

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2026 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES

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

OPENING PRAYER: Char Kinzer led our opening prayer.

CALL TO ORDER: President Char Kinzer called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Addition(s) to Agenda/Agenda Acceptance: New Business #6 Authorization to sign land sale documents for 6th Ave SW corner lot closing set for July 31, 2026; New Business #7 Review Special Congregational Meeting Minutes. George Erickson moved the agenda be approved as amended; Paula Traylor seconded his motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

JOYS OF IMMANUEL: A wonderful Special Congregational Meeting and fantastic turnout; a great presentation by the Immanuel Forward Property Committee and representatives on the potential purchase of St. Joseph's ball field; the overwhelming congregational approval to purchase; \$3,700 raised at a meal with a mission for the Hendrickson's; the ongoing membership class with two new members and their three young children.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Discussion/Acceptance: Paula Traylor moved that we accept the Financial Report. Debbie Lindahl seconded her motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance and Investment:

Motion to approve authorized signer for St. Joseph vacant lot purchase: George Erickson moved that Char Kinzer be authorized to sign all papers related to the purchase of the St. Joseph lot. Mary Ellen Perry seconded his motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

Motion to approve \$10,000 toward St. Joseph Vacant Lot Purchase: George Erickson moved that the Immanuel Forward Property Committee be allowed to use \$10,000 from the Fidelity memorial account for the survey, closing and purchase of the St. Joseph lot. Meredith Bloedel seconded his motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

Buildings and Grounds: Wade Burlet reported that the committee will install a new mailbox on Church property to receive mail Monday through Thursday. The Post Office will hold Friday and Saturday mail.

Wade reported that the new grass at the parsonage is ready to grow without daily watering. One member of the committee is looking into purchasing a Ring Camera for church security.

Transition Steering Team: Paula Traylor moved that the Transition Steering Team be authorized to use \$200 from the Transition Fund special savings account to buy two months of Survey Monkey professional version. Wade Burlet seconded her motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

Debbie Lindahl moved that the Transition Steering Team be authorized to use up to \$70 to buy a locking drop box for confidential survey responses. George Erickson seconded her motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Ian reported that he will be going on vacation between August 3, 2026, and August 17, 2026. He has arranged for the Gideon's Bible organization to make their annual speech to the congregation. Membership classes have been going well. He reported that he'd received written questions for the pastoral search committee from Men's Den. Questions from a committee representing congregation members who attended a series of sessions on Lutheran theology and practice will be presented next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Confirmation Youth Needs:** George Erickson moved that a Confirmation Coordinator be hired at \$20/hour for 4 or 5 hours a week, or volunteer sought, for the seven Confirmation students preparing for their Confirmation this fall. The coordinator will need to meet with students three or four times in September and October to teach the Luther House of Study sacrament lessons, organize meals those nights, and be in contact with confirmands. Mary Ellen Perry seconded his motion, and it was approved by voice vote.

A volunteer will be sought to be the liaison with youth and NALC to guide the remaining two or more 6th and 7th-grade youth through a new September 17 NALC two-year on-line confirmation program to track service hours and mentors for approximately 2 hours/week.

2. **Church Security Policy:** Brian Marquart and David Pundt volunteered to examine available resources to develop a Security Policy and procedures document and report back for direction.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Bea Anderson Scholarship:** Char Kinzer moved that we award a \$500 Bea Anderson Scholarship to Isaiah Aulie. George Erickson seconded her motion, and it was approved by voice vote.
2. **Part-time Maintenance Position:** Char Kinzer moved to temporarily hire Wade Burlet to do light maintenance at the Church and Parsonage for up to 32 hours a month as needed at \$20/hour. An unused Office Support Account #7150 and unused amounts from an unused account #7230 Music coordinator account would be used to financially support a revived #7225 Maintenance Account temporarily to be reviewed for the next fiscal year budget. Meredith Bloedel seconded her motion, and it was approved by voice vote.
3. **Right Path Ministry:** Debbie Lindahl moved that the Right Path Ministry be discontinued for lack of use. Brian Marquart seconded her motion, and it was approved by a voice vote.

4. **Land purchase closing:** George Erickson moved Immanuel Forward be authorized to use \$1,000 from an Anonymous Donation to pay to Coldwell Banker Crown Realtors as Earnest money for the St. Joseph land purchase. Debbie Lindahl seconded his motion, and it was approved by voice vote.
5. **Parsonage Value Update:** Discussion ensued to direct Deb Eatros to discuss updating the market valuation of the Parsonage with the tax accountant and send insurance documents to George Erickson for review.
6. **Authorize signer for 6th Ave SW land sale for corner lot at Cygneture Title:** Mary Ellen Perry moved that Char Kinzer be authorized to sign all papers related to the sale of the Sixth Avenue Corner lot. Paula Traylor seconded her motion, and it was approved by voice vote.
7. **Special Congregation Meeting minutes:** Council reviewed July 12, Special Congregation Meeting minutes finding no discrepancies.

COMMUNION ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST

September 6: Paula Traylor; September 13: Char Kinzer; September 20: Meredith Bloedel; September 27: Mary Ellen Perry

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Council closed with the Lord's Prayer

ADJOURNMENT: Brian Marquart moved we adjourn at 7:03 pm. His motion was seconded by Debbie Lindahl.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING August 18, 2026