

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 18, 2025

6:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES:

(X) Jerry Decent, Box 50	() Kevin Martini, Box 213
(X) Pastor Ian Hewitson	(X) Tom Nixon, Box 07
(X) Char Kinzer, Box 104	(X) Peter Nordell, Box 222
(X) Bonnie LaPierre, Box 119	(X) David Pundt, Box 295
(X) Debbie Lindahl Box 125	(X) Paula Traylor, Box 145

CALL TO ORDER 6:31 P.M.

Additions to Agenda: President Char Kinzer added the following item to the Agenda: NEW BUSINESS: 3. Ranger Live Radio.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Paula Traylor moved we accept the agenda as amended. Tom Nixon seconded her motion and it was accepted by voice vote.

CELEBRATING THE JOYS OF IMMANUEL: Two new volunteers, Vicki Burlett and Don Rasmussen have signed up to work in the sound booth; the Cantors, Sue Rasmussen and Brian Marquart; attendance has been very good this past month; Psalm 121.

AGENDA

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Peter Nordell moved that we accept the Financial Statement. Tom Nixon seconded his motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. KEHL PROPERTY:

a. PURCHASE AGREEMENT: Peter Nordell moved that Paula Traylor be approved as the authorized signer for the Kehl Property Purchase Agreement. Tom Nixon seconded his motion and it was approved on a voice vote.

b. IMMANUEL CHURCH FINANCE COMMITTEE REQUEST: Peter Nordell moved that the Fidelity Major Capital Account of \$20,000, the Fidelity Memorial Account, \$20,000 and the Unity Bank Major Capital Account, \$10,000 be liquidated and used as part of a down payment for the Kehl Property. His motion was seconded by Bonnie LaPierre and approved by voice vote.

c. IMMANUEL FORWARD FINANCE COMMITTEE: Peter Nordell moved that we close the previously donated Thrivent Account #9066194 of \$22,257.50 and use the funds, along with the money raised so far by Immanuel Forward, to complete the down payment for the Kehl Property. Debbie Lindahl seconded the motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

D. IMMANUEL FORWARD FINANCE COMMITTEE REQUEST: Paula Traylor moved we authorize

the Immanuel Forward Finance Committee to pursue a \$95,000 mortgage loan with Unity Bank for a fixed three-year term, amortized over 20 years to cover the remainder of the \$185,000 Kehl property purchase with the understanding the finance committee will still try to cover the loan as soon as possible. Peter Nordell seconded the motion, and it was approved via voice vote.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings and Grounds: Char Kinzer reported that the parsonage interior has been painted and sewer pumped.

Manna for Malawi: David Pundt reported all is ready for the event on Saturday.

Personnel: No report.

3. CLASSICAL CONVERSATIONS HOMESCHOOL UPDATE: Char Kinzer reported that the group will hold its family orientation night on Monday, September 15, 2025 and begin school on Monday, September 29, 2025. They expect 8 families to participate, educating 15 students between ages 4 and 12, Up from five families last year.

4. EMAIL VOTING: Discussion was held on email voting to reiterate what previous councils had decided about email voting by the Council. A consensus of the Council was that voting by email would not be used. Emergency actions will be handled by the Council Executive Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. LCMC ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 5-8: Peter Nordell moved that we not officially participate in the LCMC Annual Meeting this year. Debbie Lindahl seconded his motion, and it was passed on a voice vote.

2. PASTOR'S REPORT/UPDATES: Pastor Ian Hewitson expressed his gratitude for work done on the parsonage.

3. RANGER LIVE RADIO: David Pundt moved that support of this effort would not be a good stewardship of congregation funds and should not be supported. Debbie Lindahl seconded his motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Council discussed the need to update the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures of Immanuel Lutheran Church to include clarification of committee formation and record-keeping, family ministry, and funeral policies. Future workshops will be held to complete these tasks.

The Youth Ministry advisory committee had met that day to discuss confirmation and youth plans moving forward in light of Jill Decent's plans to resign from the Family Ministry position and attend school full-time. The committee recommended looking at what Salem is doing as one option. No final decisions have been made for Family ministry.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS FOR SEPTEMBER

October 5	Paula Traylor
October 12	Char Kinzer
October 19	Peter Nordell
October 26	Tom Nixon

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: Tom Nixon moved we adjourn. Debbie Lindahl seconded his motion and it was approved by voice vote at 8:41pm.

The next council meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.