

APRIL 14, 2026 ELC – COUNCIL MINUTES

Present: Holly Bayerl, Brianna Camps, Allyson Bickel, Jim Briar, Cindy Smith, Judy Raygo, Pastor Christine, Rob Jamo, Janet Conklin, Eileen Beyer, Gary Miller

Present to Report: Deb Villas

Absent: Gail Sieglaff, James Porras, Matt Nowack

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at **6:03 PM** by Council President **Holly Bayerl**.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed. A **MOTION** to approve the agenda as written by **Rob Jamo** and seconded by **Eileen Beyer**. **Motion carried.**

OPENING DEVOTION — Dwelling in the WORD 6:15pm

Pastor Christine led the devotion on **Philippians 2:1-5**. **Bishop Katherine** read the passage aloud first, with **Holly Bayerl** reading second, followed by reflection and discussion. Devotion concluded at **6:22 PM**.

PASTOR CALL STEPS DISCUSSION — Bishop Katherine Finegan

Bishop wants to formalize a Synod Council Call to a Congregational Call. The council voted unanimously to call Pastor Christine.

Emmanuel will be forming a Call Committee: Cindy Smith, Rob Jamo and Holly Bayerl volunteered to be part of the Call Committee. After conversation with Pastor Christine and the Bishop, we are strongly considering calling Pastor Christine to partner with Emmanuel as our Called Pastor. We are currently compiling a list of members to invite them to the call team. Working on forming 3 more for the team.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — Minutes & Correspondence

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

A **MOTION** to approve the minutes as written by **Rob Jamo** and seconded by **Janet Conklin**. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence: Minutes accepted as is **"No correspondence noted."**

TREASURER'S AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Deb Villas presented the Treasurer's and Finance Committee report, including key balances, notable expenses, and budget comparisons. Conversation regarding purchasing Smart Thermostats to regulate the heat, keeping costs down. The Treasurer's and Finance Committee report was **accepted as written**.

ACTION ITEMS – OLD BUSINESS

Church Directory – update, orders, etc

Discussion summary:

· Brianna ordered 20 directories. She has order forms for those who want one. \$12 EACH

Fundraising Calendar

Discussion summary:

Holly Bayerl will send the calendar link to all so we don't double book church activities. Moving forward with it.

ACTION ITEMS – NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Committee TV Purchase

Discussion summary:

Old DVD Player and TV not functioning together. Will want to upgrade to a smart tv for youth and other meetings needing a tv for displaying content.

Property Committee Bids

Discussion summary:

Proposal to remove limestone caps

A **MOTION** to use **CM Customs and Menza and Zac** was made by **Rob Jamo**, seconded by **Brianna Camps**. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report

Accepted as written.

Youth Representative Report (Optional)

See Patti's report.

President's Report

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports (Open Floor)

Brief notes from each committee reporting tonight:

Fellowship: Janet Conklin reported Thursday April 16 is trivia night at Spirit House

May 19 or 21 is Bunco, bring a flower – fellowship to determine date.

Property: Jim Briar Briefly spoke about smart thermometers.

No further committee reports.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Christine presented her report as written. Spoke briefly about resuming 9 am outdoor services **Memorial Day to Labor Day**. Faith matters and communion will continue during summer services.

Adjournment

A MOTION to adjourn was made by **Rob Jamo**, seconded by Janet Conklin. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted, Allyson Bickel Emmanuel Lutheran Church Secretary