hearted giving, partnership and trust. This is our hope for the future.

We give to ministries near and far because we understand that our tithes change lives. Luther encouraged us to be "curved out" (to be mindful of others, not just ourselves) because it teaches us to rely on God's provision. Our financial resources are for the good of all.

Church is created by and for relationship—with God, with one another, and with the world. As such, we are called to intentionally develop ways of working together that uphold accountability and mutual responsibility. In this time of change, trust for one another will be like the cement between our building blocks.

Partnership stretches us. It invites us beyond constraining patterns and deceptive independence. It asks us to trust that God is at work not only in our own context, but in the wider body to which we belong. In a culture that prizes self-sufficiency, choosing *interdependence* becomes a quiet, countercultural witness to the gospel.

These gestures may seem modest, but the Spirit has a long history of accomplishing much from humble beginnings: a few loaves, several fish, and willing hearts. As we move through this new year together, I invite your congregation to lean into a shared life. Pray for one another across regions.

Engage in synodical initiatives--not as obligations but as opportunities for connection. Let us know where you need help. Be curious, generous, and brave--together!

Thank you for your witness, your perseverance, and your willingness to walk this shared road. May the Spirit continue to shape us together for the sake of the world God loves.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bishop Trish Schmermund".

Rev. Trish Schmermund, Bishop
Synod of Alberta and the Territories
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

MISSION & OUTREACH

World Day of Prayer was held March 7, 2025

Soup and Sandwich: followed by Lent Services was held - March 12 through April 9.

Two Great Give Away Garage Sale:

Spring & Fall - on May 9 and September 5. Thank you for all the support from our church members and community. Left over items were packed and delivered to places that assist those in need. Thank you to Pastor Paul and to all who donated, organized, and helped the day of the sale. We are planning Spring & Fall "Great Giveaway" again this upcoming year.

We hope to continue the outreach for our School Breakfast Program throughout the year. The need is great.

Silent Auction & Potluck was held on November 23rd - money raised was divided between Central Lutheran, VBS, and School Breakfast Program.

Thankyou to all

Respectfully submitted

Susan McElhinney
Melanie McGowan

Central Lutheran Church Worship Committee Report – 2025

As we look back on another year, we are so grateful for the members of our congregation who willingly give their time in the operation of our church; from the regular Sunday service duties to the serving of funerals, and hosting visitors in our church for special events like Grief Share, Bible Study, and VBS. We also had the opportunity in 2025 to host World Day of Prayer in March and the Interfaith Christmas Party. This year, Pastor has introduced a new Narrative Lectionary Sermon series, which tells the whole story of God and his people from creation to the early church year, focusing on one of the gospels in a four-year cycle. The cycle begins on the Sunday after Labour Day and ends on Pentecost Sunday in June. In the summer, specific books of the bible are read and preached on. This has been well received by the congregation as we hear Pastor speak on and study some of the scriptures that we don't often reflect on. We are truly blessed to have Pastor Paul as our shepherd, leading us by example with all the many services he provides to our church and community.

Please continue to pray for our Church and all it's programs for 2026 and our faithful Pastor and congregation as we serve God in the upcoming year.

1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

2026 – 2027 Servants List

Date	Servant	Reader	Date	Servant	Reader
Jan. 25	Brad & Cindy Pylypow	Brad Pylypow	*July 12	Gary & Donna Johnston	Donna Johnston
*Feb. 1	Elton & Linda Paulgaard	Linda Paulgaard	*July 19	Deon & Antoinette Erasmus	Darlene Downing
Feb. 8	Whidden Family	Donna Johnston	July 26	Virtual Service	
* Feb. 15	Tom & Diana Kroetsch	Diana Kroetsch	Aug. 2	Virtual Service	
Feb. 22	Ed & Connie Masson	Ed Masson	Aug. 9	Virtual Service	
* Mar. 1	Dick & Elaine Brouwer	Dick Brouwer	*Aug. 16	Whidden Family	Diana Kroetsch
Mar. 8	Deon & Antoinette Erasmus	Vivan Baier	*Aug. 23	Val Paulgaard & Darlene Downing	Darlene Downing
* Mar. 15	Trevor & ML Provick	Trevor Provick	*Aug. 30	Brad & Cindy Pylypow	Brad Pylypow
Mar. 22	Stephen & Karen Paulgaard	Darlene Downing	* Sept. 6	Melanie & Kendra McGowan	Kendra McGowan
* Mar. 29	Melanie & Kendra McGowan	Kendra McGowan	Sept. 13	Lavigne Family	Dick Brouwer
* Apr. 5	Norris & Ruth Pahlke	Ruth Pahlke	*Sept.20	Norris & Ruth Pahlke	Ruth Pahlke
Apr. 12	Lloyd Family	Stacy Lloyd	Sept. 27	Trevor & ML Provick	Trevor Provick
* Apr. 19	Andrew & Alyssa Rab	Alyssa Rab	*Oct. 4	Ken & Diane Berg	Ken Berg
Apr. 26	Vivan & David Baier	Vivian Baier	Oct. 11	John & Brenda Sullivan	Brenda Sullivan
* May 3	Lorne & Julie Olson	Lorne Olson	*Oct. 18	Lloyd Family	Stacy Lloyd
May 10	Elton & Linda Paulgaard	Linda Paulgaard	Oct. 25	Stephen & Karen Paulgaard	Donna Johnston
* May 17	Val Paulgaard & Darlene Downing	Darlene Downing	*Nov. 1	Andrew & Alyssa Rab	Alyssa Rab
May 24	Kris & Tara Mills	Kris Mills	Nov. 8	Vivan & David Baier	Vivian Baier
* May 31	Gary & Donna Johnston	Donna Johnston	*Nov. 15	Tom & Diana Kroetsch	Diana Kroetsch
* Jun. 7	Ken & Diane Berg	Ken Berg	Nov. 22	Levi & Joelle Paulgaard	Joelle Paulgaard
Jun. 14	Nathan & Lauren Heck	Lauren Heck	*Nov. 29	Lorne & Julie Olson	Lorne Olson
*Jun. 21	Spencer Family	Spencer Family	*Dec. 6	Spencer Family	Spencer Family
Jun. 28	Brenda & John Sullivan	Brenda Sullivan	Dec. 13	Kris & Tara Mills	Kris Mills
* July 5	Ed & Connie Masson	Ed Masson			

Date	Servant	Reader			
*Dec. 20	Darlene Downing	Darlene Downing			
Dec. 27	Andrew & Alyssa Rab	Alyssa Rab			
<u>2027</u> * Jan. 3	Dick & Elaine Brouwer	Dick Brouwer			
Jan. 10	Gary & Donna Johnston	Donna Johnston			
*Jan. 17	Elton & Linda Paulgaard	Linda Paulgaard			
Jan. 24	Melanie & Kendra McGowan	Kendra McGowan			

Church Attendance 2025

(website service usage in brackets)

(italics indicates Holy Communion)

<u>Sundays</u>	* - pastor's vacation or illness	X – council choice, no in-person		
<i>Jan 5 – 30 (3)</i>	Jan 12* – 20	Jan 19*	Jan 26 – 40 (4)	
<i>Feb 2 – 39 (6)</i>	Feb 11 – 27 (3)	<i>Feb 16 – 29 (4)</i>	Feb 23 – 48 (4)	
<i>Mar 2 – 53 (1)</i>	Mar 9 – 34 (2)	<i>Mar 16 – 54 (3)</i>	Mar 23 – 46 (1)	<i>Mar 30 – 47 (8)</i>
<i>Apr 6 – 34 (1)</i>	Apr 13 – 41 (3)	Apr 20 – 86 (4)	Apr 27 – 29 (1)	
<i>May 4 – 51 (5)</i>	May 11 – 40 (3)	<i>May 18 – 44 (2)</i>	May 26 – 40 (2)	
<i>Jun 1 – 70 (3)</i>	Jun 8 – 55 (6)	<i>Jun 15 – 28 (3)</i>	Jun 22 – 41 (1)	<i>Jun 29 – 36 (13)</i>
<i>Jul 6 – 30 (6)</i>	<i>Jul 13 – 33 (1)</i>	Jul 20* – (9)	Jul 27* – (6)	
Aug 3* – (5)	<i>Aug 10 – 45 (5)</i>	<i>Aug 17 – 25 (1)</i>	<i>Aug 24 – 27 (4)</i>	<i>Aug 31 – 36 (2)</i>
<i>Sep 7 – 25 (4)</i>	Sep 14 – 32 (1)	<i>Sep 21 – 47 (5)</i>	Sep 28 – 26 (1)	
<i>Oct 5 – 35 (2)</i>	<i>Oct 12 – 46 (2)</i>	<i>Oct 19 – 49 (2)</i>	Oct 26 – 39 (5)	
<i>Nov 2 – 46 (4)</i>	Nov 9 – 62 (6)	<i>Nov 16 – 40 (*)</i>	Nov 23 – 55 (2)	<i>Nov 30 – 30 (15)</i>
<i>Dec 7 – 48 (4)</i>	Dec 14 – 72 (3)	<i>Dec 21 – 42 (2)</i>	Dec 28 – 17 (2)	
In-person:	48 services	HC: 29 services	Virtual:	49 services
Attendance	2025 Avg. - 41	2024 Avg. - 41	2023 avg. - 41	2022 avg. - 36
	Virtual Avg. - 4	2024 V.avg. - 5	2023 V.avg. - 5	2022 V.avg. - 6
<u>Midweek - Lent</u>				
Feb 21 – 21	Feb 28 – 19	Mar 6 – 19	Mar 13 – 14	Mar 20 – 22
	2025 Avg. - 19	2024 avg. - 19	2023 avg. - 24	2022 avg. - 19
	No virtual in '25	No virtual in '24	Virtual avg. - 2	Virtual avg. - 0
<u>Midweek Festival</u>				
Ash Wednesday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil Sat.	C-mas Eve(Wed)	
Mar 5 – 22	Apr 18 – 46 (4)	X	Dec 24 – 152	
<u>Christmas/Easter</u>	2025	2024	2023	2022
Easter Sunday	86	95	93	76
Christmas Eve	152	163	125	110

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT 2025

Sunday School resumed in January and we are continuing to use the curriculum "Holy Moly".

We looked into adding some online resources to add to this program so it can meet the needs of the wide age range of children we are serving. We had a total of three craft Sundays throughout the year: Easter, Mother's Day and Thanksgiving.

June 1st was the wrap up for the summer which was celebrated with potluck and public swimming for all who wanted to attend.

VBS took place August 18-22nd. With a lot of volunteer hours, the church was transformed, and the theme of "True North... trusting Jesus in a wild world" was celebrated by the children, leaders, and volunteers. Over one hundred hearts were touched by this wonderful outreach. Thank you to all involved for making this an event for the whole community (and beyond), such a success.

The Sunday School Christmas pageant we held on December 14th during the service. "Cookin' Up Christmas" told us the story of Jesus' birth with lots of music and laughter. A huge thank you to Stacy and Darlene for putting this together and to all the participants who put hours into learning songs and lines. After the service, in true Lutheran fashion, we had a potluck dinner.

We are grateful to everyone for their help and support so our Sunday School and VBS can continue to be a part of our children's Christian upbringing. It is our hope that our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends can be beacons of light for Jesus, as they go about their world, in school and after school activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Aker Paulgaard

Cheryl Bouma

Property Committee Report – 2025

This year, we think we solved the problem of the leaking church roof! We will wait until the spring run-off to confirm, and then check the framing for water damage and repaint the ceiling.

Thanks to all who participated in our Spring Clean-up on May 3!

We had a change in janitor during 2025, thanks to Tina Petersen for her service to our congregation, and thanks to Kathy Botting for taking on the role!

The highest priority for maintenance in the parsonage for 2026 will be to replace the kitchen and dining room flooring.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee:

Deon Erasmus

Ed Masson

BMO Funds

December 31, 2025

BMO FUNDS (Worship Enhancement)

2024 Balance Forward	\$ 58,390.49
2025 Interest	1,605.64
Carpet/Building	3,760.00
2025 Honorarium	950.00
2025 Our Saviour's Maintenance	(7,041.00.)
2025 Our Saviour's Memorials	580.00
2025 Our Saviour's Donation	5,580.00
Skyline Donation	300.00
2025 Skyline Yard Maintenance	(990.00)
2025 Memorials	<u>575.00</u>

BMO Fund Balance at December 31, 2025

\$63,710.13

** These Funds are included in the total BMO Fund Balance above:

Skyline Cemetery Fund

2024 Balance Forward	\$ 8,458.00
2025 Yard Maintenance	(990.00)
2025 Donation	<u>300.00</u>
	\$7,768.00

Our Saviour's Cemetery Fund

2024 Balance Forward	\$ 11,324.53
2025 Donation	5,580.00
2025 Memorials	580.00
2025 Maintenance	<u>(7,041.00)</u>
	\$ 10,443.53

Carpet Fund

2024 Balance Forward	\$ 13,540.00
2025 Donations	<u>3,760.00</u>
	\$ 17,300.00

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Financial Statement
January 1 – December 31, 2025

Income

Current Envelopes			\$ 158,695.00
Synod Benevolence			
Benevolence/Alberta	\$ 3,945.00		
CLWR	<u>14,400.00</u>		18,345.00
Loose Offerings			1,231.00
SS & VBS Offering			7,122.20
Other:			
Interest	\$ 11.84		
Funeral Lunches	700.00		
Choir Income	411.50		
Janitor Reimburse	200.00		
Lent	750.00		
World Day of Prayer	325.00		
Resound Building Use	325.25		
Hymnal	30.00		
Employer Match Donation	<u>905.00</u>		3,658.59
Donations to:			
Our Saviour's	\$ 200.00		
Carpet	3,760.00		
Pleasant Ridge	1,250.00		
Skyline	300.00		
School Breakfast Prog.	634.00		
Museum	100.00		
Food Bank	<u>2,942.00</u>		9,186.00
Honorariums			950.00
BMO: Skyline Yard/Our Savior's Yard/Maintenance			8,031.00
Memorials:			
J. McDonald	\$ 1,390.00		
M. Hager	100.00		
R. Paulgaard	130.00		
K. Larson	25.00		
K & E Paulgaard (O/S)	500.00		
L. Spaetgens	<u>400.00</u>		<u>2,545.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME			<u>\$ 209,763.79</u>

Expenses

Salary/Receiver General			\$ 74,164.80
Health & Dental			6,564.00
Pension, Group Benefits, CEP, & Book Allowance			12,268.28
Car Expense			0.00
Parsonage Repair & Maintenance			4,347.21
Parsonage Utilities:	EPCOR	\$ 2,581.70	
	DERS	1,275.24	
	Telus	1,775.59	
	Water	<u>976.56</u>	6,609.09
Synod: Benevolence/AB	\$ 3,945.00		
CLWR	<u>14,400.00</u>		18,345.00
Janitor/Yard			6,242.50
Sunday School			167.54
Vacation Bible School			5,014.27
Church Utilities:	Telus/Internet	\$ 2,068.08	
	EPCOR	6,339.24	
	DERS	3,328.31	
	Water/Garbage	<u>1,667.81</u>	13,403.44
GST Paid			1,498.32
Repair & Maintenance			4,267.39
Office Supplies			1,478.04
GriefShare			1,056.12
Other:	Kitchen Supplies	\$ 1,268.60	
	Envelopes	294.14	
	Choir Music	459.73	
	Advertising	994.00	
	Convention Fee	555.00	
	Miscellaneous	<u>370.00</u>	3,941.47
Insurance			8,476.00
Our Saviour's Yard Maintenance/Site Prep/Monuments			7,040.95
Skyline Yard Maintenance			990.00
Invest in BMO/Worship Enhancement			6,365.00
Donations to: Ministerial Food Bank/Pleasant Ridge/Interfaith/Spark Foundation/Museum/Breakfast Prog.			<u>5,851.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES			<u>\$ 188,090.42</u>

BANK RECONCILIATION – 2025

December 31, 2024 Balance Forward	\$ 20,671.03
Plus: 2025 Income	<u>209,763.79</u>
	230,434.82
Less: 2025 Expenses	<u>188,090.42</u>
Balance at December 31, 2025	<u>\$ 42,344.40</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Paulgaard-Johnston, Treasurer

Pastor's Report for 2025

*"How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you?"
(1 Thessalonians 3:9)*

With a world on the threshold of a massive leap in the velocity of change, our Saviour's words are unchanging - "Follow me!" Our connection with God and with each other, and our participation in God's mission, forms a solid foundation in a time of chaos. Here are the highlights of our past year together in ministry:

Outreach:

Our premiere event for outreach was once again Vacation Bible School in August, "True North", and the response by the community was encouraging, with attendance near 100 children per day, and many volunteers from outside the congregation. We held Free Garage Sales in both May and September, and response to them remains solid, expect the same in 2026. We completed our first GriefShare session in years in February, and started another session with updated materials in October, and will likely offer another session in 2026, as the community has been through a heavy season of loss. We continued to offer the use of our building to the Girl Guides and the Music Festival Association. And we opened our doors for a Monday morning coffee club while other facilities were under repair.

Wider Church:

National Convention was held from July 10-13 in Winnipeg, at which time a new national bishop was elected, ex-ABT Synod Bishop Larry Kochendorfer. There will be no convention in 2026, according to our 3-year cycle.

Education:

Huge thanks to our Sunday School superintendent, teachers, parents, and volunteers for their efforts in continuing to make Sunday School possible, this is a top-priority ministry! Confirmation class continues to be on hiatus, waiting for students to reach the appropriate age. Bible study is ongoing at the nursing home, in 2025 we studied Paul's letters to the Corinthians.

Worship:

Average Sunday morning worship attendance for 2025 held the line at 41, no change in the last three years but still down from our 2019 pre-pandemic average of 55. Pre-recorded services were provided for 49 Sundays on the website (including Sundays where there was no in-person service due to vacation), and on average they were accessed by 4 devices before Sunday noon. Our Lenten sermon series was on the letter of James, and attendance at the midweek Lenten soup suppers and services averaged 19. We mourned the loss of Dean Hager and Bob Paulgaard in 2025, and I presided at ten other funerals and interments in the community. We celebrated the marriages of Andersen Bast with Brenna Paulgaard, and Eric Brager with Sara Paulgaard, and I also presided at three weddings of people not attached to our congregation. And, we welcomed into God's family in baptism: Ezra Paulgaard, Kyle, Megan, and Tanner Deleff, and Colt Hunter.

Property:

It appears that we have fixed the leaking church roof, now we need to see if there is damage to the framing before repainting.

Personal:

Thank you for your support of my work with the Provost Ministerial Food Bank, and with services and bible studies for the wider community! And thank you for your prayers for my family, it is much felt and much appreciated!

Outlook:

As John wrote, "Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." - we always have cause for optimism! As the wider world becomes more chaotic, and the contrast between the darkness of the world and the light of Christ increases, we are hopeful that the Gospel message will have even greater impact on our wider community. May God guide us in 2026, such that His love, grace, and truth are obvious in everything we do, and to everyone we encounter...

Yours in Christ,



Pastor Paul McCormick

Central Lutheran Church

Proposed 2026 Budget

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Actual '25</u>	<u>Budget '25</u>	<u>Proposed '26</u>
Salary	\$ 68,576.00	\$ 68,576.00	\$ 69,945.00
Car Expense	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Receiver General	5,588.80	5,590.00	5,735.00
ELCIC Pension & Benefits	11,168.28	11,500.00	12,415.00
CEP	600.00	600.00	600.00
Book Allowance	500.00	500.00	500.00
Pulpit Supply	0.00	400.00	400.00
Conferences & Convention	0.00	500.00	500.00
Parsonage	4,347.21	7,500.00	7,500.00
Parsonage Utilities	6,609.09	8,500.00	8,000.00
Dental & Medical	<u>6,564.00</u>	<u>6,564.00</u>	<u>7,608.00</u>
	\$ 103,953.38	\$ 111,230.00	\$ 114,203.00
Janitor/Yard Maintenance	\$ 6,242.50	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
Telephone/Internet	2,068.08	1,500.00	2,250.00
Office Supplies	1,478.04	2,000.00	2,000.00
SS & VBS	3,598.76	5,000.00	5,000.00
DERS	3,328.31	5,000.00	4,000.00
EPCOR	6,339.24	8,000.00	7,000.00
Water, Sewer, Garbage	1,667.81	1,600.00	1,800.00
Canada Lutheran	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repair & Maintenance	4,267.39	6,000.00	6,000.00
Conferences & Convention	555.00	500.00	500.00
Church Envelopes	294.14	300.00	300.00
Insurance	8,476.00	8,000.00	9,000.00
Advertising	994.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Choir Music	459.73	1,000.00	1,000.00
GST	1,498.32	1,500.00	1,500.00
Conference Dues	0.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	370.00	1,000.00	500.00
Educational Supplies	1,056.12	1,000.00	1,000.00
Mission/Outreach	0.00	500.00	500.00
Kitchen Supplies	<u>1,268.60</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
	<u>\$43,962.04</u>	<u>\$ 53,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 52,850.00</u>
	<u>\$ 147,915.42</u>	<u>\$ 164,630.00</u>	<u>\$ 167,053.00</u>

Nomination Report 2025

Church Council

Terms expiring at this meeting (all ineligible for re-election):

Donna Paulgaard-Johnston

Linda Aker

Ed Masson

Terms expiring in January 2027:

Melanie Hilt-McGowan

Ruth Pahlke

Darlene Downing

1 vacancy

Terms expiring in January 2028:

Cheryl Bouma

Deon Erasmus

Susan McElhinney

Brad Pylypow

Thanks to our departing and ongoing Church Council members for all their work in 2025!

The following people have been identified as willing to serve a three-year term on council and are considered nominated by council:

Trevor Provick

Nominations to council will also be solicited during the Annual Meeting, for election to one of the four vacancies with standard 3 year terms. Please make sure when nominating that you have the permission of the person nominated, thanks!

2026 is a year without convention in our three year cycle. No delegates are required for election at this Annual General Meeting.

Compiled by Paul McCormick

Opening Devotion for Annual General Meeting

Reading – Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Opening Prayer

Gracious Lord, we thank you that you have gathered this congregation around your Holy Word and Sacraments. Bless our ministry in this place and time. Help us to weep with those who suffer, and rejoice with those who are glad. Keep our testimony to your love effective in all that we say and do in your name. Direct us now, and make your presence known to us as we make decisions for the year ahead, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Closing Devotion for Annual General Meeting

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the vast array of gifts and talents that you have provided for this congregation through your Holy Spirit. We thank you for this time of deliberation and discussion on our shared ministry. Send us out re-energized for service in your name, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Table Grace for Potluck Lunch