

Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church

Council Meeting Agenda – October 13, 2025

Council Meeting Minutes

Opening Prayer

Pastor Derek began the meeting by leading the council in prayer, setting a reflective and positive tone for the discussions ahead.

Approval of September Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September council meeting. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Agenda Topics

Committee Reports and Updates

Pastor's Report

Pastor Derek reported that overall church attendance has been strong and encouraging.

Sunday school is progressing well, with Sydnee actively working on recruiting new students. She has been tasked with forming relationships to encourage participation in the program.

The details for the upcoming Polka Mass have been finalized, and there is a great deal of excitement within the congregation about this event.

Plans to construct the new sign for the church are moving forward. Permitting has been secured.

Finance

Dave noted that it is currently a critical period for the 2026 planning/budgeting process. The 2026 goal is a 5% increase for congregational giving.

The Executive Committee will review submitted committee budgets at the November 3rd meeting. The congregation will vote on the budget at the November 16th service budget presentation (after the Sunday service).

We have an opportunity to develop a “interior decorating” special project to enhance our fellowship and gathering space. This will result in developing a separate line item on the budget.

Worship/Music

We are investigating a possible columbarium to be erected on the church property. This would be made from metal or heavy plastic and could be transportable.

Property

The Tagge Farm lease will be drafted (TBD) for the 2026 calendar year.

Fellowship

We had an excellent turn-out for the clean-up project.

The Fellowship Team is ready for the Polka Mass!

Social Ministry

There has been excellent support for the blanket ministry.

We will have a box for donations for the CCPC Coat and Toy Drive.

The committee's priority is the Sub for Santa holiday event.

Youth/Education

Plans are underway to organize the Christmas services which will be an "interactive" service with congregational participation.

Other Business

We will add the topic of safety to the November Congregational Meeting Agenda.

Next Meeting

The next council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 10th, at 6:00 p.m.

Below is the link and meeting ID with password for council meetings

Meeting ID: 823 3601 6814

Passcode: Council

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82336016814?pwd=VFBuRVRMdktkUnAweFBKWkZxUjVKdz09>

The meeting was closed in prayer.

Laurie Ness

Secretary