

MAY 12, 2026 ELC – COUNCIL MINUTES

Present: Holly Bayerl, Gail Sieglaff, Allyson Bickel, Jim Briar, Cindy Smith, Pastor Christine, Rob Jamo, Eileen Beyer, Matt Nowack, Travis Rod

Present to Report: Deb Villas, Patti Treptow, Judy Raygo

Absent: Brianna Camps, James Porras, Janet Conklin, Gary Miller

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at **6:02 PM** by Council President **Holly Bayerl**.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed. A **MOTION** to approve the agenda as written by **Gail** and seconded by **Cindy**. **Motion carried.**

OPENING DEVOTION — Dwelling in the WORD 6:05 pm

Pastor Christine led the devotion on **Isaiah 25:6-9**. **Gail** read the passage aloud first, with **Jim** reading second, followed by reflection and discussion. Devotion concluded at **6:22 PM**.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — Minutes & Correspondence

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed.

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. Sending a reminder to the congregation on donations for the chimney/furnace funds needed. Possibly making a thermometer to fill when donations come in.

Mission Investment Term Fund Renewal: Transfer Term to Dedicated Account

A **MOTION** to transfer money from Term Fund to Dedicated Account by **Cindy** and seconded by **Gail. Motion carried.**

The Treasurer's and Finance Committee report was **accepted as written.**

ACTION ITEMS – OLD BUSINESS

Church Directory – Brianna wasn't present to report.

Discussion summary:

Brianna was selling between services.

Fundraising Calendar (On Hold)

Discussion summary:

Holly Bayerl sent the calendar link to all. Emails were being funky. Some sent approval notices, some could see, some could not. Still working on it.

ACTION ITEMS – NEW BUSINESS

Call Process/Congregational Meeting for Pastoral Vote May 31

Discussion summary:

Everyone has now had access to Bishop's letter. May 31 Congregational meeting and vote. Had a Zoom call meeting May 12 with the Call Committee. Meet and greet this coming Sunday, May 17 with the Pastor. All final votes must be in person. Compensation Package was voted on in January. June 7th Installation party: potluck sign-up sheet will be in narthex

Fundraisers - July, September, and October (Brat Sales)

Discussion summary:

All the brat sale dates were sent in the May 'messenger.' Creating a sign up soon for workers. Money goes towards fixing the church.

Blue Chairs in Choir Room (Chapel Room)

Discussion summary: Pastor would like to get rid of them.

REPORTS

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report

The end of year Sunday School party changes indoors. But all else accepted as written.

Youth Representative Report (Optional)

H.S Graduation on Sunday. Most covered in Patti's Report.

President's Report

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports (Open Floor)

No further committee reports.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Christine presented her report as written. Always looking for more Faith matters speakers.

Adjournment

A MOTION to adjourn was made by **Gail**, seconded by Eileen. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted, Allyson Bickel Emmanuel Lutheran Church Secretary