

# Bethesda/Immanuel Joint Council Minutes

## Meeting at Immanuel at 6:30 pm

July 16, 2025

Zoom 832-9354-1222

Passcode: 511-991

Call-In #1-312-626-6799

**Attendees:** Immanuel Members: Eve Erickson, Randy Bestul, Yvette Fleming, Al Reedy, Leanne Homa. Bethesda Members: Diane Fizell, Paul Lindberg, Darin Anderson, Jane Edwards, Bob Eicher, and Linda Schneider. Pastor Connie Monson.

**Call to Order:** 6:32 by Yvette Fleming

**Devotions by Pastor Connie:** a prayer

**Approval of April 23, 2025 minutes:** MM to approve by Al Reedy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eve Erickson, motion passed

**Pastor's Report:** provided at individual meetings

### Old Business:

1. Summer Picnic Date & Time at Little Sand Bay—Date is August 24<sup>th</sup> with social time at 3:00, potluck dinner (no electricity) at 4:00 and Holden Service at 5:00.
2. Review of June 22<sup>nd</sup> Joint Worship Service—it was a meaningful service and delicious picnic with 113 people in attendance. Karen Novachek and Eve Erickson have offered to help with set-up for the worship service and meal.

### New Business:

1. Continuing Education proposal by Pastor Connie. The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin recommends \$800/year and two weeks' time (including two Sundays) for continuing education for pastors. Pastor Connie asked for a week of this time to attend a spiritual retreat, and she will miss two Sundays in a row. She asks that funds remaining in the continuing ed fund be made available to give an honorarium to invited speakers. MM by Leanne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Al, motion passed
2. Update on what each church has been doing or will be doing:
  - Bethesda: Annual Fish Fry on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at Bethesda for missions; Bethesda is also a part of the 100 Who Care program.
  - Immanuel: Our fellowship hall remodeling is progressing, our Ice Cream Social netted \$1400 for missions.

**Next Joint Council Meeting:** at Bethesda on September 17, 2025; Immanuel's meeting will start at 5:45 pm with the joint meeting starting at 6:30 pm.

**Adjourned:** 7:08 pm by Yvette Fleming

Submitted by: Leanne Homa, Council Secretary at Immanuel