

Final

**Epiphany Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
March 10, 2026**

Attendance: Pastor Brad, Dianne Mawhirter, Cindy Ganem, Ray Holmes, Jeff McCullough, Ashley Turner, Lynn Rigelman, Mike Poyer, William Lytle

Excused: Dell Moller, Josh Thornton

Guests: Ali Adams, Tony Maggio

Call to Order: Dianne called the meeting to order.

Prayer: Pastor Brad opened the meeting with a prayer.

Devotion: As Council moves forward into 2026, Will said Matthew 28:19 is a good basis for its mission: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Ministry Update: Pastor Brad invited Ali Adams, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries, to provide Council with information on the various programs that support these ministries. *(Ali then left the meeting.)*

Council Minutes/Approval: The February 10, 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 Ashley Turner and second by Jeff McCullough, motion unanimously carried to approve the Minutes.

Approval of Special Congregational Minutes: The Minutes from this meeting, held on Feb. 1, 2026 to approve the 2026 Budget, were previously sent to Council for review. There being no corrections or changes, Council dispensed with the reading of these Minutes. After motion by Lynn Rigelman and second by Ashley Turner, motion unanimously carried approving the Minutes as written. The Minutes will then be presented to the congregation at the 2026 Annual Meeting for approval.

Treasurer’s Report for December 2025, January 2026 and February 2026: At the time of the meeting, Josh emailed the December 2025 report. As the January and February reports were not quite finalized for review, Council agreed to hold approving the December report until all three reports can be reviewed at the March Council Meeting.

Pastor’s Time:

- He is working on the registration process and other planning details for the June Pride Parade.

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- He has asked Property Chair Roger McLoney to obtain quotes to replace all the toilets in the church. The toilets are old enough to make repairs not feasible and some are leaking/running constantly which is causing an increase in our water bill.
- Coffee & Christ has started a new book and continues to be well-attended.
- Plans are underway for Holy Week and all the various services.
- There are 2 children (ages 10 and 14) who will be baptized in April and 2 other children (ages 5 and 6) in May. They and their parents have been very active in the children's programs.
- Hoops for Haiti has started, as Epiphany, along with five other congregations, join in to raise at least \$35,000 for the HTF.
- He and Tony will be at an intern workshop on April 13-14.
- Tony reported the following: There are plans to hold a dinner for Epiphany's Internship Committee; Tony is in charge of Hopewood's Capital Campaign while the Director is on sabbatical; Hopewood continues to harvest trees to earn money with new trees being planted to replace the harvested trees; his preaching schedule includes one Sunday each month at other churches.

Committee Reports:

Congregational Events: There is not much going on at this time other than the weekly PAUSE meal and the monthly Men's Breakfast. Will did find a used grill to replace the current one which was way too small for larger cookouts.

Finance: Nothing reported.

Preschool Board: Registration totals for the 2026-27 school year is only 5 away from this year's numbers. The Preschool Plus program has 12 children signed up which means it is financially feasible to add that program to next year's schedule. April 7 is the Art Show and Book Fair, April 12 is Preschool Sunday, and on April 24 the teachers will be attending a statewide teachers' conference.

Property: Nothing reported other than obtaining bids to replace toilets.

Social Services: The "Souper" Bowl collected \$1,707 for the Fairfield LSS Food Pantry. In April, Mary's Circle will be putting together Sunshine Bags for our homebound members. May is the annual Diaper Drive. Planning has started for September's God's Work Our Hands.

Welcome & Outreach: Lee Ann Perin will take over the Welcome Center duties. Plans are underway for the 4th of July Backyard Picnic.

Children, Youth & Family: The only addition to Ali Adams' report under **Ministry Update** above, is the April 12 Brunch which ends the Prayer Buddy project.

New / Old Business:

- Council Retreat. Since Dianne had to miss this event due to illness, she has not had an opportunity yet to talk with Pastor Brad about the outcome of the day's discussions.

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- Epiphany's Committees. Dianne will be putting together a schedule with Pastor Brad to present Epiphany's various Committees and their purposes to the congregation on various Sundays throughout the year.

Strategic Planning: Nothing new to add at this time.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 14th, at 7:00p. Ray Holmes 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