

ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS, WHEATON, KANSAS 66521

Voters' Meeting - Sunday, October 12, 2025

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The October 12, 2025 Voter's meeting was called to order by Chairman, Bruce Abitz at 11:40 after the LWML anniversary celebration. Pastor DeGiovanni led the meeting with a prayer. There were 23 members present.

Dennis Schwant moved we approve the July minutes and treasurer's report. It was seconded by Milton Falk and approved by voice vote.

Annual Church Supper Chairman Abitz thanked the Ladies Aid and the congregation for working together to make the church supper a success. There was a question to the voters if we will plan to work together to do this again next year. Linda Falk said she would lead this again. The plan to continue was approved by group verbal approval.

Old Business:

Foundation Work Chairman Abitz explained the mud-jacking had been done for foundation repair.

Exterminating Service the recent treatment to the church and parsonage cost \$200. There was discussion about the frequency of the visits needed. Milton Falk explained the importance of clearing buildup of leaves that harbor ants. Follow-up is planned.

Recording and Posting Church Services Karen Harder reported that she is recording the services using her personal devices and copying them to the Facebook page and website. We do not at this time have enough Facebook followers that the recording can be shared to others on Facebook.

Hymnal Ribbons Chairman Abitz thanked Pam Steinmeyer for making and adding ribbons to hymnals that needed them.

New Business:

Fire Extinguisher service Mike's Service from Junction City had completed service two years ago. The Church Council is recommending service be done again. Milton Falk moved and James Revell seconded a motion to have the service completed.

Housing Allowance Chairman Abitz explained a recommendation was given to increase Pastor's annual Housing Allowance to \$5000. Karen Harder moved to increase this allowance. It was seconded by Milton Falk and approved by voice vote.

Mission Budget Chairman Abitz said the current \$4000 mission budget is allocated with \$400 to St. John Lutheran, \$400 to scholarships and \$1200 to Together in Missions. A question was given to the voters to determine how to use the additional funds at the end of the budget year. Ruth Kasten moved and Milton Falk seconded that the remaining funds be given to St. Luke Youth account. Motion carried by voice vote.

Nominating Committee Committee Chair, Milton Falk says they are working on the January ballot and are still in need of a North Cemetery representative. He asked everyone to please ask around.

Mowing Linda Falk made a request that when August Falk is finished mowing this season (yesterday); he will not plan to return next year.

Reports

Pastor's Report A written report was submitted. Pastor announced that Saturday night services will be at 5:00, beginning November 1. He also reminded the voters that Pastor Buono will conduct services October 19th.

Ladies Aid Linda Falk said thank you to all for their help with the church supper. 204 meals were served and \$200 was collected at the bazaar.

Sunday School Ireta Schwant explained the new time format will continue until Advent. She explained that attendance is declining. There were only four today. They have reduced to two groups/two teachers at this time.

Trustees The parsonage window repair is in progress.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 12:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Depew,

Recording Secretary