Minutes
Emanuel's Lutheran Church Council
Sunday, March 8, 2026
11:45am | Family Life Center

Call to Order 11:51am, *Bryce K.*

I. Attendance, *Sheila E.*
   a. Present: Sheila English, Rissa Springs, Sharon Herbold, Charles Jobe, Bryce Kennedy, Paul Sims, Pastor Rudy, Pastor Marcus, Darlene Zies, Bill Salt, Natalia Almquist
   b. Absent: Tim Kent, Janelle Leon Weinmann
   c. Guests: Carol

II. Opening Prayer, *Pastor Marcus*

III. Approval of the Agenda, *Bryce K.*
   a. Sharon H. moves to approve the agenda as presented. Natalia A. seconds. Motion carries

IV. Approval of the Minutes: 2/8, *Bryce K.*
   a. Darlene Z. moves to approve the minutes as presented. Rissa S. seconds. Motion carries.

V. Informational Update
   a. ~ $518,000 from the consolidated accounts has been moved to Edward Jones
      i. Note: This is the final financial report showing all the accounts
   b. Lenten Midweek Offerings are being directed to CASA of Guadalupe County.
   c. Day School Actions & Needs, *Natalia A.*
      i. *ELCDS and Emanuel's Council are working to strengthen the relationship between the congregation and the Dayschool under an initiative called "Friends of the Dayschool."*
      ii. *This will include joint fundraising committees, opportunity for service for both Dayschool parents and congregational members, and better communication on events and happenings between them.*

VI. New Business
   a. Financials
      i. Update: Church & Day School Financials, *Sharon H.*
         1. Review: Financial Statements, Restricted Accounts, Financial Summaries
         2. *We have an HVAC fund. The account number is 87000. Donations can be made for upcoming work to HVAC upgrades and ongoing maintenance.*
      ii. Action: Approval of the February Financial Reports, *Bryce K.*
         1. *Sheila E. moves to approve the report as presented. Charles J. seconds. Motion carries.*
   b. Benevolence
      i. Review: Proposed March Benevolence Amounts and Organizations, *Sharon H.*
         1. *$400: Salvation Army, $420: Synod, $400: Christian Cupboard, $400: NB Food Bank*
      ii. Action: Approval of the March Benevolences & Amounts*, Bryce K.*
         1. *Rissa S. moves to approve the proposed benevolence amounts. Darlene Z. Seconds. Motion carries.*
   c. Ministry Teams' Updates & Potential Action, *Bryce K.*
      i. Fellowship & Feast – *Sheila E.; Tim K.*
         1. *Lenten meals are still underway. We've had great signups for soups and desserts. We can't wait to see you this Wednesday!*
      ii. Gather & Grow - *Janelle L-W, Natalia A.*
         1. *Painted churches trip is full!*
         2. *All church retreat is moved to August, and the Dayschool families are invited.*
         3. *Pub Theology will be in a new location.*
         4. *Women's group still in formation.*
      iii. Safety & Property Stewards – *Charles J.*

1. *Working on producing a Disaster Emergency Response Plan document for a variety of situations which the congregation may face for everything from floods to injury.*

iv. Education – *Paul S.; Bill S.*

1. *Two month left of confirmation classes, then we take a break for summer.*
2. *Children's Church is currently following the church calendar through Easter, and will switch to Bible Story mode afterwards.*

v. Worship – *Rissa S.*

1. *Completed audit for upcoming special services.*
2. *Will begin looking to summer programming in March.*
3. *Sunday services in the summer (June-August) will feature a sermon series called "Odd and Holy", looking Bible stories we don't usually read in the Lectionary.*
4. *Starting Easter, we'll be doing Choose Your Hymns again based on popular demand.*

vi. Outreach and Service – *Bryce K.; Darlene Z.*

1. *500 boxes of Mac-n-Cheese brought in for the Christian Cupboard!*
2. *Eggapalooza season us upon us. We have great sponsors this year from businesses in the Seguin area as well as a record breaking number of volunteers.*

d. Staff Reports' Conversation & Potential Action, *Bryce K.*

i. Receiving of New Members

1. *Sheila E. moves to receive the following new members: Dottie Richborg, Jerry Vinyard, Robert Mendoza, Landry Mendoza, Sara Krueger. Rissa S. seconds. Motion carries.*

VII. Council Greeters, *Bryce K.*

a. April: 2 (Maundy Thursday): Paul S, 3 (Good Friday): Paul S, 5 (Easter 7am: Paul & 10:30am: Rissa S.), 12 Sharon H., 19 Bill S., 26 Natalia A.

VIII. Reminders, *Bryce K.*

a. Executive Council: April 1, 5pm, Office
b. Council Meeting: April 12, 11:45am, FLC
c. All Team Meeting: March 25, 2026, WMR (Dinner at 5:30pm)

IX. Additional questions, comments, or concerns, *Bryce K.*

X. Closing Prayer, *Pastor Rudy*

XI. Adjournment (12:54pm), *Bryce K.*

a. *Rissa S. moves to adjourn. Bill S. seconds. Motion carries.*