

**Special Congregational Meeting**  
December 8, 2024

President Todd Rothermel called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. following the worship service.

Pastor Scott Staub provided an opening prayer.

President Rothermel gave an overview of how the meeting would be run. A show of hands by confirmed members who have both communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding showed that a quorum of 18 was present, as required by the constitution.

Two items were on the agenda for the meeting, both requiring a separate majority vote from the assembly for approval:

1. Consider a motion regarding the adoption (approval) the proposed 2025 General Fund Budget
2. Consider a motion regarding the approval of securing a loan amount up to \$680,000 to initiate the Learning Center Ministry

President Rothermel noted that the Congregational Council is recommending both items for approval.

President Rothermel announced the tellers as Georgann Geiser, Scott Geiser and Marty Hauser and requested that they distribute the ballots.

Treasurer Edward Becker reviewed the proposed 2025 General Fund Budget, then made a motion for adoption. The motion was seconded by Marty Hauser.

Allan Care approached the microphone with a concern regarding the cut in benevolence. He asked that those who are able consider continuing their contributions to the Synod and ELCA. Pastor Scott agreed and noted that this decrease in benevolence contributions was temporary.

Being no further discussion, President Rothermel restated the motion and asked that the Budget portion of the ballots be marked.

Donna Kehs gave an explanation of the Learning Center loan amount and what it included. She then made a motion to consider the approval of securing a loan amount up to \$680,000 to initiate the Learning Center Ministry. The motion was seconded by Yvonne Peto.

Allan Care approached the microphone with favorable reasons why the motion should be passed.

Ed Becker approached the microphone with further financial explanation.

Being no further discussion, President Rothermel restated the motion and asked that the Learning Center portion of the ballots be marked.

President Rothermel requested the tellers to collect ballots and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Harry White and seconded by Ron Hedrick. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Scott offered the Benediction.

Budget Voting results:

- 92 total votes were collected
  - 90 “yes” votes
  - 2 “no” votes
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Learning Center Voting results:

- 92 total votes were collected
  - 84 “yes” votes
  - 8 “no” votes