October 26, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

The Gathering Place Ministry Update: TGP is doing very well but needs more volunteers in order to take people from our wait list. We cannot take more participants without jeopardizing quality. We could almost double our numbers if we had an adequate number of volunteers. It was suggested that Pr Kyle work with Leah to do a plea for volunteers from the pulpit. Leah participated at the Lutheran High Health Fair, where retired Governor Marty Shrieber recognized TGP, which created great buzz! The November Giving fundraiser has begun with a focus on scholarships and entertainment.

Senior Pastor Update*:* Using the MIDI player for the organ seems to be working well, we just need to work on adjusting the volume and it seems we cannot shorten the intro to songs.

Pr Kyle is checking in on members over the age of 80 who have had an attendance drop off, just to be sure they are ok. He's also reaching out to those that haven't attended in the last 6 months. It is a bit frustrating for him as often people don't return his calls. The Council encouraged him to continue and while it might feel fruitless, it shows members that he cares and it may affect them more than he knows.

We are currently looking for an ECC Assistant Teacher and continue our search for an organist.

Lutheran High bylaw changes will now come to the 12 association congregations for approval. Pr Kyle will get them and share with Council for approval, it is very occasional throughout the year.

It was decided to not have Thursday evening worship on December 31, due to a history of low attendance.

September Treasurer Report: Giving has improved from the summer and spending is on track.

Door Intercom System & Door Access Replacement Project: The Council approved the replacement of the door intercom and access system in the amount of $13,900 to be paid from the Capital Improvement Fund. The new system will go live on Monday, November 2.

Mission Trip Request – Guatemala Mission Trip: Tabled until the November meeting.

Year End Surplus Discussion: Council would like to look closer at the boiler replacement project and then having remaining funds go into an Endowment Fund for future savings. A team has been put together to create a proposal for the November Council Meeting.

Walk In Item – Parking Lot Painting: The team encountered some equipment issues, project is a work in progress.

Walk In Item – Council Support: Pr Kyle talked with the Directors about Council's desire to provide more support and be a sounding board, which is appreciated. Directors shared the biggest way they could be supported would be for Council to attend their events and get involved. We are looking for someone to pull the parade float on Saturday, December 5 at 4:30 pm. Please let Stefanie know if you are able.

Walk In Item – Confirmation Worship Service Attendance: After discussion, it was felt the number of worship services required for Confirmation will not be adjusted. It is important to attend worship and families need to teach this priority to their children.