

ERLC Council Meeting Minutes

Elk River Lutheran Church, Elk River, MN - ELCA

The ERLC Council held a regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**.

Call to Order

President Jeff Schrock called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Devotion and prayer led by Amy Anderson.

Roll Call: Name Highlighted Indicates Present

Δ Jeff Schrock - President	Δ Kent Larson - VP	Δ Amy Anderson - Treasurer
Δ Pastor Nathan Mugaas	Δ Pastor Anne Schaefer	Δ Kelli Horner - Secretary
Δ Zoey Day	Δ Julie Marie Haugen	Δ Justin Howland
Δ Conni Natwick	Δ Dan Nelson	Δ Renee Thurmer

ERLC Congregation Member Comments and Council Listening Session

At this time visitors to the meeting are welcome to present information of interest. The members of the ERLC Council will receive such input without comment and will not discuss or act relative to any items brought forth at the meeting. The ERLC Council may direct consideration of presented information at subsequent meetings.

- Nothing presented at this time.

Action Items in BOLD

February Council meeting minutes review and approval (Kelli Horner)

- Update to the February 2026 meeting minutes to clarify elementary aged kids went to the winter retreat due to scheduling conflicts (part of Pastor Nathan's pastoral update).

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026, ERLC Council meeting made by Dan Nelson and seconded by Conni Natwick. Approved. Motion carried.

Pastoral Updates from Pastor Nathan and Pastor Anne

Pastor Nathan:

- Finished first segment of ELCA coach training; good experience. Good learning on listening and question asking.
- Started Lent with Ash Wednesday, thank you to Council for serving first dinner. Dinner church as been going well with having different groups set-up/serve/clean-up, but need to revisit having groups that the pastors lead to that as it is difficult to lead Dinner Church and the groups. A great addition to Dinner Church are the personal stories; they have been well received.
- Couple funerals: Al Kopp, Myron Grams, and Pastor Anne led a funeral for Dare's.
- Sunday, March 15 shifted to online opportunities due to weather cancellation of in-person worship.

Pastor Anne:

- Survivor Mission Trip Dinner on March 13. Included a variety show of the students. Raised \$3,500+
- 8 kids received First Communion
- Meredith Miller is an author of children's ministry curriculum and an educator to educators. Last week, Pastor Anne went to a workshop with other children's ministry educators at Wooddale Lutheran. She's inspired and encouraged in the work that we're doing with children's ministries at ERLC.
- Palm Sunday program is coming March 29 – 15 students are participating. Have an addition of a 12-student choir led by Melissa Macari-Coons and Carley Sorenson.
- Chose VBS theme: Road Trip
- Advertising for Summer Camp opportunities at Luther Crest & Summer Festival.
- Social Justice Action Team is working on several items:
 - Working with Open Doors for Youth to do a temple talk and adult forum – working on dates.
 - Establishing contact with Terebinth Refuge, an organization helping people recover from sex trafficking, to do a presentation at church. The group is trying to confirm Terebinth is open and affirming before inviting them, as we want all people to feel safe with guest groups.
 - Video project has been pushed to the Fall.

February 2026 Financials review and approval (Amy Anderson)

- Received \$1200 rebate from CenterPoint and agreement was to put it in the deferred maintenance account.
- Move invoice for Hannay Electric to use the employee retention credit.

Motion to approve the February 2026 Financials as presented made by Conni Natwick and seconded by Dan Nelson. Approved. Motion carried.

New & Continuing Business:

- ERLC By-laws and Constitution (Kent/Pastor Nathan):
 - Still waiting for the Synod.
- ELCA Synod Assembly (Pastor Nathan):
 - Saturday, May 2nd 9am -4pm at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Ramsey.
 - Pastors, a youth representative, and 2 adult delegates (typically Council members) from each congregation can attend.
 - Pastor Nathan will reach out to the Council via email to see which Council members can attend.

Adjourn and Lord's Prayer

President Jeff Schrock adjourned the meeting at 7:11 pm and Zoey Day led the council in The Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Horner, Secretary

Addendums – None