Mount Cross
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rooted in God's grace, we joyfully witness and serve.

Core Values

Intimacy With God
Inspiring Worship
Intentional Faith Development
Compassionate Outreach
Caring Community

Approved Church Council Meeting Minutes

08/18/2026

2025 Elected Church Council Members	Executive Committee	Voting Representatives
1. Ken Riley (President) 2. Tracy Blois (Vice President) 3. Amanda Honda (Secretary) 4. Jim Prosser (Treasurer) 5. Vicky Edell 6. Ralph Midtyling 7. Tom Neuhaus 8. Maria McDonell 9. Jeanne Kuchera-Sikoff 10. Gayle Johnson	• Ken Riley (President) • Tracy Blois (Vice President) • Amanda Honda (Secretary) • Jim Prosser (Treasurer)	• Henry Moraga (CDC Liaison) • Miera Stouch (youth rep)*

*1 vote between both youth representatives

Call to Order

The meeting was held in-person with a Zoom option. None joined by Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Ken Riley.

Council Members Present

1. Ken Riley (President)
2. Tracy Blois (Vice President)
3. ~~Amanda Honda (Secretary~~)
4. Jim Prosser (Treasurer)
5. Vicky Edell
6. Ralph Midtyling
7. Maria McDonell
8. Tom Neuhaus
9. Jeanne Kuchera-Sikoff
10. Gayle Johnson

Voting Representatives Present

1. Henry Moraga

Staff Members Present

1. Pastor Julie Morris

Devotion: Led by Jeanne Sikoff-Konas

Determination of Quorum

(C12.06) majority of members of the council-majority is defined as one over one-half (5).

- Number of council members present: 9
- Number of voting representatives present: 1
- Number of council members and voting representatives present: 12 of 13

Caring Conversation: Who was a memorable teacher for you and what impact did they have?

ACTION: Approval of Minutes

Motion by Henry Moraga: "*to approve the minutes from the July meeting"*

- Second by Maria McDonnell
- The minutes are approved via a hand vote, none opposed.

ACTION: Acceptance of Staff and Committee Reports

These were provided orally in addition to Pastor Julie's report provided via handout and Jim Prosser's Treasurer Report provided via email (and appended below) with the following action items:

1. Action: Motion from Executive Committee to authorize the Treasurer to open a Charles Schwab account in the name of Mount Cross Lutheran Church of Camarillo; and that the Secretary is authorized to execute any documents necessary to open such account. Signatories will be Ken W. Riley, Council President and James Prosser, Church Treasurer. Purpose is to utilize higher interest-bearing CDs for optimized money management.
    - Motion approved via a hand vote, none opposed.

2. Action: Motion from Jim Prosser that actions by the Signatories on the Schwab Account are limited to actions authorized by the executive committee and/or church council.
    - Second by Tom Neuhaus
    - Motion approved via a hand vote, none opposed.

3. Action: Motion from Henry Moraga to authorize the Treasurer to transfer the full balance from the Banc of CA account (~$165K per July 31, 2026 Balance Sheet) to the new Charles Schwab account
    - Second by Maria M
    - Motion approved via a hand vote, none opposed.

4. Action: Motion from Henry Moraga to authorize the Treasurer to transfer up to $100K from the Citizens Bank Checking account to the new Charles Schwab account
    - Second by Maria M
    - Motion approved via a hand vote, none opposed.

Oral updates from Committees :

- Generosity Campaign
    - Reminder send Gayle any comments/edits on the Time and Talent form

- Ministry Expo will be Sunday, Nov 8 - each ministry can showcase their mission and activities, including outside groups that the congregation supports
- Call for ideas from

- Personnel Committee
  - As a result of creating church-specific OIR account # (separate from the CDC), ~8 employees must do a new Livescan under this new #
  - Expenses incurred should use account 35476

Information: highlights from Pastor Julie's report

- The Three Congregations are hosting a 4-week series of "Faith Journeys" - Pastor Julie will share hers on Tues, Sept 8 at Cam UMC
- God's Work Our Hands is Sept 13
  - There was interest expressed to still hold some event "off campus" to ensure our presence in the community
  - The Church picnic had been planned for this day but there was recognition from council that there are multiple event commitments within the fall season and in an effort to mitigate volunteer burnout, decision was made to focus on the MBC and 60th anniversary celebrations.

Motion by Ralph Midtylng "*to approve the Staff and Committee Reports as presented for August*"

- Second by Gayle Johnson
- The Staff and Committee Reports are accepted via a hand vote, none opposed

ACTION: approve Make Bake Celebrate contracts

- Contracts for Party Pleasers (revised) and Dearmoore's BBQ catering were sent by Ken Riley via email
- Motion by Jeanne to approve the Party Pleasers contract up to amount of $5093.39 (may be revised down).
  - Second by Henry Moraga
  - Motion accepted via a hand vote, none opposed
- Motion by Jeanne to approve the Dearmoore's catering contract up to $5500
  - Second by Maria McDonnell
  - Accepted via a hand vote, none opposed

Discussion: Make Bake Celebrate and 60th anniversary updates

- MBC planning meeting set for Sat, August 22 at Pastor Julie's home
- 60th Anniversary Sunday: October 25 luncheon - Gayle offered to lead this with church council support

New Business:

- Idea raised for a planned Dedication day of the new Play Garden
    - Invite former CDC families who donated
    - Discuss at next FFF and CCC meetings
    - Plan in the future

Information: Next Meeting Dates

1. Council Meeting on Sept 29, 2026 at 7pm via in-person with Zoom option
2. Executive Committee on Thurs, Sept 3 at 7pm on Zoom

Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Maria "*to adjourn meeting*"

- Second by Ralph
- The motion passed unanimously by hand count, none opposed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:56pm with the Lord's Prayer

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Pastor's Report- Julie Morris (provided via handout)

I am submitting a brief report this month because of time constraints. As always, we have a lot to celebrate, including three baptisms and the welcome of a new member on July 26; Vacation Bible School and VBS Sunday August 3-9; and Health and Healing Sunday on August 16. My pastoral care and church administration calendars have been full, yet I often feel that much is being left undone. I am grateful that we are truly a community of faith offering our diverse gifts to God's service, and I trust the Holy Spirit is working through us (and sometimes despite us) to meet the needs of our congregation.
I was glad to attend the CDC Parent Orientation on August 13 and look forward to the first meeting of the newly formed Church/CDC Discernment Committee on Sunday, August 23 under Kevin O'Farrell's leadership.

Looking towards September: The Three Congregations are trying a new collaboration next month - a 4-part adult formation series called, "Faith Journeys." We will meet at Cam UMC on Tuesdays, September 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 6:30 p.m. Each week, one of the pastors or Dr. Bill Garlington will share their faith stories and invite others to reflect on their own spiritual journeys. We hope this will help people from the different congregations get to know each other.

God's Work Our Hands and Picnic Sunday is September 13. The Church Council typically takes the lead in organizing the picnic following worship. As in the past few years, the picnic will be on site

I will be away Thursday and Friday, Sept. 10-11 and Friday, Sept. 18 – Monday, Sept. 21. Pastor Ralph Midtlyng will preach and preside on Sunday, Sept. 20.

There are a lot of events in the fall that require Church Council help and support, including the picnic, Make Bake Celebrate (Oct. 3), all the 60th anniversary events, and the Generosity Campaign and Expo (Nov. 8). Thank you for doing so much to serve the congregation. God bless you!

Treasurer's Report - Jim Prosser

(Provided to council via email on Aug 18) Our income see-saw continued into July. As can be seen on the attached income report, Operating Income for June was $47,140 (110% of budget), but July was only $38,738 (91% of budget). Most disappointing was that July Pledged Income was less than 90% of budget.

Looking at the Jan-July Income numbers, all categories of Operating Income (except Loose Plate) are over 100% of budget. However, it must be kept in mind that some annual pledges have already been fully paid and some quarterly givers pay early. It's not that we need to worry about making it through the year rather, this just points out why the Generosity Campaign needs to be a year-round effort.

Operational Expenses remain under control coming in for both June and July at around 72% of budget. Likewise, the funding for our various programs for seniors and youth, including the Care Team, from our dedicated accounts remains strong.

A copy of the Balance Sheet through July 31, 2026 was also provided to council via email.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that this document is a true and correct copy of the minutes of Mount Cross Lutheran Church of Camarillo, California, for the Church Council meeting of August 18, 2026.

Dated: _____

_____ Amanda June Burns Honda, Secretary