

MOUNTAIN VIEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Council Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2025; 6:30 pm; Church Library

ATTENDANCE

Present: Fred Albert, Monica Baker, Karla Briggs, Jason Cornell, Karen Hansen, Megan Hutton, John Meagher, Ken Swanson

Staff: Pastor Eric Bostrom, Deacon Traci Vatne

Guests: Pastor Laurin Vance, Carol Powers, and Julie Williams

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Albert at 6:31 pm.

Kevin Dahl presented a devotion and prayer from the book Instrument of Peace: Meditations on the Prayer of Saint Francis, by Alan Paton.

The minutes of the October 21, 2025 meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Approve the minutes as posted

Made by: Karla Briggs

Second: Megan Hutton

Action: Passed

Review of the insurance policy comparison document between Church Mutual Insurance Company and Brotherhood Mutual Insurance (current carrier). The comparison document can be found after Deacon Traci's report. The current carrier costs \$7,000.00 more for less coverage. In addition, the agent for Church Mutual Insurance company is local, while the agent for the current carrier is in Oregon.

Motion: Approve changing MVLC insurance coverage to Church Mutual Insurance.

Made by: Kevin Dahl

Second: Karen Hansen

Action: Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Jason Cornell gave an overview of the month of October. Giving was lower than expected, and both Jason and Andrea checked to make certain deposits were all accounted for. No errors were found, and the lower than expected giving could not be attributed to any single cause. MVLC ended October less than \$3,000 in the negative due to lower than expected expenses.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Eric

The Council reviewed the report Pastor Eric submitted while he shared that he is excited to report there are ten new member units/16 or 17 individuals who will be joining MVLC on Sunday, November 23. He encourages the council to introduce themselves to them.

Fewer than expected applications for MEF grants have been received to date but that with a little adjusting of award amounts, we should be able to approve all good applications.

The first Sunday of the Season of Generosity showed 102 pledges submitted and an amount pledged that puts us in a good position to meet our projected income in 2026.

Deacon Traci

The Council reviewed the report Deacon Traci submitted. The only thing she wanted to add was that she has been immersed in youth activities over the past month, and this is her great joy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:59 PM Council Vice President Megan Hutton left the library and the meeting went into executive session at 7:00 pm. At 7:55 pm Megan Hutton came back to the library when the regular meeting resumed.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

A motion was made to accept/approve the proposed council resolution in the matter of the member dispute.

Motion: Approve the proposed resolution

Made by: Karla Briggs

Second: Ken Swanson

Abstained: Megan Hutton

Action: Passed

A motion was made to offer up to eight sessions of Mental Health Counseling for affected members:

Motion: Approve offering and funding Mental Health Counseling for affected members.

Made by: Karla Briggs

Second: Ken Swanson

Abstained: Megan Hutton

Action: Passed

A motion was made to offer up to eight sessions of Mental Health Counseling for the other parties in the member dispute.

Motion: Approve offering and funding Mental Health Counseling

Made by: Karla Briggs

Second: Ken Swanson

Abstained: Megan Hutton

Action: Passed

CLOSING PRAYER

Monica Baker led the council in closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Monica K Baker, Secretary

PASTORS' REPORTS

Pastor Eric's report for the November Council meeting:

- Julie Williams has launched a new devotion writing team and I'm on it. We met with seven people Monday, Nov 10, to set a direction together. We will begin with weekly devotions for the season of Lent in 2026.
- New Members will be received in worship on November 23 and welcomed at the community meal afterward. We anticipate 15-20 people will join our congregation on Nov 23. After Nov 23, we will publish their names in the E-News. Please go to the effort of introducing yourself as Council people to each of our new members.
- I attended the installation of our new assistant to the bishop, Michelle deBeauchamp on Oct 25 in Aberdeen, WA.
- Deacon Traci and I presided at the graveside of Keith Wright on Oct 28 and memorial service on Nov 1.
- I'm helping to launch a new young adult small group. Clayton and Kathryn Hashley and Kelvin and Angela Machumu are organizing an event at the Hashley house on Thursday, Nov 20 at 6pm. I will be in attendance to help lead them in the specifics of their small group formation.
- Upcoming baptisms: Kiera Swanson, 16 yrs old, will be baptized at the late service on Nov 16. Raydin Riley will be baptized on Dec 14 at the 9:30 unified service. Owen Shephard will be baptized on Dec 21 at the 9:30 unified service. And more baptisms are yet to be scheduled.
- Joan & Russ Hamburg have designated a \$50K gift to Mt View to be used as a scholarship fund for Mt View youth attending college. Jason Cornell, Karen Hansen, Mark & Craig Hamburg, and I are meeting on Nov 13 to discuss the specifics of the scholarship fund.
- The Season of Generosity is two Sunday, Nov 9 and Nov 16. The theme is Duty and Delight. The goal is 120 giving pledges for 2026. This would be an increase of six pledges over last year.
- Mission Endowment Fund Committee is meeting Nov 16 after worship to begin the approval process for 14 applications to are requesting over \$32K. This year the MEF only has \$29K to give away. MEF Comm will need to work to fit all the asks with the \$29K

limit. We will also discuss on Nov 16 if the MEF banquet in 2026 can be funded by the MEF or if this constitutionally is prohibited.

Pastor Eric

Deacon Traci's Report

It has been a gift to return to Mountain View for a few additional weeks of ministry. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve this congregation once again. The following provides a summary of my recent activities and upcoming commitments:

- **Worship Leadership:**

I have presided at numerous worship services, which continues to be a source of great joy. I have been asked why I am able to preside at Communion as a Deacon, since typically ELCA Deacons are called to a ministry of *Word and Service* rather than *Word and Sacrament*. In this case as a Deacon serving as an interim minister, I am authorized to serve in whatever pastoral capacities are needed, including presiding at both Communion and Baptism.

- **Preaching Schedule:**

I preached on Reformation Sunday and am scheduled to preach on November 23, December 7, December 28 and at the Advent service on December 10.

- **Synod Events:**

I attended the installations of our new Southwestern Washington Synod Bishop, Rev Keith Marshall and our Bishop's Associate, Rev. Michelle de Beauchamp.

- **Youth Ministry**

I have enjoyed meaningful time with our youth through several events, including a church game night, a trip to the pumpkin patch and corn maze, and hosting high school youth and parents at my home. Upcoming events include hosting middle school youth and parents this weekend, a trip to Zoolights in early December and a Christmas gathering at the Huttons' home on December 19.

- **Christian Education**

I continue to appreciate participation in the Rock Hour. I have attended both the high school and middle school classes, led an acolyte training, attended a parenting class and participated in an adult education/new member session.

- **Pastoral Care and Support:**

It was an honor and a privilege to share in the Commendation for the Dying with Keith Wright and his family, assist with his graveside service at preach at his memorial.

- **Mediation**

I participated in mediation with Pastor Vance, which was a challenging but important process.

- **Women's Ministry:**

I am particularly grateful for the opportunity to rejoin the Women's Bible Study during this interim period.

- **Also:** I am looking forward to the baptism of high schooler Kiera Swanson on Sunday!

My final day at Mountain View will be Sunday, December 28. While it will be difficult to depart again, I leave with deep gratitude and so much affection for this congregation. Serving Mountain View this past year has been an honor and a blessing.

I am Yours in Christ, Deacon Traci

Insurance Policy Comparison: Mountain View Lutheran Church – Edgewood, WA

Coverage Area	Church Mutual Insurance	Brotherhood Mutual Insurance
Annual Premium	\$21,169	\$28,271
Property Coverage	Building: \$13M Contents: \$2M Flood: \$10K Deductible: \$10K	Building: \$8.58M Contents: \$1.11M Flood: \$10K Deductible: \$10K
Valuation Type	Replacement Cost (RC)	Broadened Valuation
Business Income	Included + \$130K blanket	\$60K Earnings + \$100K Extra Expense
Water Damage Deductible	\$50K Main Building \$10k Other Buildings	\$10K
Crime Coverage	Theft: \$10K Employee Theft: \$45K Forgery: \$45K	Theft: \$27K Employee Dishonesty: \$50K
General Liability	\$1M Occurrence / \$3M Aggregate	\$1M Occurrence / \$3M Aggregate
Sexual Misconduct & Abuse	\$300K / \$3M	\$500K / \$1M
Abusive Behavior Coverage	\$300K / \$300K	None
Cyber Liability	\$50K	\$100K
Directors & Officers Liability	\$1M	\$1M
Employment Practices Liability	\$1M	\$1M
Umbrella/Excess Liability	\$1M	\$2M
Hire/Non-Owned Auto	\$1M	\$1M
Workers' Comp	Stop Gap Liability: \$1M	Employer's Liability: \$1M

