

Holy Cross Lutheran Church (HCLC)
Minutes from Congregational Meeting, Part I – December 3, 2023

The December 2023 Congregational Meeting (Part I) was called to order by President Wendy Lambeth on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Berggren opened the meeting with a prayer.

The agenda, a copy of the budget, and ballots were distributed to those present. It was determined that a quorum was in attendance. The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 Congregational Meeting Part II. There was no discussion from the floor. A motion was duly made and seconded, and the minutes were approved by a show of hands.

The next item of business was the 2024 budget. President Lambeth turned this portion of the meeting over to Treasurer Ricki Finstad, who discussed highlights of the report. He presented the 2024 total budget, which was approximately \$6,500 less than the 2023 budget. Treasurer Finstad noted that in 2023 Holy Cross ran an average monthly deficit of \$7,000-\$8,000, even with careful management of costs . He continues looking for ways to cut expenses, and proceeds from Telge investments help offset Holy Cross expenses. Dr. Finstad asked if there were any questions or comments about the budget.

A motion was made (and seconded) for the congregation to cast ballots to approve the budget as presented. The 2024 budget passed by an overwhelming majority of votes.

While the ballots were being counted members discussed several opportunities and challenges for Holy Cross, as well as the congregation's progress in several areas.

Upon motion to adjourn, the meeting was ended at 10:43 a.m. Pastor Berggren closed with the Lord's prayer, which the congregation prayed together.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kilkenny
Church Council Secretary