

Highlights of Council Meeting — September 8, 2026

President Daryl Bouwkamp read Joshua 4 and opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the August 3, 2026, Council meeting were read and approved.

The elders' report was given. Pastor Kornelis from Sully CRC and Pastor Swinney will exchange pulpits for the September 20 evening worship following the Classis meeting. Alex Foley will lead our morning worship and Cory Van Gilst our evening worship on October 4 while Pastor Swinney uses a week of vacation. Later this year, Pastor Swinney plans to use his one week of continuing education for working on a sermon series.

The treasurer's report was approved. The General Fund balance as of August 31, 2026, was \$165,004.59. The Building Fund balance was \$89,548.27. A report was given about funds received for the Carroll Bandstra memorial, which have been designated for Youth Group SERVE projects.

Website Committee minutes were received for information.

President Daryl Bouwkamp asked for thoughts of Council members on whether we should consider downsizing the Council. It was thought that further discussion should take place within smaller groups of Council members.

An update was given about men's Bible studies. Plans are to schedule two opportunities during the week for a men's Bible study, along with a monthly men's breakfast for fellowship.

The treasurer will present a 2027 draft church budget next month.

The Council voted on nominations for deacons and elders.

A letter of thanksgiving will be sent to Bethel CRC for the installation of their new pastor.

Our annual congregational meeting will be held November 23, 2026.

Mutual Censure was led by Terry Fopma on "What It Means to Be a Christian Athlete: A Reflection on How God's Glory and Athletes' Faith Shines Through Sports."

Next Council meeting is October 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Matt Vander Hart closed the meeting in prayer.