Minutes
Emanuel's Lutheran Church Council
Sunday, June 14, 2026
11:45am | Family Life Center

Call to Order 12:02pm, *Bryce K.*

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

II. Opening Prayer, *Pastor Marcus*

III. Approval of the Agenda, *Bryce K.*
   a. *Tim K. moves to approve the agenda as presented. Bill S. seconds. Motion carries.*

IV. Approval of the Minutes: May 17, *Bryce K.*
   a. *Darlene Z. moves to approve the minutes as presented. Sharon H. seconds. Motion carries.*

V. Informational Update
   a. Emanuel's Day School, *Natalia A.*
      i. *The fire alarm code renovation in the Ark building is underway and going well.*
      ii. *Looking forward to a mother-son dance in September and joining the congregation in Rally Day in August.*

VI. New Business
   a. Financials
      i. Review: Church & Day School Financials, *Sharon H.*
      ii. Action: Approval of the May Financial Reports, *Bryce K.*
         1. *Bill S. moves to authorize up to $25,000 to be transferred from the Jihade estate account to cover June 2026 operational expenses if need be. Darlene Z. seconds. Motion passes.*
         2. *Sheila E. moves to approve the financial reports as presented. Darlene Z. seconds. Motion carries.*
   b. Benevolence
      i. Review: June Benevolence Amounts and Organizations, *Sharon H.*
         1. Continued Monthly Benevolence (Approved 4/12) through December: Synod - $400; Salvation Army - $245
   c. Ministry Teams' Updates & Potential Action
      i. Fellowship & Feast – *Sheila E.; Tim K.*
         1. *Chili cook-off is coming up on July 26!*
         2. *Fifth Sunday in August is the next potluck.*
      ii. Gather & Grow - *Janelle L-W, Natalia A.*
         1. *First lady's group meeting was a smash, and we are looking forward to next month on July 17th at Blue Lotus Winery.*
         2. *Men's group will meet next on August 6th.*
      iii. Safety & Property Stewards – *Pastor Marcus.*
         1. *Fire panel should be resolved by Tuesday of next week.*
         2. *Gary, Tommy, Alan, and James are working on the updates required by the Fire code in the Ark building. This should be done today.*
      iv. Education – *Paul S.; Bill S.*
         1. *Children's church is going very well, focused on hands-on craft based Bible stories during Ordinary time.*
      v. Worship – *Rissa S.*
         1. *Summer hymns and all congregational worship is planned through September.*
      vi. Outreach and Service – *Bryce K.; Darlene Z.*

1. *Food drive postponed until September. June-Aug will be reserved for school support.*
2. Back to school bag demand is double what we did last year (1400 bags), which is going to require planning and volunteer rallying to pull off.

d. Staff Reports' Conversation & Potential Action, *Bryce K.*
   i. Sheila E. moves to receive the following new members. Bill S. seconds. Motion carries.
      1. Carly Frank - Affirmation of Faith
      2. Reagan Frank – Baptism
      3. Scott Sims – Transfer from Living Water Lutheran Church, AZ
      4. Jennifer Tinker – Affirmation of Faith
   ii. UMArmy will be using our facilities for bunkhousing during their work project, July 5-11. The Women's Ministry Room and the Family Life Center will be reserved for the kids, so ministry groups that utilize those rooms will be displaced during this week into the Heritage classroom.
   iii. Sheila E. moves to approve Pastor Marcus's vacation during July 6-11. Tim K. seconds. Motion carries.

VII. Council Greeters, *Bryce K.*
   a. July: 5: Natalia A., 12: Bill S., 19: Darlene Z., 26: Sheila E.

VIII. Reminders, *Bryce K.*
   a. Executive Council: July 8, 5pm, Office
   b. Council Meeting: July 12, 11:45am, FLC
   c. All Team Meeting: July 29, Dinner at 5:30pm, Meeting at 6pm

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

X. Closing Prayer, *Pastor Marcus*

XI. Adjournment (1:13pm), *Bryce K.*
   a. Darlene Z. moves to adjourn. Bill S. seconds. Motion carries