

Council Meeting: March 3, 2026

In Attendance: Pastor Shaw via Zoom, Joan Simons, Ken Ritt, Austin Becker, Monica Edwards via Zoom, Kim Mury via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

The meeting opened with a selection from "This Day in History" read by Pastor Shaw and then with prayer.

Minutes from the February Meeting approved as written. Joan initiated motion. Seconded by Ken

Financial Treasurer Report—Ken

Please see attached document.

Ken reported that there is \$900 of interest on CDs.

Total expenditure for the month of February includes painting the offices and repairing the shed.

Financial Secretary Report—Monica

Please see attached.

The Pancake Supper brought in \$90

Elder's Report—Austin

Please see attached charts.

February attendance is still low. Austin needs updated contact information for Daniel. Joel and Matthew have not attended in a while. No one has heard from Troy Johnson.

Please see attached document for Virtual Report attendance. Austin reports that there are record high views from Facebook on February 21, 2026.

Pastor's Report—Pastor Shaw

Pastor Shaw visited Sharon Morgon on February 10 and completed home communion. Pastor Shaw visited Bill and Dot King on February 15 and completed home communion. Pastor Shaw visited Richard and Brinda on February 22 and completed home communion.

Bible study continues to focus on the Small Catechism.

Upcoming Plans:

Pastor Shaw will be at Resurrection on March 15, 2026. Pastor Jon Richter will be leading service on this day. He will use DS2 communion and has requested no chanting. Pastor Richter will be travelling 108 miles round trip to provide service.

The Circuit 13E gathering will be on March 10, 2026, from 0930-1130. Pastor Shaw is still awaiting all RSVPs to be returned.

RLC weekend will be on April 12, 2026. Pastor Shaw will be at Peace on April 13. He will be out of town April 14-18th but will stop by Jacksonville church to celebrate their 60th anniversary.

Upcoming Liturgical Dates:

Lenten midweek Thursday services will be March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26

Sunday is March 29

Holy Weeks is April 2 (Maundy Thursday), April 3 (Good Friday) 7pm service, April 5 (Easter) 10 am service with no Bible Study

Additional topics: Pastor will be focusing mostly on Lent/Easter this month. He is relying on the Council and Transition team to continue conversations regarding outreach. Pastor appreciates the building improvements, including the new paint in the offices. He feels the improvements will show potential Pastoral candidates how much we love this church.

Pastor Shaw discussed a potential for a Sabbatical fund and policy. Pastor Shaw plans to draft a proposal for the fund.

TIM Report:

Growth of Programs:

No changes at this time

Outreach to Community

“Lunches at Peace continues with small attendance. Floyd has been attending in person. Looking forward into Spring, Pastor Shaw will be asking Transitional Team and the Unit Council to look outward in the community for other outreach opportunities.

Pastor Shaw will be updating some of this SED Wellness articles with a more local “twist” to place in the Buzz newspaper. Hopefully the articles and the ads in the Buzz will assist and bring in members of the community.

Points of Focus

Heritage:

No change. Pastor Shaw readdressed looking back on the past 6 months and asking if there are things that have been done that we would like to have taken into the future. Are there any thoughts/feelings/ideas that need to be left behind?

Mission:

No change. Pastor Shaw wishes to discuss Who is Peace with the Transition Team. What do we want the community to know about us? How will we need to get the community to know us?

Leadership:

Pastor has no concerns at this time. Pastor Shaw will be working with SED on the Constitution and By-law changes.

The Transition team currently includes Wanda, Miranda, and Joan. Pastor Shaw will be reaching out to Miranda regarding the team to see if she wishes to formally step back vs staying connected via zoom meetings and Wanda.

Connections:

No new updates. Pastor Shaw will reach out to the Transition Team to help prioritize ideas.

The Transition Team has discussed ideas about how to highlight our location and share "who we are." Those ideas included creating banners or marquees and changing the sign to reflect something Lutheran.

Banners are still being discussed.

Future:

Pastor Shaw, I'm waiting to schedule a Zoom Meeting with President Harmon recommending a second TIM vs moving forward with a call. Pastor Shaw has contacted multiple TIMS inquiring if anyone could provide availability to cover Peace. No one has responded with availability. If an out-of-town TIM is needed, an incentive would be the ability for the church to offer housing.

Council asked about the possibility of renting Jackie's home as she is currently residing with her family out of state. Jackie will be returning to NC soon and will need to stay in her home. Possible renting of the home will be discussed while Jackie is in town.

Pastor Shaw inquired as to how much it will cost to rent a Billboard or sign on the highway.

Trustee's Report—Bill

Old Business: Continue working to obtain electricity to the shed.

Bill will be painting the front of the church. Bill plans to paint the front doors more red as well.

New Business: Joan will be measuring the windows in the offices/classrooms for the installation of new blinds. Estimated cost for blinds will be \$30 each. There are 5 windows.

Fellowship/Outreach Coordinator Report: --Joan

Mid-week Lent services will start at 7:00pm and will have catered meals.

Easter is April 5, 2026

Upcoming 5th Sunday Celebrations:

March 29; May 31; August 30; November 29

Outreach Opportunities:

Blessing bags for the United Way are on hold.

The Soup Kitchen is in need of many items including soap, hand towels and wash clothes.

LIFT group through the Chamber will have a lot of opportunities for involvement in the coming year. Next meeting is March 4 at the Chamber of Commerce.

The Single Airmen program.

Sharing space with home school co-ops and/or start-ups

Getting involved with Campus Ministries.

Joan discussed possibly collaborating with congregations in our Circuit to assist with outreach and ministry opportunities. Pastor Shaw will discuss collaborations with Pastor Daub.

Old Business:

Approved changes to the Constitution have been filed.

Lent Midweek services will have meals provided. Dates include March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26.

Palm Sunday is on March 29, 2026. Palms have been ordered.

Easter is on April 5

5th Sunday Celebrations will be on 3/29; 5/31; 8/30; 11/29.

New Business:

Council discussed starting the call process with Pastor Shaw. Pastor Shaw is going to start getting a list together of potential candidates.

Joan will be working on updating the church profile for the LCMS Information Support Network LISN

Pastor Shaw to discuss potential call list and Constitution revisions status with the District. Council has agreed to move forward with a full-time call.

April 7, 2026, at 7:00pm will be the next meeting date.

Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer at 8:16pm