

March 10, 2026 Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Council Minutes

Present: Holly Bayerl (President), Brianna Camps (Vice President), Jim Briar, Eileen Beyer, Cindy Smith, Gary Miller, Travis Rod

Present to Report: Patti Treptow (Youth & Family Ministry Director), Travis Rod (Youth Representative), Holly Bayerl (President), Rev. Christine Olson (Pastor)

Absent: Gail Sieglaff, Janet Conklin, James Porras, Rob Jamo, Matt Nowack

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:01 PM** by Council President **Holly Bayerl**.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed. Travis requested to adjust the agenda to give his report out right after the Opening Devotion. A MOTION to approve the agenda as amended was made by **Cindy Smith** and seconded by **Eileen Beyer**. **Motion carried.**

Opening Devotion — Dwelling in the Word

Pastor Christine led the devotion on **Colossians 1:9-14**. **Jim Briar** read the passage aloud first, with Cindy Smith reading second, followed by reflection and discussion.

Devotion concluded at **6:23 PM**.

Youth Representative Report

Travis reported going on a tubing trip recently with the GLOW youth group. They also assisted with the soup supper last week. He also reported that the GLOW group will be visiting the Luther Home to enjoy BINGO with the residents there.

Secretary's Report — Minutes & Correspondence

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

Corrections noted: **Holly Bayerl** asked to amend her president's report from last meeting to include that she would also like to thank additional outgoing members Jeremy Sallgren and Jeff Hines. **Patti Treptow** stated that the "Souper Bowl" fundraiser collected 182 cans rather than the originally reported 132 and the donations were given to St. Vincent DePaul's Resurrection Church and Abundant Life. The minutes were accepted (with corrections) at **6:42 PM**.

Correspondence: Holly Bayerl reported **"No correspondence noted."**

Treasurer's & Finance Committee Report

Holly Bayerl presented the Treasurer's and Finance Committee report, including key balances, notable expenses, and budget comparisons. The committee discussed requesting a brief summary page to be included in the packets going forward instead of the financial packet, which could be emailed out to everyone ahead of time. The Treasurer's and Finance Committee report was accepted as written.

Action Items – Old Business

2026 Fundraiser Calendar

Discussion summary:

- Holly discussed that she created a Google calendar for tracking upcoming fundraiser events. There was mixed feedback on the accessibility of the link to the calendar, so Holly said she will bring her laptop next time so we can walk through it together.

Church Pictorial Directory

Discussion summary:

- Brianna gave an update on the Church Pictorial directory, sharing that the design is nearly finished except for the formatting of the contact pages. Brianna will send a PDF version of the directory to all committee members for final review as soon as that piece is finished. The next step is determining distribution of the directories once ordered. The group discussed placing a sign-up-sheet to gather names of those interested in purchasing a directory so a bulk order can be placed. Brianna will confirm the cost of each directory so that a notation can be placed on the sign-up as well as in the bulletin.

Action Items – New Business

No New Items to Discuss

Reports

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report

Patti Treptow's report was reviewed and accepted as written / presented.

President's Report

Holly Bayerl reiterated her thanks to the committee for their help and support.

Committee Reports (Open Floor)

Brief notes from each committee reporting tonight:

- **Fellowship:** Holly Bayerl reported out for the Fellowship committee on behalf of Janet Conklin, sharing that Bunco is scheduled for next week Tuesday, March 17th with a St. Patrick's Day theme.
- **Property:** Jim Briar reported that there was a request to lower the building thermostats during uninhabited times to reduce the utility bill. Pastor Christine asked that this approach be postponed until after Lenten activities and the committee agreed. Jim also raised the topic of installing smart thermostats throughout the building. This request will be brought to the property committee for further review and assessment before being brought to the council for approval.

No further committee reports.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Christine presented her report as written and asked about volunteers for upcoming Faith Story sharing opportunities. Eileen Beyer hasn't provided her testimonial yet and will be slated for April.

Adjournment

A MOTION to adjourn was made by **Brianna Camps**, seconded by **Cindy Smith**. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at **7:15 PM**

Pastor Christine led the council in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brianna Camps (Acting Secretary)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council Vice President