

Immanuel Council Minutes
Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 1:00 pm at Immanuel
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Call-In Number: 1-312-626-6799

Attendees: Pastor Connie Monson, Yvette Fleming, Eve Erickson, Leanne Homa, Al Reedy, Jeff Stark, Randy Bestul, Roger Lindgren, Nancy Lindgren; Absent Mike Herrick

Call to Order: 12:48 pm by President Yvette Fleming

Pastor's Report: Christmas Eve Services—Bethesda at 5:00 pm and Immanuel at 7:30 pm; Pastor will be on vacation the following Sunday, Dec. 28th, and Yvette Fleming will be preaching.

Secretary's Report: mm by Al to accept, 2nd by Jeff, motion carried

Treasurer's Report: by Randy—December report shows many large year-end payments have been made. Balance is still strong. Mm by Eve to accept, 2nd by Al, motion carried.

Old Business:

1. **Fellowship Hall Progress Update**—Jolma Electric has installed all the electrical needs, Gordon Anderson and Eric Lindgren have now been able to install the remaining cabinets and countertops.
2. **Cottage Meetings**—We will be creating a new committee to determine how we will move forward on the three priorities the congregation has chosen to better support people in our area: 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
3. **Bible Camp Scholarships**—Jeff Stark has drafted an application and it is in the hands of Mark at Copy That to add a professional touch. Places where these applications will be able to be posted were discussed--e.g. schools, community businesses, and churches etc. The committee will be checking on these and other places.
4. **Justice Seekers Report**—by Eve & Pastor Connie--A successful meeting was held in November with three speakers on the topic of food security. No meeting was scheduled for December. January's meeting will be on the topic of health care, and February's meeting will focus on environmental issues. All meetings are held at Messiah Lutheran in Washburn on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings begin at 5:30 with a soup supper and the speakers begin at 6:00. All are welcome.
5. **Allies and Advocates for Migrant Neighbors Report**—by Eve & Pastor Connie—Two migrants have been picked up this month in Ashland by ICE. The families left behind have not been informed of where their loved ones have been taken. Eve's presentation in Port Wing to the Brule Area Defenders of Democracy (BADD) was well received and showed growing interest and concern for our migrant neighbors.
6. **Paraments, Art, and Decorations for the Sanctuary Report**—by Yvette—The following people have agreed to work on this committee: Kris Anderson, Charlotte Calhoun, Bev Steele, Diane Hall, David Coates, and Paulann Frederich. Yvette will convene the next meeting and then they will continue to run their own meetings.

New Business:

- 1. Annual Meeting Date and Reports to assign**—The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026 following the Sunday Service. MM by Eve, 2nd by Jeff, motion carried. Mike Herrick is resigning from the council. The nominating committee, consisting of Sandy Bodner, Robert Schlack & Kris Anderson, will be informed of positions which will need filling—2 council members and 2 alternates.
- 2. Parking Lot Lights**—are not working and are motion-sensor lights. Yvette and Jeff will work on finding a solution to the problem.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Adjourned: 1:28 pm by Yvette

Submitted by Leanne Homa

Council Secretary