

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 2026

Meeting called to order at 5:14 p.m.

Full Council in attendance: Tammy Briskie, Verlyn Rebelein, Annette Raube, Tom Rivers and non-voting member Susie Krohn.

Susie Krohn read a devotion to the council.

Annette Raube made a motion to approve the agenda, Tom Rivers seconded it. Motion carried.

Verlyn Rebelein made a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2026, Annette Raube seconded it. Motion carried.

President's Report:

All will be covered in the agenda.

Treasurer's Report:

After a review of the report Tammy Briskie made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Verlyn Rebelein seconded it. Motion carried.

The balance of the Memorial Fund is \$836.24.

Property Report:

Tom Rivers and Verlyn Rebelein will fix up the corner of the driveway where it is worn down.

Tom Rivers will check with Jackson glass to confirm that we are on their calendar to get our window work completed.

Stewardship/Witness/Worship:

Nothing new to report. Verlyn Rebelein continues to work on keeping our pulpit filled.

Events/Fundraising:

Council discussed the final pieces for the Brat Stand Fundraiser on May 15 & 16, 2026. Strawberry Festival was discussed. June 28, 2026 was decided upon as the date for this event. The time will be 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It was also decided to have the event be a Free Will Offering. More details will be discussed at the June meeting.

Old Business:

1). We had the printers looked at for the issues we were having with them. Ripon Technology gave us a couple of options to fix our issues. Council decided we would order the parts we need from Amazon. We can then take care of the issues ourselves, with the cost being \$225.15.

2). The documents for our tenant(s) regarding the updates for snow removal and no longer needing their services to mow the lawn have been signed and filed.

3). Darrell Rahn has agreed to do the lawn mowing this year. We will continue to keep an eye on our yard and clean as needed.

4). Council asked the Call Committee if there were any updates in regards to the Synod helping us to hire a Pastor. Verlyn Rebelein reports no big changes other than the Synod wanting the Call Committee to learn the interview process.

5). There will be no more conversations with Fairwater Zion at this time as they have moved on in a different direction.

6). Council touched on the final details of what the church needed to do for Debbie Schmuhl's funeral to be held at Emanuel Church on May 16, 2026.

New Business:

1). Council has concern about the overgrown tree that is touching the roof of the parsonage. We also believe the tree on the far side of the parking lot is dead or dying. Tom Rivers will get opinions and estimates on these trees.

2). We have been informed that the air conditioning unit for the sanctuary is broken. It will need to be replaced. That being said we will have a congregational meeting on May 31, 2026 following the service to decide how to proceed with this issue.

3). It was asked if it would be okay for the Brandon Senior Citizens group to use our church basement to meet when Bethel church (where they usually meet) is working on their basement. This is definitely okay to do.

4). Verlyn Rebelein started a discussion with council about the future of churches, our church, and information he found that could be of interest for us. He printed some off and we will look it over and discuss deeper in the future.

Tom Rivers made a motion to adjourn, Annette Raube seconded it. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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

Next meeting will be June 8, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.

Sincerely submitted,
Tammy Briskie
President/Secretary