

**MINUTES**  
**Emanuel's Lutheran Church Council**  
**Wednesday, July 9, 2025**  
**5:00pm | Family Life Center**

- I. Call to Order, *Rissa S. (5:11pm)*
- II. Attendance, *Bryce K.*
  - a. Present: *Bryce Kennedy, Darlene Zies, Tim Kent, Rissa Springs, Charles Jobe, Paul S, Rev. Marcus Allen Bigott*
  - b. Absent: *Susan Yates, Sheila English, Janelle Leon-Weinman, William Salt*
  - c. Guests: *None*
- III. Opening Prayer
- IV. Approval of the Agenda, *Rissa S.*
  - a. *Tim K. moves to approve the minutes with the removal of Tonya's name from the outreach group. Darlene seconds. Motion carries.*
- V. Approval of the Minutes from June 11<sup>th</sup>, *Rissa S.*
  - a. *Bryce K. Moves to approve the minutes with the corrected spelling of Tonya's name. Pastor Marcus seconds. Motion carries.*
- VI. New Business
  - a. Financials
    - i. Update: Church & Day School Financials, *Susan Y.*
      1. Review: Financial Statements, Restricted Accounts, Financial Summaries
    - ii. Action: Approval of the June Financial Reports, *Rissa S.*
      1. *Bryce K. moves to approve the financials. Darlene Z. seconds. Motion carries.*
  - b. Benevolence
    - i. Update: July Benevolence Recommendations, *Susan Y.*
    - ii. Action: Approval of the Recommended Benevolences & Amounts, *Susan Y.*
      1. Note: The council intends to donate to the Seguin ISD for back to school bags once we find the amounts. This will be deferred to an e-mail vote and will be noted in the following month's minutes.
      2. *Tim K. moves to approve \$420 given to the Synod. Bryce K. seconds. Motion carries.*
  - c. Ministry Teams' Updates & Potential Action, *Rissa S.*
    - i. Congregational Care – *Susan Y.; Sheila E.; Tim K.; Janelle L-W*
      1. Congregational care will be split into two groups: Gather & Grow and Fellowship & Feasts. Gather & Grow focuses on the congregation meeting outside the walls, and Fellowship & Feasts focuses on when we meet together here at the Church campus. We will begin to live into this starting in August.
    - ii. Safety & Property Stewards – *Charles J.*
      1. The building handled the flooding very well. Some new water entered through the split gutter on the Gonzales side and where the water hit the ground at the window level. There is a follow up small leak into the hospitality room and water dripping in the choir area in the middle of the roof. The only water in the fellowship hall came in from Bowie street up through the grease trap. The work performed on gutters and resealing the doors has clearly improved our ability to handle storms.
      2. The ant incursion has been postponed until the rain stops, as the bait is rendered ineffective by the rainfall.
    - iii. Education – *Paul S.; Bill S.*
      1. Sunday School planning for next year has begun. We are attempting to mirror the lectionary lessons so that children and parents will have two perspectives on the same Gospel verses. Rally day (August 17) will be

announced to the teams in July's all-teams meeting. We already have the bouncy house and train reserved, we just need to plan the ministry team events.

2. Bryce suggested looking into borrowing the dunk booth from the Methodists.

iv. Worship – *Rissa S.*

1. Planning a food drive in September for the Christian Cupboard. They have requested cereal and oatmeal, but that may change as the dates get closer. We will look to temple talks in August for congregational announcements.
2. We intend to help provide convocation bags for Seguin and Navarro ISDs, which will likely be in early August. 250 to each district will be provided by our church. We are looking toward a "bag assembly" event in late July to put it all together.

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

d. Staff Reports' Conversation & Potential Action, *Rissa S.*

- i. The Dayschool Board will meet with the Church council in September.

e. Council Greeters, *Rissa S.*

- i. August: 3 (Darlene Z.), 10 (Paul S.), 17 (Tim K.), 24 (Rissa S.), 31 (Paul S.)
- ii. September: 7 (Tim K.), 14 (Rissa S.), 21, 28

1. The last 2 weeks will be planned closer to the dates.

VII. Reminders, *Rissa S.*

- a. Executive Council: August 6, 5pm, Office
- b. Council Meeting: Hiatus for the month of August
- c. All Team Meeting: August 6, WMR (Dinner at 5:30pm)

VIII. Closing Prayer

IX. Adjournment (6:05pm)

- a. Darlene Z. motions to adjourn. Tim K. seconds. Motion carries.

X. *Parking Lot*