

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2026 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES

Meredith Bloedel

X George Erickson

X Pastor Ian Hewitson

X Char Kinzer

X Debbie Lindahl

X Brian Marquart

X Mary Ellen Perry

David Pundt

X Paula Traylor

OPENING PRAYER:

Char Kinzer gave the opening prayer

CALL TO ORDER

President Char Kinzer called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

Attendance at Council meetings via Zoom was discussed. Zoom will be available on an as-needed basis; however, in-person attendance is always preferred.

Addition(s) to Agenda

Agenda Acceptance: Agenda was accepted as presented

CELEBRATING THE JOYS OF IMMANUEL

The renters have moved into Immanuel East. Many thanks to Geos Paint and Finish (George Erickson) for painting the home.

DISCUSSION/REVIEW OF COUNCIL MINUTES for 03/17/2026

FINANCIAL REPORT

Discussion/Acceptance

Brian Marquart motioned to approve the financial report as presented. George Erickson seconded the motion, and it was approved by majority vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance:

Deb Eatros has requested that a separate account be created for the Immanuel Forward rental down payment to be placed in an interest-bearing savings account. Mary Ellen Perry motioned to approve the request. Brian Marquart seconded the motion, and it was approved by majority vote.

Buildings and Grounds:

Char Kinzer reported that the committee was going to put handicap signs in the ground next to the handicap-marked parking spaces. The DeWalt batteries and chargers for the new leaf blower and trimmer seem to be missing. An announcement to help locate will be placed.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Administration/Communications/Committee listings: Pastor Ian handed out a document listing outdated contact information. In addition, some of the committee listings are not yet clarified. More

work will be done to establish committee chairs, council liaisons, committee membership, meeting times, and council reporting frequencies.

Char Kinzer made a motion to have Mary Ellen Perry and Paula Traylor review and help update the committee information. George Erickson seconded the motion, and it was approved by majority vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. Organizational/Structure:** Pastor Ian and Debbi Carlson have been working on reworking an Organizational Chart. The council thanked the Pastor and Debbi for the initial work. The Council will take up the project at a yet-to-be-determined workshop.
- 2. Council webpage/BIOS:** Each council member will get a brief bio to Deb Eatros to place on the Council web page.
- 3. Review 2025 Annual Report minutes:** As per the ILC constitution, Brian Marquart made a motion to approve the review of minutes of the 2025 annual meeting with no recommended changes. George Erickson seconded the motion, and it was approved by majority vote.
- 4. Update on Immanuel East Rental:**
- 5. Consider Transition Team formation:** Mary Ellen Perry made a motion to begin the process for the creation of a Transition Team. George Erickson seconded the motion, and it was approved by majority vote.

All members agreed that Char will arrange for Lutheran Congregations in Missions for Christ (LCMC) and/or the National American Lutheran Church (NALC) to present to us resources for the transition process.

It's anticipated that the search for a Transition Team will be announced at the May 17 service. Interested members will submit in writing why they wish to be on the Transition Team and place their information in Mailbox #104 no later than July 1, 2026. This will allow time for LCMC and/or NALC to present information to the Council before the Council chooses the Transition team.

- 6. Council retreat/training session(s):** Char Kinzer recommended the first Council workshop be used as a format for 1) setting Council goals for the next 6 to 12 months and 2) to learn best practices in the Transition Team process and selection using guidance from LCMC and/or NALC.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Cuyuna Farmer's Market Children Program Request:** Char Kinzer made a motion to donate \$100 from (acct # 7020) to support the POP local farmer's market program. Brian Marquart seconded the motion, and it was approved by majority vote.
- 2. ERC correspondence:**
- 3. Memorial giving publication:** tabled

COMMUNION ASSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE

June 7 Char	June 14 Mary Ellen
June 21 Brian	June 28 George

THE LORD'S PRAYER ADJOURNMENT

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING May 19