

Immanuel Council Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Immanuel
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Call-In Number: 1-312-626-6799

Attendees: Pastor Connie Monson, Yvette Fleming, Eve Erickson, Randy Bestul, Jeff Stark, Al Reedy, and Leanne Homa. Absent: Mike Herrick

Call to Order: 6:01 by Council President Yvette Fleming

Devotions: Prayer by Pastor Connie

Pastor's Report: Ash Wednesday service will be held at Bethesda. A Lenten book study will be held on Wednesdays during Lent and will alternate between Bethesda and the Presbyterian Church in Bayfield. Other items by Pastor Connie will be covered during those topics listed below.

Secretary's Report: motion made to accept December minutes by Eve, 2nd by Al, motion carried

Treasurer's Report: by Randy, motion made to accept by Eve, 2nd by Jeff, motion carried

Old Business:

1. **Fellowship Hall Progress Update**—by Leanne, cupboards & counters & handles on cupboards are all installed. Final touches of construction of the storage closet, windows, ceiling tiles, trim and painting are being overseen by Gordo Anderson.
2. **Cottage Meetings**—We need to determine which of these three priorities to begin first this year: 1. Helping with food insecurity, 2. Care for elders so they can age in place, 3. Community Helpers—a library of people who can help in all sorts of ways. This is being moved to the Annual Meeting agenda to include members in the discussion.
3. **Bible Camp Scholarships**—by Jeff Stark—the printer company lost and consequently was delayed with our applications and posters, Jeff is working with them to get things done ASAP. This is also being moved to the Annual Meeting agenda to include members in the discussion
4. **Justice Seekers Report**—by Eve & Pastor Connie—January meeting on health is being postponed due to extremely cold weather, health meeting will be moved to March. February meeting on the environment will be held as usual. This will be mentioned at the Annual Meeting.
5. **Allies and Advocates for Migrant Neighbors Report**—by Eve & Pastor Connie— this will be presented at the Annual Meeting.
6. **Paraments, Art, and Decorations for the Sanctuary Report**—Eve has volunteered to start this committee, but the committee will run itself. Committee will come to the council with their ideas and the costs for approval before moving forward with any improvements. Their first meeting will be Sunday, February 1, 2026.
7. **Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2026. It will begin after our church service and a potluck lunch.** Estimated to begin at: 12:45

New Business:

- 1. Discuss Annual Meeting Agenda**—Leanne will add items 2-5 to the Annual meeting agenda. It was noted that the Nominating Committee has candidates ready for nomination at the Annual Meeting.
- 2. Church Membership List needs to be updated**—Yvette, Al, Eve and Leanne stayed to review this list. Yvette will contact Nancy at Bethesda to have her update the Master List and make copies of the updates for the Annual Meeting.
- 3. An Endowment** of \$3542.31 was received from an anonymous donor. Currently deposited in the General Fund, motion was made to move it to the Memorial Fund by Jeff, 2nd by Eve, motion carried.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Adjourned: 6:55 pm by Council President Yvette Fleming

Submitted by Leanne Homa
Council Secretary