

MINUTES
Emanuel's Lutheran Church Council
Sunday, November 9, 2025
11:45am | Family Life Center

- I. Call to Order 12:01pm, *Rissa S.*
- II. Attendance, *Bryce K.*
 - a. Present: Rissa Springs, Charles Jobe, Paul Sims, Janelle Leon-Weinman, William Salt, Darlene Zies, Sheila English, Susan Yeatts, Bryce Kennedy, Natalia Almquist, Pastor Marcus Bigott, Pastor Rudy Salazar
 - b. Absent: Tim Kent
 - c. Guests: Sharon Herbold
- III. Opening Prayer
- IV. Approval of the Agenda, *Rissa S.*
 - a. *Bill S. moves to approve the agenda and move the discussion about the 2026 Budget to email. Darlene Z. seconds. Motion carries.*
- V. Approval of the Minutes: 10/12, *Rissa S.*
 - a. *Paul S. moves to approve the minutes with the spelling correction of Sharon Herbold's last name and to correct item VI.d.vi.2 to include Seguin ISD along with the Seguin Police Department. Sheila E. seconds. Motion carries.*
- VI. New Business
 - a. Financials
 - i. Update: Church & Day School Financials, *Susan Y.*
 - 1. Review: Financial Statements, Restricted Accounts, Financial Summaries
 - a. \$703 dollars was raised during the Reformation Sausage Luncheon and donated to the Christian Cupboard.
 - ii. Action: Approval of the October Financial Reports, *Rissa S.*
 - 1. *Charles J. moves to approve the financial reports. Bill S. seconds. Motion carries.*
 - iii. Action: Approval of the October Day School Reports, *Rissa S.*
 - 1. *Bill S. moves to approve the Day School financials. Natalia A. seconds. Motion carries.*
 - b. Benevolence
 - i. Update: November Benevolence Recommendations, *Susan Y.*
 - ii. Action: Approval of the Recommended Benevolences & Amounts, *Susan Y.*
 - 1. Charles J. moves to donate \$400 to the Synod, \$525 to the Christian Cupboard, and \$200 from the Discretionary fund to the Female Residents of Walnut Springs. Sheila E. seconds. Motion carries.
 - c. Discussion of the 2026 Budget, *Susan Y.*
 - i. See attached details.
 - ii. Note: This discussion is moved offline.
 - d. Approval of Electrical Installation, *Paul S.*
 - i. *GED classroom expansion.*
 - 1. *Paul S. moves to approve up to \$2700 reimbursable for the Seguin Electric to install conduit and electrical cables in the basement. Charles J. seconds. Paul S. abstains. Motion carries.*
 - e. Ministry Teams' Updates & Potential Action, *Rissa S.*
 - i. Fellowship & Feast – *Susan Y.; Sheila E.; Tim K.*
 - 1. *Fantastic Reformation lunch!*
 - 2. *Advent work begins this coming Tuesday.*
 - ii. Gather & Grow - *Janelle L-W*
 - 1. *First Pub Theology get-together in 2 weeks. All are welcome!*
 - iii. Safety & Property Stewards – *Charles J.*
 - iv. Education – *Paul S.; Bill S.*

1. *Continue to need volunteers to make a sustainable children's church ministry.*
 - v. *Worship – Rissa S*
 1. *There will be no Thanksgiving service this year.*
 2. *Church decorating will be on Nov 22.*
 - vi. *Outreach and Service – Bryce K.; Darlene Z.*
 1. *Cupcakes and Punch for the GED test takers on the 17th.*
 2. *Bell ringing and Blue Santa signups are available in the narthex.*
 3. *20k eggs arrived for Eggapalooza '26.*
 - f. *Staff Reports' Conversation & Potential Action, Rissa S.*
 - i. *We have received a grant from the ELCA World Hunger to redo our community garden. This will be the first handicap accessible community garden in central Texas. The specific amount will be finalized in the coming months.*
- VII. *Council Greeters, Rissa S.*
- a. *December: 7: Sheila E., 14: Natalia A., 21: Bill S., 24 – 4pm: Paul S. & 7pm: Janelle LW., 28: Rissa S.*
- VIII. *Reminders, Rissa S.*
- a. *Budget Proposal Mailed and Emailed: Monday, November 24*
 - b. *Listening Sessions – Budget: November 30 & December 7, 9am, WMR*
 - c. *Executive Council: December 3, 5pm, Office*
 - d. *Annual Meeting: December 14, immediately after Communion*
 - e. *Council Meeting, Following Annual Meeting: December 14, Sanctuary*
 - f. *All Team Meeting: January 2026, WMR (Dinner at 5:30pm)*
- IX. *Any additional questions, comments, or concerns?*
- X. *Closing Prayer, Pastor Rudy*
- XI. *Adjournment (1:47pm)*
- a. *Bryce K. moves to adjourn. Bill S. seconds. Motion carries.*