

## EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chaplin Peg led us in a prayer over our meeting.

Tammy Briskie made a motion to accept the agenda, Mary Fairbank seconded it. Motion carried.

Mary Fairbank made a motion to approve and accept the minutes from the meeting of November 10, 2025., Tom Rivers seconded. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nothing new to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Marlene Connell made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Tammy Briskie seconded it. Motion carried.

MEMORIAL REPORT: Nothing new to report. Memorial account balance is \$836.04.

PROPERTY REPORT: Tom Rivers will contact Jackson Glass to find out when they have us scheduled to do the repair work on our windows. Maintenance on the furnace(s) has been completed by Brewer Heating. Tom Rivers is working on completing the electrical updating on the breakers/outlets.

STEWARDSHIP/WITNESS/WORSHIP: Nothing new to report.

EVENTS/FUNDRAISING: Council has decided not to move forward with the No Bake Bake Sale.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1). A new Christmas tree for our church has been donated by Debbie Rogers.
- 2). Proceeds from the Chili Festival (up to \$150.00) were donated to put together a basket for the Brandon Fire Department Christmas event's Silent Auction. Patina Vie, Wisco Coffee (2 Ripon businesses) and Debbie Rogers also donated to our basket.
- 3). Continued discussion regarding the snow blower that the church owns brought us to the decision to try to sell it for \$500.00.
- 4). After discussion Council was in agreement that the Renter (Justin Bush) is responsible for his own snow removal, where he parks and the sidewalks to the house.

5). Council had discussion on how to compensate Chaplin Peg for home/hospital visits. We decided to pay \$25 per visit, \$25 per hour for travel time and mileage at the current IRS rate.

6). Council is exploring the option of Pam Worth being able to help with pulpit supply,

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1). Council decided to pay Chaplin Peg one half pay (\$100.00) for our cancelled service, due to inclement weather. Reasoning that it was a last minute decision and she had done all of the work to prepare for the Service. Along the same line of thinking we also decided to pay Roberta Ryskoski one half of her pay (\$25.00) for the cancelled service.

2). Council had discussion about whether Chaplin Peg should have some regular office hours at church for people to be able to contact her. It was decided for the time being to instead list her phone number in the bulletin.

3). Mary Fairbank will get ahold of the Fairwater church council to see if they would be interested in meeting with our council.

4). Council will look at putting an ad on Indeed (a hiring website) to help fill our Pastor position.

5). Council will have a meeting on December 15, 2025 to discuss the 2026 budget.

6). There has been talk of wanting to have a church potluck meal. We decided to have a potluck meal on January 25, 2026 after our Annual Congregation meeting.

Marlene Connell made a motion to adjourn, Tom Rivers seconded it. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Meeting concluded with the council sharing the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is January 5, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Sincerely submitted by,  
Tammy Briskie  
Secretary