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Epiphany Lutheran Church Church Council Meeting February 10, 2026

Attendance: Dianne Mawhirter, Cindy Ganem, Jeff McCullough, Ashley Turner, Lynn Rigelman, Dell Moller

Excused: Pastor Brad Gee, Josh Thornton, Ray Holmes, Mike Poyer, William Lytle

Guest: Roger McLoney, Tony Maggio

Call to Order: Dianne called the meeting to order.

Prayer: Dianne opened the meeting with a prayer.

Devotion: Jeff shared a devotion based on John 13:34-35 “A new command I give you: Love one another...” Surveys have noted declining numbers of Christians but it has stabilized in recent years. We can promote Christianity by practicing Jesus’ commandment to love one another by acts of kindness to others.

Council Minutes/Approval: The January 13, 2026 Minutes were previously sent out for review. There being no corrections or changes, Council dispensed with the reading of these Minutes. After motion by Jeff McCullough and second by Lynn Rigelman, motion unanimously carried to approve the Minutes.

Treasurer’s Report for December and January: These reports are still pending.

Pastor’s Time: Pastor Brad was out of the office this week.

Committee Reports:

Property: Property Chair Roger McLoney was present at the meeting to let Council know that congregation member Joyce Avers had called him and wanted to do something for Epiphany to honor the memory of her husband Bob Avers. Roger mentioned the sanctuary needed repainting as it had not been done since it was built and that the hallways could use a refresh. Roger obtained bids from three companies and the cost has been approved by Joyce. He advised the cost of this project includes (1) a special lift (\$5,000/week) which is small enough to get through the church doors and still reach the sanctuary ceiling; and (2) removal of the broken drinking fountain near the HMOC. A committee is being put together to determine paint colors. After discussion, a motion was made by Ashley Turner to use DeBellis Painting at the

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approximate cost of \$28,330 and Elevated Integrity to remove the drinking fountain/repair the wall at the approximate cost of \$1,200 and with a second by Lynn Rigelman, the motion unanimously passed. Roger will determine the painting schedule based on when the lift is available, the Preschool's schedule, and other activities such as VBS. Roger then left the meeting.

Dell advised we have a leak from the roof onto the metal door near the storage closet in the Gathering Space and another leak in the kitchen ceiling. Both are due to the unusual amount of snow from the storm in late January.

Congregational Events: Nothing reported.

Finance: Nothing reported.

Preschool Board: There are 29 children registered so far for the next school year. A final decision on the potential new Friday program (children 2-1/2 years old and have started potty training) will be made after they see if there is enough interest from the community.

Social Services: The "Souper" Bowl collected \$1,707 for the Fairfield LSS Food Pantry which is \$322.78 more than last year!

Welcome & Outreach: 15 Welcome bags were made up for the families who attended last week's Preschool Sunday. Sandy McCloney has agreed to cover Guest Services since Carol Crawford is stepping down from that role. Lee Ann Perin will take over the Welcome Center scheduling from Stacia Thornton. It was suggested we should have a single advertisement with the QR code to Epiphany's website, like a business card/magnet or small postcard size flyer. Upcoming events include another Preschool Sunday and New Member Reception. Plans are also beginning for the 4th of July Backyard Picnic.

Children, Youth & Family--February:

- Asking Council members to sign up to be a "Prayer Partner" (see Connect for details) with a youth who is 12th grade and younger during the Lent season. There will be a reception at the end of this program.
- 15 Junior and Senior High youth with 3 adult sponsors were part of the Capital Bowl Retreat last weekend, joining with 60+ other folks. The focus was how we can find strength in a Christian "huddle."
- Last Sunday was the annual Valentine's Event for all ages.
- There is an opportunity to financially support our youth by joining in a Fat Tuesday meal on Feb. 17.
- Ali Adams' work with the Age to Age Grant is heading into a second part starting with Lent.

New / Old Business:

- 2nd Intern. This has been tabled.

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- Church Repairs. See the Property report section.
- Council Retreat. Looking at either Feb. 28 or Mar. 7 to hold another Retreat like last year. Time would be from 9a to 2p, lunch included. May hold this meeting at Jacob's Porch again. Same kind of format/brainstorming. Those members present at tonight's meeting were in favor of Mar.7 as the potential date.

Strategic Planning:

- Space. Nothing new to report.
- Communication. Nothing new to report.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10th, at 7:00p. Will Lytle will have the devotion.

Adjournment: Dianne led Council in the Lord's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Ganem

Cindy Ganem, Secretary