

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday January 14, 2026**  
**Called to Order 7:05**

President Nikki Smith

VP

Secretary Kathy Wilkening

Financial-Administrator Nikki Smith

**Member Present:** Kathy Wilkening Ashley Parish Yvonne Noorlun Nikki Smith Donna Kotewa

**Devotion** Yvonne Noorlun

**Pastors report** Pastor Eunice did 3 church services in December. Met with baptism parents and taught confirmation class as Laurie was not able too. Visitation to the shut-in with communion. Worked on a special Epiphany worship arrangement and did some grief counseling.

**Secretary** Kathy Wilkening - Yvonne motioned to accept as read and Donna second.

**Treasure** Nikki Smith December income was up \$1,242.89. Trinity came under budget by \$4,935 in 2025.

**Stewardship** None

**Lay/Ministry** Donna Kotewa Sending cards

**Church Properties** None

**Youth/GIFT** In December the GIFT program met twice. December 17 was the Christmas program with a spaghetti meal afterwards. Nikki and Ashley delivered the gifts to the Ronald McDonald house in Sioux Falls December 18.

**The Youth** had their Christmas party December 14. The Youth shopped and delivered gifts to the Truman Senior Living as well as caroling. They decorated gingerbread houses and had a gift exchange. At the Christmas Eve service Ashley sang a solo as well as gave the message as a replacement for the pastor's absence. Thank you, Ashley.

January 4th the Youth and Ashley prepared and conducted the worship service even though Ashley had a fall and a concussion.

GIFT on January 7 and 21 with Worship service on January 11 lead by the Youth.

**Worship** Yvonne Noorlun Annual meeting January 18, install new leaders, January 25.

February 1 baptism and February 18 Ash Wednesday service at 6:30.

March 15

Pastor Heather Culuris from the Synod will lead us.

A huge Thank you to Margaret Durkee and Ashley Parish for a wonderful candle light service during our Christmas Eve service due to Pastor Eunice's absence.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Nikki Smith arranged the bonus for church employees.

Ashley motioned to accept the 2026 Proposed Budget and Yvonne second.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

President

Nikki Smith is authorized to go to Profinium Bank to correct the signatures on the different checking accounts.

Main Checking

Brenda Hansen Nikki Smith Laurie Wille

Take off Josh Tonkin

WELCA

Sandy Meyer Barb Shoen Kathy Wilkening

Youth Group

Ashley Parish Carlee Scheff

Take off Caitlyn Carlson Allison Klasson

Gifts and Memorials

Brenda Hansen and Cathy Sorenson

GIFT

Brenda Hansen Nikki Smith

Savings

Brenda Hansen Teresa Hall Nikki Smith

**CHANGE THE ACCOUNT NAME FROM ROOFING TO GENERAL SAVINGS**

Donna motioned to adjourn at 8:18 and Yvonne second.

Submitted by Secretary

Kathy Wilkening