

Zion Lutheran Church Voters Meeting December 14, 2025

Present: Robert and Mechelle Kuehn, Ted and Debbie Kamrud, Tom and Nancy Wheeler, Ron and Linda Jung, Maxine Samuelson, Larry Feight, Sharlene Anderson, Krystin and Jason Slater, Paula Hippert, Kerry and Luann Cutting, Martha Haxby, Mike Simon, John Diefenderfer, Sylvia Diefenderfer and Diana Parks.

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 with Pastor Mavis giving the opening prayer.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Martha Haxby, seconded by Maxine Samuelson. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2005 meeting was made by Larry Feight, seconded by Paula Hippert. Motion approved.

Treasure's Report

Martha Haxby reported she would not be running for treasurer again so please think about someone who will fill my position. At the end of the beginning of this month, we had \$45,195.78, it received \$19,408.00 and I took \$16,000.00 from our savings to pay Big Sky Elevator. I spent \$18,795.85, \$15,857.25 Big Sky Elevator, which leaves us an account balance of \$45,807.91 and in savings \$21,163.15. There is enough money left for me to make the final payment to Big Sky Elevator. Our yearly total offerings for this year so far were \$82,405.00.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Ron Jung, seconded by Larry Feight. Motion carried.

President's Update

John Diefenderfer reported we are voting today to made a dual congregation with Boulder and to call Pastor Pullman as our pastor, there will be one vote. Also, our constitution will be looked at and rewritten for the size of our congregation.

After discussion Larry Feight moved to accept the agreement as presented and a dual congregation with Boulder, seconded by Martha Haxby. Motion carried unanimously.

Board of Lay Ministry

Ron Jung reported Pastor Pullman is ready to roll as our Pastor, it is uncanny how much Boulder and our congregation are alike. I think God is going to do great things with the two congregations.

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Board of Property

Ron Jung reported Big Sky Elevator will be here Monday, December 15, to start the installation of the elevator. Installation will take four or five days. By law with the State of Montana, we have to have a phone in the elevator, the phone is coming with the elevator, the phone needs to be installed so the elevator will work and I'm working on that part now, the internet will also come with the phone. This service will cost approximately \$120 per month with Century Link and we have to go with a commercial account. It was agreed we will find the cheapest solution we can and continue talking to the State for our requirements. Once the elevator is installed it will be tested by the State, once it is certified we will be able to use it.

Board of Fellowship

There will be no Bible Study or Soup Supper this week because of the installation but Advent Service Tuesday night will be held at 6:00pm.

New Business

Kerry Cutting stated we have a meeting with some people I have invited here Tuesday. We have to fill out some demographic information for the call documents. Maxine Samuelson offered her home as a meeting place.

It was also agreed Zion would host an appreciation retirement dinner for Pastor Mavis.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 with the Lord's Prayer.

Prepared by Diana Parks

Partnership Agreement for Dual Parish
between
Faith Lutheran Church, Boulder, MT
and
Zion Lutheran Church, Whitehall, MT

For the sake of the mission of the Church and the continued ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ, Faith Lutheran Church in Boulder, Montana and Zion Lutheran Church in Whitehall, Montana agree to a partnership in a dual parish situation, effective (Date) _____ subject to acceptance by the Voters Assemblies of both congregations.

1. The Joint Council will be comprised of the Chairman/President and the Elders of both congregations. The Joint Council will meet twice a year in May and in August. The salary recommendation will be determined in the August meeting.
2. Faith Lutheran Church, Boulder, Montana agrees to pay 50% of the pastor's salary and benefits and Zion Lutheran Church, Whitehall, Montana agrees to pay 50% of the pastor's salary and benefits.
3. The Pastor will reside in whichever community of Boulder or Whitehall he is able to find housing he can afford.
4. Sunday service times for Faith Lutheran Church, Boulder, Montana will be 10:30am and Sunday service times for Zion Lutheran Church, Whitehall, Montana will be 8:30am. These times may be switched at regular intervals and negotiated annually.
5. Special services will be negotiated and determined annually by the Joint Council.
6. Joint meetings of the voter's assembly between Faith Lutheran Church, and Zion Lutheran Church, will be held at mutually agreeable times.
7. Other joint events will be negotiated and determined by the Joint Council.

Optional details to this partnership will be negotiated within a Dual-Parish committee composed of representatives of both congregations. When disagreements between congregations arise concerning the partnership agreement a Dual-parish committee of representatives of both congregations will meet together before any formal action is taken by either congregation. Optional details and negotiated resolutions to disagreements will be attached to this agreement.

Signed
Representatives of the Congregations

(Chairman of Faith Lutheran Church, Boulder, Montana) Date _____

(Chairman of the Board of Elders of Faith Lutheran Church, Boulder, Montana) Date _____

Ken E. Dieffenhofer Date 12/14/2025
✓ (Chairman of Zion Lutheran Church, Whitehall, Montana)

Donald D. Jorg Date 12/14/25
(Chairman of the Board of Elders of Zion Lutheran Church, Whitehall, Montana)

Signed by Rev. _____, Pastor

Date _____

Ratified by the Voter's Assembly of Faith Lutheran Church, Boulder, Montana

(Secretary of the Congregation) Date _____

Ratified by the Voter's Assembly of Zion Lutheran Church, Whitehall, Montana

Diana Parks Date 12-14-25
(Secretary of the Congregation)

Please send a copy of this agreement to the District Office: 759 Newman Lane, Suite 2, Billings, MT 59101