

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church (HCLC)**  
**Minutes from Congregational Meeting, Part I – December 8, 2024**

The December 2024 Congregational Meeting (Part I) was called to order by President Wendy Lambeth on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 10:26 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, 2024 Congregational Meeting Part II. There was no discussion from the floor. A motion was duly made and seconded, and the minutes were approved by acclamation.

The next item of business was the 2025 budget. President Lambeth turned this portion of the meeting over to Treasurer Ricki Finstad, who discussed highlights of the report. He presented the 2025 total budget, which was approximately \$6,500 less than the 2023 budget. Treasurer Finstad noted that, as of 10/31/24 Holy Cross was running an average monthly deficit of \$8,000, even with careful management of costs. He continues looking for ways to cut expenses, and proceeds from Telge investments help offset expenses. Dr. Finstad answered questions from members about insurance coverage and storm damage.

A motion was made (and seconded) for the congregation to cast ballots to approve the budget as presented. The 2025 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 10:33 a.m. Pastor Berggren led the congregation in closing with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kilkenny  
Church Council Secretary