

November 18th, 2025 Emmanuel Lutheran Church- Council Meeting Minutes

(meeting delayed 1 week)

Present: Pastor Christine Olson, Jeff Hines, Jeremy Sallgren, Joanna Magrane: Council Vice President, Jim Briar, Eileen Beyer, Holly Bayerl: Secretary, Brianna Camps: Council President, Allyson Bickel, Janet Conklin, James Porras, Gail Sieglaff (arrived 6:17pm); **Present to Report:** Patti Treptow: Youth & Family Director, Judy Raygo: Church Secretary. **Absent:** Andrew Miller, and Cindy Smith (surgery)

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Brianna Camps at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was reviewed, James Porras made a **Motion** to accept agenda, and Janet Conklin **2nd, Agenda was approved, motion carried.**

Opening Devotion- Dwelling in the Word, we began with a prayer

John 6:25-35, Allyson read the passages first, followed by Holly, good discussion followed some thought, completed by 6:15p.m.

Secretary Report: Report from October meeting was reviewed, filed and accepted. No changes, 6:17 p.m.

Finance Report: Payment for the last masonry bill was sent. Debbie Villas went over checking balance, checks written, checkregister, (1 check to Emily Ingam- for lifeguarding was cashed- Patti said she talk to her), Deb continued by covering what Deb Lemery put in report for Monthly Contributions and attendance, The Shepards Staff comes in separate report. Last month income improved due to two fundraisers, but we are still YTD down by about \$5,500. From 2024 to now in 2025; we have increased expenses of \$11,500, and offerings are down, Our church insurance has come about to a new company, and Deb went over the estimate from Brotherhood Mutual, Holcomb, WI. Much discussion followed; Jeremy Sallgren made a **Motion to accept the estimate and go with a new insurance company.** Gail Sieglaff **2nd, Motion Carried.** Pledges returned so far are at 77, but she expects more to follow, to \$125,535.00 so far pledged. Last year at this time, we had 85 pledges returned. Meatball Supper profit was \$1,037.00.

Action Items– Old Business: Church Directory updates- Brianna reviewed where the planning and pictures of members currently are in the process. She stated that she is to be sent any pictures or text to her Google Drive link for collecting pictures for the Directory/Album. She and Jean Anderson will be going over the materials to decide the layout and formatting. Pastor Christine suggested we add a date to the cover.

Dec. Council Meeting Pot Luck- We shall all bring a dish to pass, and meet in the Fellowship Hall by 5:30 p.m. to enjoy a light meal before the December 9th meeting.

Property Committee- Discussion on abandoning the hood over stove/ovens, would mean we are still food safe, as Judy Raygo got information from Menominee County Health that we are okay, with our set-up. It was suggested, reported by Jemery S. that we get rid of the fire suppression, keep the hood, but get two new ovens/stoves.

Roof Quotes- Jeff Hines stated that the Finance Committee okayed the estimates by CM, and Menza and Zac for the work listed in their specifications and descriptions of needed repairs; that

ALL have to be timed and worked together to complete the projects, but not until weather permits in the Spring. Council received all copies of the quotes, discussion followed. Other quotes will be obtained from Drees electric to complete the projects/process. Menza and Zac would remove the hood & exhaust it outside of the building. **Motion to approve the work to happen by the end of March 2026, by Menza & Zac** by Allyson Bickel, and Holly Bayerl **2nd. Motion carried/passed.**

Reports:

Youth Report- Patti stated a movie night will be planned, and that 3 new youth are attending, from other congregations. Her report was reviewed, accepted and filed as written.

Presidents Report- Brianna gave her report and also submitted a copy to the secretary, see included. Her highlights included the large undertaking of our new/updated Church Directory and all the help going into the efforts. The new and continued sharing of Faith Stories, and our Fellowship activities helping us all grow into a closer community. (Please be encouraged to read her entire report)

Fellowship- Joanna stated that Bunco will be Tuesday, Dec. 17th. Trivia Night will need to wait until Jan., as the Spirit House has other events booked during regular Trivia Night during December.

Outreach- Joanna also reported that they set up the Angel Tree, and Food Drive in Narthex for the Salvation Army.

Little Lutherans- Holly said they had met on Nov. 16th, and all plans for the Christmas program set for Dec. 21st, during the 10:00 a.m. service were all set, including the practice on Saturday, Dec. 20th, which includes pizza, cookies and a craft.

Worship- Decorations are still in the air for when- as either Nov. 30th or Dec. 7th had enough people sign up. Wreaths on the doors will not be put up until Nov. 30th- 1st Sunday in Advent.

Stewardship- Reports good so far, as reflected in the finance report.

Memorial- James reported that no new memorials.

Pastors Report- As written, reviewed and accepted. Pastor Christine read a nice text from a young mother that stated she was very moved by the council faith statement from Jeremy S. and that she may want to do it herself in the future,(possibly Jan. 2026) Brianna Camps will be doing hers in December. Advent wreath lighting was discussed; Holly offered herself and granddaughter, Elliana to do 10:00am. Service and her husband, Jeff, to do 8:00am. Lighting on Nov. 30th. Allyson and her daughter, Madi would then do Dec. 7th. Pastor mentioned a Healing Service could be started on Tuesday nights, at 5:00p.m., in old choir room, Prayers for Healing and Peace (every month, make it a mini chapel)

Motion to Adjourn: Gail Sieglaff made a **motion to adjourn**, with Allyson Bickel- **2nd that motion**, motion carried, Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Pastor Christine led us all in the Lord's Prayer.

