

Bethany Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Minutes

Feb. 9th, 2026 6:30 pm

Called to order at 6:32pm by President Dale Swenson.

Meeting Attendees: Pastor Chad Whaley, Dale Swenson, Nancy Bruns, Curt Casper, Jessica Fonseca, Al Beyer, Cheryl Boerjan, & Darla Crosthwaite

Absent: Pat Cassabaum & Heidi Christensen

Opened with a prayer.

Call to Order: Appoint Claudia Beyer-Financial Secretary, Al Beyer-Education & Youth, & Cheryl Boerjan, Stewardship-Motion made by Curt to approve, Darla second, Motion approved.

Pastor's Report: Thanksgivings and Joys

Council

Thank you, Nancy, Al and Cheryl!
Thanks to Dale for serving as president!
Thank you all for serving!

Annual Meeting

44 on a frigid morning. That's great!
Thanks for being present.

Ministry Happenings:

- 22 visits
- Faith Forward Meeting
- Wednesday Faith Formation
- Wednesday Bible Study
- Attend Martin Luther King Jr. community service
- Meeting with Council President Dale Swenson
- Annual meeting preparation
- Annual report to Bishop

- Crestview Worship
- Visit with Quilters
- WBARC Meeting
- Preparation/Pondering for Lent
- Prayer
- Set up a Bethany YouTube channel
- Ash Wednesday – February 18 @ 6:30 PM
- Wednesday in Lent – Thanks to Pat C for scheduling
- Lutheran Day on the Hill – February 26

Secretary Report: (Darla)

Jan. 2026 Post annual mtg minutes: Curt moved to approve-Motion approved.

Jan 2026 Council Meeting Minutes: Jessica moved to approve, Darla Second. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report: (Nancy)

January 2026 Treasurer's Report: Al moved to approve, Cheryl second. Motion approved.

Buildings & Ground: (Curt) Nothing to report.

Education & Youth: (Jessica & Al) Committee meeting scheduled for Feb. 10th, 2026 to plan the year.

Evangelism & Missions- (Darla) Forming subcommittee for recruiting new members. Goal to let the community know who we are & what we are about as a church. Ideas & suggestions: Bring a friend, neighbor, relative to church day, put brochures in welcome baskets (have done this in the past), organizing women's event, or participate in Hoover Days parade or other community event.

Fellowship: (Pat) Pat was absent but sent information out by email of 4 meals planned for Lenton Service for 2026:

February 25th: Council members serving-Soup menu

March 4th: Men's group serving-Breakfast menu

March 11th: Quilters group serving- Menu unknown

March 25th: Parents group serving – Menu unknown

Plan on 6:15 to 7pm. Around 25 people.

Stewardship: (Cheryl) In April Dale-climate presentation.

Worship & Music: (Heidi) none

Old Business: Capital Improvements: Pastor's home- waiting for tub surround to be completed then will proceed with new bathroom floor.

New Business: Need vice president -Al Beyer volunteered

Dave Bahnsen-Interested in SAMS- (Synod Authorized Minister) through the Southeastern Iowa Synod. A SAM assists in a congregation if no pastor is available. Online training available. Pastor working on determining congregation's expectations.

Meeting adjourned: Dale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. Jesse Seconded. Motion approved.

Closure of meeting with the Lord's prayer.

Next Council Meeting: March 9th, 2026 @ 6:30p