

**Immanuel Council Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Immanuel**  
Zoom ID: 832 9354 1222 Passcode: 511991  
Call-In Number: 1-312-626-6799

**Attendees:** Al Reedy, Randy Bestul, Eve Erickson, Yvette Fleming, Robert Schlack and Leanne Homa

**Call to Order:** by Yvette Fleming at 6:00 pm

**Secretary's Report:** by Leanne, motion made by Al to accept March Minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eve, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** by Randy, January & February statements are complete, motion made by Eve to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al, motion carried. March's statement is pending until Randy receives March bank statement. Other big bills coming in April are Immanuel's six month tithe to the ELCA and the \$3200 monthly payment to Bethesda.

**Old Business:**

- 1. Justice Seekers Report**—by Eve: Eve as well as others from Messiah Lutheran did a presentation at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Walking Together gathering at Rice Lake. It was well-received, and they have been invited to present to the April 25<sup>th</sup> NW Synod meeting. The next local Justice Seekers meeting is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Messiah Lutheran in Washburn and relates to all generations working together. May's meeting will focus on environmental issues. There will then be a summer break for the planning committee to plan the programs for next fall.
- 2. Allies and Advocates for Migrant Neighbors Report**—by Eve: AAMN committee will be meeting to discuss where to best spend the funds they have raised and to brainstorm more ideas for fundraising.
- 3. Art and Decorations Committee Report and Fellowship Hall Updates**--by Leanne: The paint color has been chosen for the Fellowship Hall and the committee still needs to find new, more comfortable folding chairs. The lighting for the stain-glass windows has been researched by Charlotte Calhoun and there is a type of indoor lighting that we can get which will be very appropriate. Regarding the updates to the entryway and sanctuary, we have received and discussed several suggestions—among which are to visit the United Methodist Church in Ashland to see their entryway, to visit Messiah Lutheran in Washburn to see their chairs, and to consider additional lighting for the sanctuary as well as painting walls and ceiling there.

4. **Update on Fellowship Hall**—by Leanne: see Art and Decorations above.
5. **Skills & Talents Bank**—by Yvette: It was discussed that this mission will continue in the usual pattern of people calling the church or the pastor for their needs rather than making lists and spreadsheets of what people are willing to provide and what people need. As this is a mission, it will be included under Mission Reports in the future.
6. **Mission Committee Update**—by Yvette:
  - Diane Hall & Eve Erickson will be attending the all-day Eco Faith Summit in Duluth on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. This event can also be viewed online.
  - Yvette & Eve are continuing to attend the 100 Who Care events. There is a non-profits fair on Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Visitors' Center in Ashland to meet those who wish to receive these grants this year. It's from 1:00-6:00 pm.
7. **Luther Park Bible Camp Scholarship Update**—Yvette suggested that Iva Morelli, from Herbster Community Church, be consulted as a resource for how to connect with more children regarding this opportunity.

**New Business:**

1. **Spring Clean-up in May—inside and outside:** Clean-up Day is now scheduled for Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 am. A sign-up sheet will be provided.
2. **Additional Business--the ELCA's Neighbor to Neighbor Mission**—report by Eve: Neighbor to Neighbor is an outreach program for Spanish Speakers initiated by the ELCA. They wish to raise \$175,000 over three years. The first \$10,000 raised will be matched by two congregations. A request was made by Eve to donate \$1000 to this mission from our Memorial Fund. A motion was made by Robert to donate \$1000 from our Memorial Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al and motion carried.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm

**Adjourned:** 7:00 pm mm by Robert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al, motion carried.

Submitted by Leanne Homa  
Council Secretary