

MINUTES
Emanuel's Lutheran Church Council
Sunday, September 13, 2026
11:45am | Family Life Center

Call to Order 12:03pm, Bryce K.

- I. Attendance, Sheila E.
 - a. Present: *Tim Kent, Pastor Marcus, Bryce Kennedy, Charles Jobe, Janelle Leon-Weinman, Natalia Almquist, Sharon Herbold, Rissa Springs, Dr. Darlene Zies, Shiela English, Paul Sims, Pastor Rudy.*
 - b. Absent: *Bill Salt*
 - c. Guests: *None*
- II. Opening Prayer, Pastor Marcus
- III. Approval of the Agenda, Bryce K.
 - a. *Tim K. moves to approve the agenda as presented. Darlene Z. seconds. Motion carries.*
- IV. Approval of the Minutes: July 12, Bryce K.
 - a. *Sharon H. moves to approve the minutes with the addition of Charles Jobe to the absent list. Shiela E. seconds. Motion carries*
- V. Informational Update
 - a. Emanuel's Day School, Natalia A.
 - i. *Rally day raised \$1386 dollars, and the Ladies Aid donated another \$250 towards a new sink!*
 - ii. *Saturday October 17th will be "Finish the Dayschool Painting Day". The dayschool board welcomes any congregational members who have time to help finish the painting project.*
 - iii. *The Dayschool is going to implement a quarterly project day to help deep clean, refresh, and modernize the facilities both here in the Church and in the Ark building. Stay tuned for more details and an official schedule for more opportunities to volunteer! If you're interested in helping, please reach out to Natalia Almquist.*
 - iv. *Dayschool will also be beginning a monthly fundraiser for family to-go dinners available to anyone in the Seguin community.*
 - v. *The board is evaluating expanding the church member discount and other financial incentives to target groups that may have parents with children. This direct marketing includes reaching out to Compass Cooperative parents, TLU parents, and Ranch Hand employee parents.*
- VI. New Business
 - a. Financials
 - i. Review: Church & Day School Financials, Sharon H.
 - ii. Action: Approval of the August Financial Reports, Bryce K.
 1. *Tim K. moves to approve the August financial reports for both the dayschool and church. Darlene Z. seconds. Motion carries.*
 - b. Benevolence
 - i. Review: September Benevolence Amounts and Organizations, Sharon H.
 1. Continued Monthly Benevolence (Approved 4/12) through December: Synod - \$400; Salvation Army - \$245; Teacher bags for Seguin ISD & Dayschool - \$716.22
 2. Cross Trails: \$500 – Fall Festival (Iron & Ember Cooking)
 - ii. *Paul S. moves to approve the benevolence amounts as provided. Sheila E. seconds. Motion carries.*
 - c. 3rd Party Requests
 - i. Review: Parking lot MOU: SJRC | Belong – Two spaces until December
 - d. Ministry Teams' Updates & Potential Action
 - i. Fellowship & Feast – *Sheila E.; Tim K.*

1. *Looking to improve interactivity during Mardi-Gras.*
2. *Ladies Aid provided another canopy for Reformation day. Keep your calendars open and your stomach's empty for the Reformation day feast on October 25th!*
3. *The 5th Sunday potluck was INCREDIBLE! Thank you to everyone in the congregation who helped make this fellowship event a huge success.*
- ii. *Gather & Grow - Janelle L-W, Natalia A.*
 1. *The All-Church retreat was incredible, a memorable experience for everyone who went.*
- iii. *Safety & Property Stewards – Charles J.*
 1. *We need a new mower, as the ones we have are over 20 years old and are starting to fail. We will set up a donation line item to help offset the cost.*
 2. *The safety team is looking to install security cameras for the parking lot.*
- iv. *Education – Paul S.; Bill S.*
 1. *Rally day was a huge smash. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped setup and clean.*
- v. *Worship – Rissa S.*
 1. *Music is all planed through the rest of Fall.*
 2. *Choirs (both handbell and vocal) have started rehearsals and performance, and they sure do sound great!*
 3. *Reformation day is going to be an incredible worship service, and the planning is in full force.*
- vi. *Outreach and Service – Bryce K.; Darlene Z.*
 1. *Peanut butter and Jelly drive is still going on. The barrel is a little over half full, and the drive goes until the end of September so there is still 2 more weeks to get in your contribution.*
- e. *Staff Reports' Conversation & Potential Action, Bryce K.*
 - i. *High-definition renderings of the proposed changes will be available to for the congregation to view and provide feedback starting in October. The goal is to have the design locked in to vote during the annual congregation meeting this December. This plan will include both the sanctuary renovation and the HVAC upgrades.*
 - ii. *GED classes, Herman & Sons Dance, and Chair Yoga all start Monday, September 14.*
 - iii. *Katie's Kitchen lunch & learn will be on Sunday after church on September 27 when the congregation can experience and participate in our Church's new expanding ministries.*
 - iv. *Shiela E. moves to approve Pastor Marcus's vacation time request. Darlene Z. seconds. Motion carries.*
- VII. *Council Greeters, Bryce K.*
 - a. *September: 27: Sharon H.; Oct. 4: Darlene Z., 11: Rissa S., 18: Natalia A. 25: Tim K.*
- VIII. *Reminders, Bryce K.*
 - a. *Executive Council: Oct. 7, 5pm, Office*
 - b. *Council Meeting: Oct. 11, 11:45am, FLC*
 - c. *All Team Meeting: Oct. 6, Dinner at 5:30pm, Meeting at 6pm*
- IX. *Additional questions, comments, or concerns, Bryce K.*
- X. *Closing Prayer, Pastor Rudy*
- XI. *Adjournment, Bryce K.*
 - a. *Rissa S. moves to adjourn. Charles J. seconds. Motion carries.*