

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

Call to Order, *Bryce K. 11:50am*

- I. Attendance, *Sheila E.*
 - a. Present: Sheila English, Rissa Springs, Sharon Herbold, Janelle Leon Weinmann, Charles Jobe, Bryce Kenedy, Paul Sims, Pastor Rudy
 - b. Absent: Pastor Marcus, Darlene Zies, Bill Salt, Natalia Almquist, Tim Kent
 - c. Guests: None
- II. Opening Prayer *Charles J.*
- III. Approval of the Agenda, *Bryce K.*
 - a. *Susan Yates' name as council representative should be removed from Fellowship & Feast.*
 - b. *Sharon H. moves to approve the agenda with the noted changes. Charles J. seconds. Motion carries.*
- IV. Approval of the Minutes: 1/11, *Bryce K.*
 - a. *Sheila's name spelling to be corrected on VI.c.i.2 and VI.c.i.2a.*
 - b. *Rissa S. moves to approve the minutes with the noted changes. Janelle LW seconds. Motion carries.*
- V. Informational Update
 - a. Update: Restricted Account Consolidation & Investment
 - i. Action taken in December has been fulfilled
 1. Some accounts adjusted to reflect current interest gains, EOY expenses, and EOY contributions (estate gift given in 2026)
 - ii. Total Investment: ~ \$510,000 from the consolidated accounts
- VI. New Business
 - a. Financials
 - i. Update: Church & Day School Financials, *Sharon H.*
 1. Review: Financial Statements, Restricted Accounts, Financial Summaries
 - ii. Action: Approval of the January Financial Reports, *Bryce K.*
 - iii. *Rissa S. and Bryce K. requests additional information regarding Dayschool financial plans and strategy during the next meeting.*
 - iv. *Sharon H. moves that the maturing CD in Edward Jones be re-invested into a 12 month term CD. Charles J. seconds. Motion Carries.*
 - v. *Rissa S. moves to approve the financial statement as presented. Sheila E. seconds. Motion carries.*
 - b. Benevolence
 - i. Review: Proposed February Benevolence Amounts and Organizations, *Bryce K.*
 - ii. Action: Approval of the February Benevolences & Amounts, *Sharon H.*
 1. *Sharon H. moves the following amounts for benevolence:*
 - a. *SWT Synod: \$420*
 - b. *Cross Trails Ministry – Gala: \$500*
 - c. *New Braunfels Food Bank: \$400*
 2. *Janelle LW seconds. Motion carries.*
 - c. Ministry Teams' Updates & Potential Action, *Bryce K.*
 - i. Fellowship & Feast – *Susan Y.; Sheila E.; Tim K.*
 1. *Mardi Gras decoration will need to be done by property stewards, since Monday's line dancing utilizes the space. Charles Jobe and Sheila English will coordinate with Property Stewards.*
 2. *Congregation will be requested for soups and desserts during Lenten meals. The Church will provide sandwiches.*
 - ii. Gather & Grow - *Janelle L-W*

1. *Trip was cancelled due to weather.*
 2. *Pub Theology wants to meet monthly.*
 3. *Iron & Ale Men's Group will meet in March.*
 - iii. Safety & Property Stewards – *Charles J.*
 - iv. Education – *Paul S.; Bill S.*
 1. *Paul S. will look into reintroducing background checks for volunteers.*
 - v. Worship – *Rissa S.*
 1. *Bulletins are set for Palm Sunday and Easter. Looking into inviting St. John's into our multi-congregational services.*
 2. *Bryce K. suggested that we look to starting more contemporary services on 2nd Sundays this year.*
 - vi. Outreach and Service – *Bryce K.; Darlene Z.*
 1. *Eggapalooza & mac n'cheese drive are ongoing.*
 2. *Rissa S. got a bunch of kids to sign up for Eggapalooza volunteering through her Interact club.*
 - d. Staff Reports' Conversation & Potential Action, *Bryce K.*
 - i. *Quarterly Caregiver Café starting quarterly in two locations:*
 1. *Argent Court in February, and Walnut Springs in March.*
 - ii. *Bryce K. and Sheila E. will look to bundle some common operating procedures and communication plans for church councils going forward such as injury, misconduct, and theft.*
- VII. Council Greeters, *Bryce K.*
- a. March: 1: Sheila E., 8: Sharon H., 15: Rissa S., 22: Janelle LW, 29 (Palm Sunday): Bryce K.
 - b. April: 2 (Maundy Thursday): Paul S, 3 (Good Friday): Paul S, 5 (Easter 7am: Paul & 10:30am: Rissa S.)
- VIII. Reminders, *Bryce K.*
- a. Executive Council: March 4, 5pm, Office
 - b. Council Meeting: March 8, 11:45am, FLC
 - c. **All Team Meeting: March 25, 2026, WMR (Dinner at 5:30pm)**
- IX. Additional questions, comments, or concerns, *Bryce K.*
- X. Closing Prayer, *Pastor Rudy*
- XI. Adjournment, *Bryce K. 1:06pm*
- a. *Sheila E. moves to adjourn. Rissa S. seconds. Motion carries.*