



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025 NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church Council Minutes November 11, 2025

Called to order by President, Tom Ebler

Devotions by Sue Dau – “Make a Joyful Noise”

Non-Council members/visitors – Dave & Louise Driver, the hard drive on the video PC is nearly full. It has 4.5 years of church services that he will remove, and will free up a lot of space. Louise discussed the “Gift Away” program that we did 3 years ago. Dave reinvested the funds in CD’s and as a result, we now have another \$30,000 to gift to charities that will be approved by a select committee. They proposed that we present funds to the selected charities at worship service on February 15 and host a meal. **M/S/C** by Robert/Sue to participate in the Gift Away program, donate \$27,000 to the program, \$1,000 to cover the meal expenses, and balance to the General Fund.

Last month’s minutes – **M/S/C** – Kristal/Dave

Treasurer’s report -

Paid for the ornaments & t-shirts for the anniversary celebration. AED battery arrived.

M/S/C to accept Treasurer’s report – Sue/Dave

Pastor’s report -

Planning a confirmation retreat in the Spring. Pastor Sara has been accepted into the Pastoral Leadership Development Program. This experience will be primarily funded by the Siebert Foundation with the retreat taking place January 5-9 in Scottsdale, AZ. She will also be attending ELCA’s Youth Ministry “Extravaganza” January 20 - February 2 in St. Louis, MO. Pastor has vacation scheduled Nov 20-30th.

Deacon Ministries – All Saints Day celebration went well.

Trustee Ministries – A new battery was installed in the AED (Automated External Defibrillator). We are now good for another 2 years.

Children Youth and Family Ministries – Kristal advised that the Hanging of the Greens service will be on November 30th. Christmas program is scheduled for Dec 21st and practice will take place on Sundays in Dec. It has been difficult to get the youth to commit in participating, parents please encourage your children to be involved.

Old Business – Louise Driver has agreed to assist with Adopt a Family, she has a few names from the Chetek PD.

New Business – Annual reports are due by December 17, email to church secretary. Annual meeting will be on Sun January 18th, 2026. There will be a Dec 24 Christmas Eve candlelight service at 6:30 pm, but no Thanksgiving service at NSLC. However, there will be a Thanksgiving service at ULC in Prairie Farm. January & February noisy offerings will go to local food pantries. **M/S/C** – Sue/Marion

Adjourn – **M/S/C** – Dave/Kristal

Next meeting – February 10th, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Devotions – Deb

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dau, NSLC Council secretary

Present – Pastor Sara Feld, Tom Ebler, Jr., Robert Bryngelson, Dawn Bryngelson, Sue Dau, Dave Dau, Chris Broten, Kristal Gifford, Marion Wigen, Debbie Schieffer, and Shelly Shipley

Absent – Kelly Martinson, Michelle Klefstad, and Janelle Gordan

GIVING MISSION CAMPAIGN

APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 31, 2026

When we received the money from the insurance company from the fire, there was lots of discussion as to how to spend it. When the building was rebuilt, we had \$250,000 left. Dave Driver took the responsibility to invest the money wisely. It was put in the Mission Investment fund at the ELCA which was paying the most interest. The CD's, which were 6 years, are now coming due. The interest on these CD's is about \$56,000.

At the time of the building much discussion centered around giving some of the money to the Glory of God. It was decided at that time that we would use the interest for that work. This is money we did not plan for, nor did we earn it. It was a gift.

The council voted to give ½ away in this program and the next half will be invested and given away in 3 years. The second 3 years have now passed, we have extra money for missions without touching the principle. The council has taken into consideration that a furnace could break etc. but they feel that \$250,000 would cover any such need.

We would like to have people pick up the application at the back of the church or the one in the newsletter and apply for grants for their missions. We would like to give priority to missions that people give to or work with within the church. You would be allowed to apply for more than one. Ex: quilting \$500... and maybe school kits \$ 500.00. Apply for what you need, and we will adjust the amount given as to how many requests come in.

A committee of 5 would then review all the requests and make the awards.

We would like to accept applications in December and January. With the cutoff date being January 31. The money would then be awarded in a special dinner with a representative from the organization receiving the money present to give a little overview as to how the money would be used. Some publicity will be done to promote the fact that our church is working for the Glory of God.

The awards and a celebratory meal will be held on February 15, 2026, after church.

Individuals that people have been working with are also included to receive the money should there be cancer etc. for need.

NAME OF CHARITY YOU WOULD LIKE THE GRANT FOR

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name of charity you would like the grant for: _____

Amount Requested _____

Detailed use of the grant for: _____

Do you financially support or work for this Organization: Y N



CHILDREN'S CHAPEL NEWS:

Sunday School Class (Pre-K thru 12th Grade) 10:00 am – 10:55 am

We are using *Spark Lectionary Curriculum* for Fall semester, *Christmas Road Trip~ The Journey of a Lifetime* for our Advent Curriculum and then *Spark Lectionary Curriculum* for Spring semester.

Shelly Shipley: Pre-K thru Kindergarten

Kelly Martinson – First, Second and Third Grades

Michelle Klefstad – Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades

Kristal Gifford - 7th – 12th Grade – I will be here each Sunday to have a lesson for Middle School and High School Students as always 😊 It will be a laid back class with discussions about Faith, The Bible and whatever the students have questions about faith.

CONFIRMATION IS COMPLETED FOR 2025: 10:00 am – 10:55 am on Sunday (**Curriculum has been completed for Sunday Morning session and Wednesday session will meet a couple of times in December.**) **2026 - We will be having an overnight lock-in sometime in the spring at Luther Park Bible Camp.** We will have more information for you as it is scheduled. Augsburg's *Re:Form* will be the curriculum.



Sunday School Practices for Christmas Program: December 7th and December 14th 10:00 am until 10:55 am.

December 21 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/CHRISTMAS PARTY: **All students** are invited to participate!!!! Pre-K thru 12th

December 28- No Sunday School/Confirmation Class Christmas Vacation

January 4, 2026 – Sunday School resumes.

March 29, 2026 – Palm Sunday

April 5, 2026 – Easter Sunday – No Sunday School– Easter Break

May 3, 2026 - Last Day of Sunday School and High School Senior Recognition Sunday.

THIS IS OUR CORE CURRICULUM BEFORE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:

Pre K and K: 2 or 3 table prayers and or bedtime prayer, The Lord's Prayer and church manners.

1st and 2nd Grade: The Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd The Commandments.

3rd and 4th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Bible usage (looking up verses).

5th and 6th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23, John 3:16, Matthew 22:37-39, John 14:6, Matthew 7:7, Matthew 7:12, The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12, Isaiah 40:3,5, Matthew 7:1-2, Matthew 5:43-44, 1 John 1:7, Matthew 28:19-20.

7th and 8th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23, The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12, Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 18:20, John 11:25-26, Matthew 25:40, Matthew 6:19-21, Mark 9:23b, Psalm 100, Roman 3:28, John 8:31b, 32, 1 Corinthians 10:13, John 20:23 and Matthew 18:18.

High School: Be a leader and good role model, open your Bible and devotion books 3-4 times a week or daily;), read any of the above Bible verses, The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23.

Make homemade cards for our shut-in members. Smile often and sing –Hugs to you all!

Kristal Gifford -Sunday School Superintendent, Board of Education and Family Ministry- Michelle Klefstad , Kelly Martinson and Shelly Shipley

Be sure and notify the church office of your college students address so we can update our mailing list. If you do this, they will receive notes from our congregation once a month during the school year. Let's keep them connected with us. You can also call Louise at 715-764-2072..

Thanks

WELCA Report

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church Women met Tuesday, November 18, 2025. We opened by singing "Count Your Blessings"

Gladys opened with Prayer

Secretary's report was read.

Treasurers report was read

Old Business – None

New Business:

Changed The Christmas Luncheon to December 9th at 11:00.

Discussed the menu.

A M/M/S (Debbie R/ Marion) to give Pastor Sara a \$50 Christmas present.

Collect Offering and Thank Offering.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary Chris Broten



Natalee Dahlberg	12/03	Xander Rihn	12/18
Jennie Skoug	12/11	Dawson Wicken	12/20
Brayton Kangas	12/12	Lincoln Peterson	12/26
Cameron Wign	12/14	Jason Dau	12/31



Annual Reports are due December 17th



DECEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 SS & Confirmation 10:10:55 Worship: 11:00	8	9 WELCA Christmas Luncheon 11:00am. 	10	11	12	13
14 SS & Confirmation 10:10:55 Worship: 11:00	15	16	17 Annual Reports are Due	18	19	20
21 Sunday School Christmas Program Worship: 11:00 Blue Christmas Service 6:30 at United Church Prairie Farm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight 6:30 	25 	26	27
28 Worship: 11:00	29	25	30	31 		

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"In Christ, we reach, teach and celebrate God's Word."

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