

# Mountain View Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 20, 2022 • 12 noon

Congregational Meeting • Life Together Hall and Zoom

## MINUTES

### Attendance

111 voting members of Mountain View Lutheran Church, via in person and Zoom.

### Call to order

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

### Approval of minutes

**It was M/S/P to approve the minutes of the Sunday, November 21, 2021; Sunday, January 30, 2022; and Sunday, May 22, 2022 meetings.**

### 2023 Spending Guideline

The proposed 2023 Spending Guideline was presented, including the following highlights:

- The proposed 2023 Spending Guideline categories, with monetary and increases/decreases when compared to the 2022 Spending Guideline.
 

· Pastoral	\$232,539	+\$8,622
· Admin	\$307,109	+\$3,665
· Benevolence	\$103,350	-\$6,500
· Program	\$100,239	+\$1,512
· Property	\$110,200	-\$7,300
· Debt Service	\$110,292	0
- Major changes from the 2022 Spending Guideline include staff salary changes; the inclusion of 0.6 FTE Church Administrator; \$6,500 decrease in overall benevolence distribution; large capital expenses will need to be funded from the limited rental funds on hand, the Living Hope Campaign, or a special campaign, due to reducing the Capital Project Reserve by \$12,000; and external bookkeeping.

- Such adjustments leave the 2023 Spending Guideline at the same amount as the 2022 Spending Guideline: \$951,730.
- There was conversation in the Church Council of the possibility of decreasing the 2023 Spending Guideline even further, but they didn't want to hamper any current momentum, growth, and rebound.

**It was M/S/P to adopt the 2023 Spending Guideline in the amount of \$951,730.**

### Revised Constitution

After the Constitution was adopted at the Sunday, May 22, 2022 meeting, the Southwestern Washington Synod reviewed it to ensure that it includes all required "model Constitution" components and returned it to us. It is

**It was M/S/P to ratify the adoption of the revised Constitution of Mountain View Lutheran Church.**

### Affirmation of Baptism and young adults

**It was M/S/P that the membership of the Congregational Meeting directs the Church Council to address the issue of Affirmation of Baptism in order for young people to become voting members of the congregation.**

### Election of Lay Voting Members

**Elected to the attend the 2023 Southwestern Washington Synod Assembly as lay voting members were Jon Edmonds and Cathie Freiling.**

### Mission Statement

Pastor Eric talked about the upcoming next steps of the work surrounding the new mission statement of Mountain View Lutheran Church, including cottage meetings.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with closing prayer from Pastor Bri Merkle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Troy Kehm-Goins  
Recording Secretary