

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES

X Meredith Bloedel	X Debbie Lindahl
X Wade Burlet	Brian Marquart
X George Erickson	X Mary Ellen Perry
X Pastor Ian Hewitson	X David Pundt
X Char Kinzer	X Paula Traylor

OPENING PRAYER: Pastor Ian opened the meeting with prayer.

CALL TO ORDER: President Char Kinzer called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

AGENDA ACCEPTANCE: Paula Traylor moved the agenda be accepted as written. Meredith Bloedel seconded her motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

NEW COUNCIL APPOINTMENT: Paula Traylor moved that Wade Burlet be appointed to fill Tom Nixon's unexpired term through the end of the fiscal year. Mary Ellen Perry seconded her motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT: George Erickson moved that the Financial Report be approved. Pastor Ian Hewitson seconded his motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: George Erickson moved that the \$10,005.50 Unity Bank Scholarship CD, maturing on 05/27/2026, be rolled over to an 18-month CD at 3.80% APY, with the existing authorized signers from the previous 12-month CD to be the authorized signers on the new 18-month CD. Paula Traylor seconded his motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

Buildings and Grounds: Pastor Ian Hewitson noted that the gutters were full during a recent rainstorm and water was spilling into the egress window areas below. Wade Burlet said the Committee will look at that and will be working next week on modifying the septic layout for future freeze-up protection and prevention.

Good Samaritan: NR

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Ian Hewitson has an appointment with an accountant and would like to rearrange items in his contract for tax purposes. Pastor Ian has reviewed the Immanuel Lutheran Church Constitution, By-Laws, Continuing Resolutions, Organizational Chart and Committee Structure for conflicts, ambiguities and harmonies. Char Kinzer, Meredith Bloedel, and David Pundt have volunteered to prepare the documents for presentation to the Council.

COUNCIL PRES REPORT: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Organizational/Structure/committee update/Mary Ellen/Paula: Mary Ellen Perry and Paula Traylor have examined the Organizational Chart and committees and compiled relevant information. The information will be turned over to the Constitution/Bylaw/Continuing Resolution Subcommittee Committee for inclusion. Char Kinzer, Meredith Bloedel, and David Pundt will serve as a subcommittee for review of all documents.

2. ERC correspondence: Council has received correspondence from an attorney representing a firm that assisted us with Employee Retention Credit from the Federal government. Our attorney has responded.

3. Council retreat/training session(s): Council will meet via Zoom with Chris Huntley from LCMC to get advice on forming the Transition Team on June 9, 2026 at 4:15pm.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Youth Program Coordinator: Letter from Nancy Heise, who has served as our interim Part-time Youth Program Coordinator this year, indicates we will need to look for new leadership and direction in the fall for the position.

2. St. Joseph Land Option: We've been offered to review a first right of purchase for the .56 Acre parcel of "ball field land" adjacent to our parking lot by St. Joseph Church. A committee made up of Jim Traylor, Harry Kahnert and Wade Burlet will take a closer look at the property and report back to the Council.

COMMUNION ASSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE

July 5: Char Kinzer

July 12: Paula Traylor

July 19: Mary Ellen Perry

July 26: Meredith Bloedel

We closed the meeting with THE LORD'S PRAYER and adjourned at 7:25 pm.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING June 16