

June 9, 2026 ELC – COUNCIL MINUTES

Present: Holly Bayerl, Gail Sieglaff, Janet Conklin, Brianna Camps, Gary Miller, Allyson Bickel, Jim Briar, Cindy Smith, Pastor Christine, Rob Jamo, Eileen Beyer, Matt Nowack, Travis Rod

Present to Report: Deb Villas

Absent: James Porras

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at **6:04 PM** by Council President **Holly Bayerl**.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OPENING DEVOTION — Dwelling in the WORD 6:07 pm

Pastor Christine led the devotion on **Romans 12:4-8**. **Brianna** read the passage aloud first, with **Rob** reading second, followed by reflection and discussion. Devotion concluded at **6:30 PM**.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — Minutes & Correspondence

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. A **MOTION** to accept the report was made by **Cindy**, seconded by **Brianna**.

Correspondence: Minutes accepted as is with minor attendance changes

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. Deb made a thermometer to fill when donations come in.

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

ACTION ITEMS – OLD BUSINESS

2026 Fundraising Calendar –

Discussion summary: Google, Hotmail, working on how to make it useful. Maybe getting a smart board for getting information out.

Installation Service

Discussion summary: It was beautiful. Great turn out.

July/Aug meeting Dates

Discussion summary: No **JULY** meeting. Next meeting on **AUG 18**. A **MOTION** to change August meeting date was made by **Rob**, and seconded by **Gail**.

ACTION ITEMS – NEW BUSINESS

Draft of church council attendance policy

Discussion summary: We discussed the definitions of excused and unexcused absences for board meetings. We need to give Church Council members more clarity and annual expectations of meeting attendance and duties.

Other: _____

Discussion summary: None

REPORTS

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report: Accepted as written.

Youth Representative Report (Optional): Possibly holding Glow off until Fall

President's Report: We have a permanent pastor :) Mentioned attending a workshop called *Walking Together in Times*, as far as moving forward with Pastor Christine.

Committee Reports (Open Floor)

Learning - Vacation Bible School: Theme is 'Blast Off' and being held August 11-13

Fellowship - Meeting again in August

Pastor's Report: **Pastor Christine** presented her report as written.

Adjournment

Discussion summary: A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by **Allyson**, seconded by **Cindy**. **MOTION carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. Pastor Christine led the council in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Allyson Bickel Emmanuel Lutheran Church Secretary