

Agenda  
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting  
May 17, 2026

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Approval
  - a. Agenda
  - b. Minutes of Congregational Meeting February 1, 2026
- IV. New Business
  - a. Election of Council Members
    - i. Council recommends approval of Mark Brodland to the position of President for a three-year term
    - ii. Council recommends approval of Carl Kraft to the position of At-Large member for a three-year term
    - iii. Council recommends approval of Shane Anthony to the position of At-Large member for a three-year term
  - b. Ratification of the February 2026-approved constitution change modifying annual audit requirements:

An audit **or review of the accounting records of the church will** may be conducted annually by an independent accounting agency **or a member of the congregation with a formal accounting background and who did not participate in any of the accounting functions for the year in review.** An audit or review should be conducted at least once in a 5-year period. The Council should annually understand the accounting controls as described by the Treasurer and Financial Secretary.
  - c. Reminder of upcoming change to Sunday worship time to 9:30am beginning May 24, 2026
- V. Adjournment
- VI. Closing Prayer

**Hope Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes  
February 1, 2026**

**Call to order:** 12:25 p.m. by Jan Karibian. Quorum requirement (10% of 178 voting members) was met.

**Opening prayer:** Pastor Amy.

**Approval**

- Agenda: Motion to approve, Kent Swanson; second, Nancy Koupal. Approved.
- Minutes of Semi-Annual Meeting, May 18, 2025: Motion to approve, Ed Friederich; second, Rick Fauser. Motion to amend the minutes to correct the call to order and adjournment times from PM to AM made by Barb Castro, second Pat Ford, motion approved. The amended minutes were then approved.
- Treasurer's Report and Financial Secretary's Report 2025: Motion to approve, Eric Lutzeier; second, Rianna Lutzeier. Approved.

**Reports**

Council President presented slide highlights of reports including: Pastor's report, President's report, Preschool report, and team reports including Caring for Ourselves, Caring for Our World, Sharing Our Assets, Preparing Disciples, and Preschool.

**New Business**

- 2026 Budget: Motion to approve, Eric Lutzeier; second, Ed Friederich. Approved.
- Synod Delegates:
  - Council nominates Lindell and Kathy Carr as delegates to the virtual 2026 Central States Synod Assembly on June 6, 2026: Motion to approve, Kent Swanson; second, Eric Lutzeier. Approved.
- Nominating Committee:
  - Council nominates lay members Beth Fauser, Chris Hanford, and Bob Stenberg and outgoing council members Jan Karibian and Rianna Lutzeier to a one-year term on the Nominating Committee: Motion to approve, Eric Lutzeier; second, Ed Friederich. Approved.
- Constitutional changes: Motion to approve, Eric Lutzeier; second Beth Fauser. Approved.

**Adjournment:** at 1:10 p.m.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Amy.

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary Signature: \_\_\_\_\_