

August 18, 2026 ELC – COUNCIL MINUTES

Present: Holly Bayerl, Gail Sieglaff, James Porras, Gary Miller, Allyson Bickel, Jim Briar, Cindy Smith, Pastor Christine, Rob Jamo, Eileen Beyer

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

Absent: Janet Conklin, Brianna Camps, Matt Nowack, Travis Rod

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. Added Presidents Report under Committee Report. A **MOTION** to approve the agenda with minor change by **Rob** and seconded by **James**. **Motion carried**.

OPENING DEVOTION — Dwelling in the WORD 6:08 pm

Pastor Christine led the devotion on **Psalm 67**. **James** read the passage aloud first, with **Rob** reading second, followed by reflection and discussion. Devotion concluded at **6:25 PM**.

SECRETARY'S REPORT — Minutes & Correspondence

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

Correspondence: Minutes accepted as is with no 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. We need more fundraising to cover unexpected expenses, finance committee is looking for ideas.

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. We now have a smart board we would like to try and get a calendar up on.

Brat Fry – *Discussion summary:* Went very well. Next sale has lots of condiments left, and they purchased brats on sale to save money for next time. Next Sept 18/19 & Oct 2/3

Furnace and Roofing Project - *Discussion Summary:* All finished.

TV & Cart: *Discussion Summary:* Purchased and already used.

ACTION ITEMS – NEW BUSINESS

Rally Day Plans - *Discussion Summary:* September 13 @ Henes Park,. Fellowship is planning.

Transition Team - *Discussion Summary:* Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month thru January. Council will adjust their meeting times to accommodate.

Worship date/Time changes - *Discussion Summary:* Dec 27 & Jan 24 were voted on by council to change to a 9 am service.

2027 Congregational meeting - *Discussion Summary:* Dates flipped: Congregational meeting is now on January 31 and Confirmation is now January 24

Camp Scholarships - *Discussion Summary:* Built into budget and/or fundraised.

Summer 2027 - *Discussion Summary:* Starting May 23, 9:00 am service for summer.

REPORTS

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

Youth Representative Report (Optional): Travis not present.

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)

Memorial - Funded our new TV and Cart!

Stewardship - Looking for another member

Property - We need a programmable thermostat option to keep costs down in the building. Getting a quote from Menza and Zac. Or purchasing and installing ourselves.

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Presidents Report: Holly Bayerl presented her report as written.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Christine new confirmation material. Inviting 6th grade to meetings, not mandatory. Whole council minutes and reports will be available in Narthex. Taking off names of visitations.

Adjournment

Discussion summary: A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by **James**, seconded by **Gail**. **MOTION carried**. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm. Pastor Christine led the council in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Allyson Bickel Emmanuel Lutheran Church Secretary