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

Call to Order 12:01pm, *Bryce K.*

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

II. Opening Prayer, *Pastor Rudy*

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

IV. Approval of the Minutes: October 11, *Bryce K.*
   a. *Bill S. moves to approve the minutes as provided. Darlene Z. seconds. Motion carries.*

V. Informational Update
   a. Emanuel's Day School, *Natalia A.*
      i. Looking to schedule an attic cleaning day while the weather is cool, between now and March.
      ii. Butterbraid fundraiser was remarkable! Look forward to receiving your orders soon.

VI. New Business
   a. Financials
      i. Review: Church & Day School Financials, *Sharon H.*
      ii. Action: Approval of the August Financial Reports, *Bryce K.*
         1. Bill S. moves to approve the financial reports as provided. Sheila E. 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
   c. Action for Recommendation to the Congregation: 2027 Budget*, Sharon H.*
      i. *Paul S. moves to recommend the budget to the congregation. Charles J. seconds. Motion carries.*
   d. Action for Recommendation to the Congregation: Renovation Plan, *Bryce K.*
      i. *Sheila E. moves to recommend the renovation plan to the congregation. Bill S. seconds. Motion carries.*
   e. Discussion: Renovation Financial Plan, *Pastor Marcus*
      i. *Bill S. moves that Pastor Marcus initiate a financial discussion with Mission Investment Fund for loan terms and amounts. Natalia A. seconds. Motion carries.*
   f. Ministry Teams' Updates & Potential Action, *Bryce K.*
      i. Fellowship & Feast – *Sheila E.; Tim K.*
         1. *Reformation day was simply incredible! Thanks to everyone who participated and joined us. We were able to raise $650 for Blue Santa!*
         2. *Next event is Mardis Gras. Can't wait to see you there.*
      ii. Gather & Grow - *Janelle L-W, Natalia A.*
      iii. Safety & Property Stewards – *Charles J.*
         1. *New mower is purchased! Let the mowing commence!*

2. *Replacement of the light pole is underway, but with the time change we now have very dark evenings during some events. If needed, we will look toward temporary rentals until the permanent pole is in place.*

iv. Education – *Paul S.; Bill S.*
1. *Advent wreaths coming up soon! See you downstairs in the WMR.*

v. Worship – *Rissa S.*

vi. Outreach and Service – *Bryce K.; Darlene Z.*
1. *Blue Santa begins very soon! If you are interested in being a volunteer church steward, signups are in the narthex.*
2. *Eggapalooza planning has begun! We are excited to reach a huge milestone—we are putting out 50,000 eggs this year!*
a. *Sheila E. moves to approve the purchasing of eggs for Eggapalooza. Bill S. seconds. Motion carries.*

g. Staff Reports' Conversation & Potential Action, *Bryce K.*
i. *Christmas Caroling on December 6! We can't wait to see you there!*

VII. Council Greeters, *Bryce K.*
a. Dec. 6: *Darlene Z.*, 13: *Tim K.*, 20: *Natalia A.*, 24: *Paul S.* 4pm & 7pm; 27: *Tim K.*

VIII. Reminders, *Bryce K.*
a. Executive Council: Dec. 2, 5pm, Office
b. Council Meeting: Dec. 13, 11:45am, FLC
c. All Team Meeting: TUESDAY, Dec. 1, Dinner at 5:30pm, Meeting at 6pm

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

X. Closed Session

XI. Closing Prayer, *Pastor Marcus*

XII. Adjournment 1:45, *Bryce K.*
a. *Sheila E. moves to adjourn. Charles J. seconds. Motion carries.*