

Immanuel Council Minutes
Wednesday September 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Immanuel
Zoom ID: 832 9354 1222 Passcode: 511991
Call-In Number: 1-312-626-6799

Attendees: Jeff Stark, Al Reedy, Eve Erickson, Yvette Fleming, Pastor Connie Monson, Robert Schlack and Leanne Homa

Call to Order: 5:50 pm by President Jeff Stark

Devotions: by Pastor Connie

Pastor's Report: by Pastor Connie—will be on her honeymoon from 9-23-26 through 10-1-26; Karen Novachek and Yvette Fleming will cover services on Sunday, 9-27-26 (there will be no communion); Monday, 10-5-26 will be a blessing of pets from 10 am to 2 pm at Bethesda (relates to our synod's Care of Creation Statement); Monday Night Movies & Speakers relating to Indigenous people on 9-14-26 through 10-19-26 will alternate between Bethesda and Immanuel.

Secretary's Report: by Leanne—MM to accept by Eve, 2nd by Robert, vote unanimous

Treasurer's Report: by Randy—Budget is in fine shape; Propane bill for winter was paid in August; CDs have renewed. MM to accept by Al, 2nd by Yvette, vote unanimous

Old Business:

1. **Justice Seekers Report**—by Eve—next meeting is Sept. 17th at Messiah Lutheran—topic is informed citizenship and voting
2. **Art and Decorations Committee Update**—by Leanne—no updates
3. **Mission Committee Update**—by Yvette—100 Who Care vote went to the Northern Lights Nursing Home in Washburn who received \$14,000; The Brick received \$1750 and Free Wisconsin received \$1750 as the two runners' up.
4. **Cottage Meeting Follow-Up**—tabled
5. **Church Building Repairs: Basement & Doors—from Gordon-** "New doors" update. I picked them up at Menards on Monday and will get them painted next week. Probably won't get them installed until I get back from our trip, however. Haven't gotten the quote back from Mike Wroblewski yet, but did jog him about it.
Still looking at De-humidifiers, but will get ordered soon. Drain in the boiler room will be unplugged by Mike Wroblewski.

6. **Synod Budget**—we currently budget \$5520 to the Synod; MM by Robert to increase this by \$1400 more for the 2026 fiscal year, 2nd by AI, vote was unanimous.
7. **Mike Herrick's Worship Service Concerns:** the tradition of singing "Happy Birthday" will continue, the decision regarding history lessons before scripture readings will be to keep these short, using first names only during the prayer for healing will continue with full names and more information to continue to be available in the Newsletters and Weekly Blasts which are updated by Pastor Connie.

New Business:

1. **"Reimbursement to Members for Church Conferences":** registration fees and hotel expenses will be paid by the church for those attending church conferences; gas expenses will be by paid by actual gas costs and not by mileage. MM by AI to approve these reimbursements, 2nd by Robert, vote was unanimous.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Immanuel and on Zoom

Adjourned: 6:40 pm

Submitted by Leanne Homa
Council Secretary