

# St. Olaf Lutheran Church Annual Meeting of Congregational Minutes

## Sunday January 25, 2026

Meeting Called to Order at 10:24am with 28 people in attendance

Motion made by Paul C. for **approval of January 26, 2025 minutes**, seconded by Jane C. Motion approved unanimously.

**President's Report** – Mary Koepke. Spoke to the year of “Giving Generously” in 2025 as St. Olaf continues to provides time, talent and services in all the various committees and opportunities. Offered a special Thank You to all those who provided support both inside and outside of the church.

**Treasurer's Report** – John Christenson. Budget will be a bit lower in 2026 helped by savings from Health Insurance costs on the pastoral side being absorbed by Kris Pietz's work insurance. Multiple projects were done in 2025 but much was covered by previous prudent planning.

**Pastor Tom's Report** – A special *Thank You* to Mary Koepke for her previous two terms as Council President. He thanked everyone for all that we accomplished in 2025. A special mention on how Blessed we are to have a congregation like ours that continues to show up for the call time and time again.

**\*Committee Chairpersons** comments: Sonya Daly referenced that \$2,000 in candy bar sales were met by matching funds which provided \$4,000 to Care Point. Dave Johnston spoke to the continuing need to have people involved in the Assistant Minister role to help during service; backup people needed to be in position to assist in the Power Point and Technical Support roles during service as well. Also, a call out to Members who may be interested in providing the message for upcoming services. Pastor Tom asked that all interested parties in offering Sunday message please reach out directly to him as there are lay person ministry classes available. He and Paul Thusius already are working on one such endeavor.

**Election of Council Members** with the introductions/nominations of Paul Thusius for Council President and Tim Thompson for Secretary and Linda Feutz for At-Large Council Member. Motion made by Mary H. and seconded by John C. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by John C. and seconded by Sonya D. to accept returning **Nominating Committee** members: Jane Christenson, Lyn Johnson, Cindy Schlieve. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Paul T. and seconded by Susie G. to accept **2026 Ministry Plan**. Passed unanimously.

**Motion to Adjourn** made by Clara B. and seconded by John C. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting ended at 10:53am after the recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

\*Detailed *Committee reports* are published in the Annual Report. A report can be requested by emailing Shannon in the church office: [stolafsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stolafsecretary@gmail.com)