

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 5:30pm

### ATTENDEES:

X Meredith Bloedel

X Tom Nixon

X George Erickson

Mary Ellen Perry

Char Kinzer

X David Pundt

X Debbie Lindahl

X Paula Traylor

X Brian Marquart

X Pastor Ian Hewitson

**OPENING PRAYER** Pastor Ian opened the meeting with prayer.

**CALL TO ORDER** Vice President Brian Marquart called the meeting to order at 5:35pm. There was one addition to the agenda. Under Committee Reports, Manna for Malawi report was added.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Tom Nixon moved that the Financial Report be approved. His motion was seconded by Paula Traylor and passed on a voice vote.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Personnel:** Rich Aulie has decided to retire. Personnel Committee members have place want ads seeking a Music Coordinator on Indeed and have contacted the Crosby Ironton band director to see if there might be interested and available students to perform.

**Manna for Malawi:** David Pundt reported that the committee has met with Heather, one of the new owners of The Bridge Tavern where the 2026 Manna for Malawi fundraiser will be held on August 9 from 2pm to 6pm. The committee is selecting a band to perform at this year's event. The next meeting will be Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking for volunteers to lead the food and raffle teams.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Transition Profile Team Update: The team includes LuAnn Hendricks, Terri Wizniak, Marian Serverson, John Klopfleisch, DeeDee Frahm and Paula Traylor. John Klopfleisch has agreed to chair the team. The group agreed to follow a Call Process Checklist as used by Salem Lutheran and begin with a Historical Overview to include Community Demographics. The group's next meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, location to be determined.
2. Renting Immanuel East: The Immanuel Forward team met and produced a lease agreement for a potential renter. Rent for Immanuel East will be \$1250 per month, security deposit set at first and last month's rent, \$500 pet deposit if appropriate.

The account will be paid through an autopay into the Immanuel Forward fund, by previous motion. Brian Marquart reported that all who volunteered or be assigned repairs on Immanuel East after renters take possession would need background checks to comply with existing law. Brian Marquart moved and George Erickson seconded a motion to authorize the President and Secretary of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Council to have signing authority for rental agreements.

3. Organization Structure Discussion: Pastor Ian Hewitson reported he and Debbi Carlson were working on an organizational flow chart to describe existing church committees.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Annual Meeting Minutes: The Annual Meeting minutes were tabled until the March 17 meeting.
2. Installation of Officers and New Council Members: Pastor Ian Hewitson will confer with Debbi Carlson to find an acceptable date.
3. Classical Conversation Homeschool request: George Erickson moved tha the CC Homeschool organization be granted the use of Immanuel Lutheran Church for the 2026/2027 school year per the Immanuel Facilities Use Agreement. Pastor Ian seconded his motion and it was approved by voice vote.
4. Camera Replacement: David Pundt moved we approve a bid from Stewart Sound Systems to install a moveable camera at the front of the church. The camera there now has one position. The funds will be taken from Account #1135, Major Capitol Improvements. Tom Nixon seconded his motion for discussion. The motion passed on a divided vote.
5. FYI: On previous motions, two new laptops were purchased for a total of \$2625, to be paid from an Immanuel Lutheran Church special savings account set aside for computers.

**COMMUNION ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL:** April 5-Brian Marquart; April 12-Paula Traylor; April 19-George Erickson; April 26-Char Kinzer.

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Pastor Ian Hewitson moved we adjourn at 7:27pm. Debbie Lindahl seconded his motion and it was approved by a voice vote.

#### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

March 17, 2026, 5:30 p.m.