

## 2026 Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church Congregational Annual Meeting Minutes February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026

34 members of Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church were in attendance. Kirstin Kempel called the meeting to order at 10:35am

Pastor Jaime Decker led the congregation in devotions and prayer from the front cover of the annual report.

**Secretary's report:** Minutes were presented from 2025 Annual Meeting. Casey Decker made a motion to dismiss with the reading of the minutes and approve them, Judy Tyler made second, readings dismissed and minutes approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Presented by Kris Beck & Michelle Goettle, Profit and Loss on page 23 and 24. Motion to approve profit and loss and changes was made by Joleen Hardy second by Joan Peterson, no opposed, finances approved. No Opposed. Report approved.

**Tellers:** Joleen Hardy, Lori Wiederholt, Nancy Wrage. Volunteered to be tellers.

**Election:** Kirstin Kempel explained the ballot. No Other volunteers for open positions. Dennis Dahl made motion to approve ballot, 2<sup>nd</sup> is Joleen Hardy. No Opposed. Ballot passed. Voting results are as follows.

**Church Council:** There were 2 open positions. Trudy Peterson and Keith Beaver ran as new candidates. Elected as such for a 3 year term.

**Nominating Committee:** Mike Larson, Martin Potts, Dan McKeever, Ashley Hansen were on the ballot for the 4 positions on the nomination committee and were Elected as such.

**GA Foundation Directors:** Jeff Anderson was up for re-election and chose to re-run. Elected as stated to the GA Foundation Directors for a term of 3 years.

**Synod Assembly:** June 5-7 this year. Michelle Goettle and Kris Beck were listed and they were elected to attend the Synod assembly to be GA Church's voting delegates. A 3<sup>rd</sup> member will be selected by March to attend.

**Auditing Committee:** Karla Waloch was up for re-election this year, she chose to re-run. Karla Waloch was elected to Auditing Committee.

**Stewardship Committee:** The Stewardship Committee had 2 up for re-election Kirstin Kempel and Julie Johnson, both chose not to re-run. Dawn Anderson and Shirley Waloch were on the ballot to fill those 2 positions, and were elected for 3 year term.

**Election results:** Motion made to pass a unanimous ballot by Dennis Dahl, second made by Joleen Hardy. Elected as stated above. No opposed. Motion carried to approve election results.

**Presentation of Proposed Budget:** Presented by Kris Beck. Budget on pages 21 & 22. Increases and changes in budget for 2026 were explained by each section. Make a change giving was explained and how it is spent, and that a match was given. Other mission support was explained that it was for a family in need. Pastor Pay was discussed, since Pastor Jaime is cutting down to 75% time. New line item of retirement was explained as a split of the health pension total just to better divide total amount paid. Synod recommends congregation pays Pastor Jaime's full health insurance. Pastor Jaime will be paying \$1,000 towards her health insurance plan to cover the increased expenses for the plan that works best for her and her family. All other benefits - pension, housing allowance, retirement, etc will be based off her call at 75% time. Her pay is at 8 years of experience and then calculated down to 75%. Increase in supply pastor was listed as we need more fill in with Pastor Jaime's decrease in hours. All other salaries were explained. Church and parsonage line items were discussed, and all other church expenses. The new line item of community outreach was discussed, it will be used for community outreach at the council's discretion. Carrili will forward all community outreach requests onto the council president. Venmo line item explained as transfer to the other church groups who used the Venmo for events. Motion to approve budget and changes made by, Joleen Hardy second by Joan Peterson. No opposed, budget approved.

**Annual reports:** No additions, comments or changes to reports. A motion was made to approve reports by Joleen Hardy second by Joan Peterson. No Opposed. Reports Approved.

**Proposed resolutions:** Resolutions page 26 were reviewed and discussed, no new resolutions for 2026 were noted, no changes were made. Moment of silence was taken for those that had passed this last year. Motion to approve made by Becky Salberg and second by Julie Johnson. No opposed. Resolutions Approved.

**Business: Roof Committee:** Discussion was held on the problem of the roof. Kirstin Kempel suggests that a committee be formed to move forward on the fixing of the church roof. Keith Beaver spoke on the information that Barry Fernow from North Star roofing gave them, on an increase in insulation and re-roofing. Barry does not suggest a tin roof. Volunteers for the committee: Walter Wrage, Mike Larson, Keith Beaver, Kent Johnson, Dennis Dahl, Duane Johnson. They will move forward and look into getting the roof fixed.

**Pastor Budget:** Was covered and explained in the budget section. Kirstin also spoke on how SAM's will be filling in when Pastor Jaime is on her non-contracted time and they can be approved to provide communion. During Pastor Jaime's non-contracted time if a church need/emergency arises there will be pastoral coverage from other churches in the area.

**Special Mention:** To Mike Larson and Martin Potts for their time on the Church Council, each served 6 years for GA Church.

**Custodian:** GA Will be in need of a custodian after Adalee Hill graduates this fall.

**Painted Banners:** Need to be hung rather than stored in the hallway, can be put in the fellowship hall in place of the red quilt on the west wall. The congregation agrees that this can be done.

**Printing Report:** Get annual report printed and out as soon as possible next year, so the congregation has time to review the reports. Aim for at least 1 Sunday prior to the annual meeting if all finances are approved. Potentially post an online version and update as reports come in. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Walter Wrage and second by Sharon Beckstrom. No Opposed. Meeting Adjourned at 11:50am. Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer led by Pastor Jaime Decker.