United Church of Christ Windsor Council Minutes
September 15, 2026

Present: Lori Newlun, David Schipper, Jeanne Wentland, Gene Nader, Caitlin Mountford, Shane Schweppe, Pastor Tammy, Nancy Nader

1. Opening Devotional: Pastor Tammy

2. Minutes of the August 11 meeting were approved as submitted.

3. There was no Moderator's or Treasurer's report as Dwight was out on a medical leave.

4. Pastor's Report included on separate sheet

5. Music: The piano concert went well, about 75 attendees. We may invite the Columbus Choir in December.
The "Battle of the Bands" is October 18, 3-5pm at Sunset Meadow Park; participants are Christ Lutheran, Norway Grove and St. Olaf's, with a dessert potluck.
David is researching getting a paid service to help with our website.
He is also looking into the Convergence Music Project to find new music.

6. Board of Christian Education: Caitlin reported our 5th Sunday received $3k in donations for the School Drive, 1k items were purchased to date, to include planners. The next round of monies will go for coats, boots, and socks.
Deforest Area Schools is sponsoring a Fun Run held with a goal of reaching $50k. From the 5th Sunday donations that were received we will give $250 to support field trips and other extra needs.
Caitlin is looking into opportunities for community events to include, Floral Bouquet Arranging, Paint Night, Yoga, Child Care during concerts. There is a Windsor Trunk or Treat Event on October 28 for 2 hours. Caitlin is looking for members to host their car.

7. Old Business

*The top 3 Mission and Vision Statements will be sent to the Congregation for a vote. Add your thoughts on what they should be.

*Jeanne Wentland advised that the new church sign was vetoed by The Board of Trustees, Building and Grounds. What is the best use of our money? Can we use 5th Sunday money, Memorial money, a grant, special fund drive?

*Jeanne Wentland is continuing to develop the 2027 Budget.She will lead a discussion at 8:45 on October 4.

7. New Business

*Council participated in an online call with Franz Rigert, Wisconsin Conference Minister, to discuss how to move forward with Open and Affirming discussions. He shared that every church who offers educational classes on Open and Affirming do it in their unique way. The Council continues to feel strongly that they need to move forward with an Open and Affirming process because that is what rose to the top in the mission and vision work of the congregation. An educational process is starting to be worked on.
No discussion on Constitutional Language as LuAnn was not present.
No discussion on Bill Ridgley's letter.

8. Committee Reports

*Stewardship: LuAnn was not present but asked that the Council approve a template for the Stewardship Campaign letter before it goes out.

*Worship: No report as Lori's team did not meet in the summer.

*Mission: Shane reported they participated in the "Norski Nibbles" the third week of August. The Blood Drive was a success on September 15, with 32 participants, 10 new donors. "Neighbors in Need" special offering is on October 4.

*Congregational Life: Octopi Brewery Social was a success with 30 attendees. The Piano Concert was well attended. Blood Drive was a success, looking for another date early in 2027. "Battle of the Bands is October 18 at Sunset Meadows from 3-5. We have a planned nature walk at Indian Lake on September 20. Game night will be returning. We are still working on a Cheese Carving Event in the fall.

*Board of Trustees: Jeanne is working on the budget. Many items need attention and need to be prioritized; drainage, ER lights, bats, ring camera, door trim, new south door, blacktop. The Fall Cleanup is November 7, 9-11.

*Christian Education: Caitlin reported there were 13 kids in the first week of Sunday School. More parental involvement is needed. Service projects for the kids are being researched; tailgate, coffee hour. The programs will be updated regularly.

Closing Prayer: New Zealand Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: October 9, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Nader