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St. Paul Lutheran Church
Mary and Martha Minutes
January 11, 2026

There were 9 women in attendance, congregation president and Pastor.

The attendance was taken and the offering envelope passed around. Pastor opened the meeting with a reading from Isaiah 10 and a reading from *The Daily Walk with God* about a life centered in Christ. The meeting was called to order.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report: The minutes of October 12, 2025 were presented. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was given with dates from July through December. There were no disbursements made.

Committee Reports:

Altar Committee: The Christmas altar decorations are coming down today. For Lent she may bring her crown of thorns plant for the altar. We have two artificial lilies for the altar for Easter, which is April 5th. She will purchase one real lily for the middle. We can use the Advent banners for Lent.

Feeding His Lambs: A four-month brochure was sent to the new baby in the congregation. His lamb should be put on the Cradle Roll hanging in the church.

Sunshine Committee: Six cards were sent last quarter.

Meal Coordinator: Two ladies volunteered to co-chair this committee for the upcoming quarter.

Old Business:

Vacation Bible School: The Christmas one-day vacation bible class did not happen as no one signed up for it. There may be a three-day morning VBS planned for this July. Mary & Martha can coordinate food and snacks at a later time if necessary.

Kitchen Shower: The kitchen shower is complete.

Banners: One of the Christmas banners is being sent back as it wasn't hemmed correctly. A blurb will be put in the bulletin for banner donations, but Mary & Martha can contribute if they want. A motion was made and seconded that Mary & Martha contribute \$100 for future banners. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The deadline for Easter banners would be by mid-March. Future banners may be Trinity, Pentecost and Reformation.

Christmas Season Schedule: There was some discussion about the possibility of having the children's service be the Sunday before Christmas. Maybe more people would attend if it wasn't at night. Maybe it could be on a trial basis for this year and see how it works out. This will be discussed at the upcoming Voter's Meeting.

New Business:

Kinship Sponsor: We have more than enough that was contributed by the congregation for our Mary & Martha sponsor. Motion was made to approve \$600 for the Mary and Martha sponsor. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Just a reminder that if you want your donation to go towards the Mary and Martha sponsor, you must check Other on the right side of your envelope, and state what it is earmarked for.

Immanuel High School Banquet Donation: There was discussion about whether we should donate more for this banquet if the high school was experiencing a shortfall. A motion was made and seconded to donate between \$50 and \$75 for the high school banquet. Motion passed unanimously. Crystal will check with the banquet committee chairperson to see if there is a shortfall or not.

Care Packages: We would only have two students this year for care packages. The packages are \$35 each. A motion was made and seconded that Mary and Martha contribute \$70 for care packages for two students. Motion passed unanimously.

New Officers:

The slate of officers for 2026 was presented. A motion was made and seconded that we accept the slate of officers for 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

2026 Meeting Dates: April 12th, July 12th October 11th and January 17, 2027.

Pastor had one upcoming calendar item to be aware of. The CLC tour choir will be coming to St. Paul this year with a date to be determined. Also, he visited a St. Paul distant member, in Douglas, Wyoming. He was a former St. Luke member. All Christmas bags were delivered and much appreciated.

Adjournment: It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. Pastor closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting: The next Mary and Martha meeting will be **Sunday, April 12, 2026.**

Respectfully submitted:
Mary & Martha Secretary