

Mountain View Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 19, 2023 • 12 noon

Congregational Meeting • Life Together Hall and Zoom

MINUTES

Attendance

110 voting members of Mountain View Lutheran Church.

Call to order

President Kevin Dahl declared a quorum present, called the meeting to order, and opened with prayer.

Approval of minutes

It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Sunday, May 21, 2023 meeting.

2024 Spending Guideline

The proposed 2024 Spending Guideline was presented, including the following highlights:

- The proposed 2024 Spending Guideline categories, with monetary increases/decreases when compared to the 2023 Spending Guideline.

• Education	\$9,575	-\$2,125
• Life Together	\$2,350	+\$50
• Programs	\$300	-\$400
• Benevolences	\$77,500	-\$25,850
• Pastoral Support	\$6,700	-\$300
• Worship/Music	\$16,100	-\$7,855
• Administration	\$67,450	-\$11,350
• Facilities	\$207,322	-\$13,170
• Personnel	\$495,042	-\$20,391
- 2024 includes some “big cuts” (as above) but they are mostly on paper because these “cuts” match our current giving.
- Giving has changed dramatically over the past five years, with many new giving units being added, but per capita giving decreasing as older members of the congregation die.

- The original Administrative Offices/Gathering Space loan balance of \$2,334,174 established in November 2016 is now at \$1,240,948. (As of 10/1/2023)
- The Living Hope campaign is now complete. Decisions will need to be made on the usage of final funds, which could include carpet replacement, upgraded Sanctuary lighting, and other such improvements.

It was M/S/P to adopt the 2024 Spending Guideline in the amount of \$871,339.42.

Pastor Eric's Top Ten

Pastor Eric presented his "top ten" mission and ministry items.

10. "Unified" summer worship services.
9. Re-gathering the Property Ministry Team.
8. The brand new Green Team.
7. Wednesdays at the Well (W@W!).
6. New members and visitors.
5. Young families in worship and new babies being born.
4. MVLC's new mission statement—LOVE, GROW, SHARE.
3. Seamless Ministry Coordinator transition from Marlene to Wendy.
2. "Shine On" envelope fundraiser.
1. Support of the Zahir family.

Columbarium survey update

The Columbarium Committee conducted a survey of the congregation to gauge the level of interest in building and maintaining a columbarium. Weighing such information, the Columbarium Committee unanimously recommended to not build a columbarium. The MVLC Church Council affirmed their decision at the Council's October 2024 meeting.

Video from Hannah Johnsrud

Those gathered watched a video update from seminarian Hannah Johnsrud.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with closing prayer from Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Respectfully submitted,
Troy Kehm-Goins
Recording Secretary