

EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

August 3, 2026

Meeting called to order at 5:21 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, Verlyn Rebelein seconded it. Motion carried.

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

President's Report:

Tammy Briskie made the council aware of how much work Susie Krohn has been doing on our yard, trimming and getting rid of weeds. If anyone has time to help with this it would be greatly appreciated.

Treasurer's Report:

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

The current balance of the Memorial Fund is \$836.35.

Property Report:

Council is still waiting to get Jackson Glass to commit to a time to complete the work on our windows. Tom Rivers had Atomic Plumbing check out the noise coming from our bathroom. He believes he found the issue and has it resolved. Tom Rivers has repaired the soffits on the north side of the building and will check out the smaller soffit issues on the south side of the building. We are still pursuing the issue(s) with a couple of our trees. The company that we use is very busy and has not gotten back to us yet. Tom Rivers has volunteered to repair and improve the bench that sits on the corner of our property.

Stewardship/Witness/Worship:

Verlyn Rebelein has shared with council that Pastor Karen Jewell-VanBuskirk is interested in doing a 4 week Bible Study group with our congregation. Verlyn will confirm with Pastor Karen and then make an announcement to the congregation.

Events/Fundraising:

Council continued discussion regarding the Chili Festival.

Old Business:

1). Tom Rivers has not heard back from All Phase with information regarding a maintenance agreement. He will contact them again.

2). Verlyn Rebelein has reported that he, as Call Committee representative, had conversations with Pastor Nate Gauerke. Pastor Nate has told Verlyn he is keeping an eye out for us regarding getting a Pastor to our church.

3). Annette Rabue has been in touch with a local First Responder regarding getting a defibrillator for our church. The person she spoke with said they may have a unit they could give to use. Annette will keep us updated.

New Business:

1). We would like to have the sign that is by the bench on the corner of our lot painted. We will look into options to get this done.

2). The parsonage is having issues with the chimney. We will figure out what needs to be done to fix this issue.

3). Council discussed the “garbage” that is sitting in the gated area by the back door. We will figure out how to get this cleaned up.

4). Council had discussion regarding how to handle funerals. Pastor Karen Jewell-VanBuskirk has been awesome to have lead worship for a few already.

5). Continued discussion about having “special music” in our services. Annette Rabue will work on trying to schedule one that we have in mind.

Verlyn Rebelein made a motion to adjourn, Tom Rivers seconded it. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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

Next council meeting will be on September 14, 2026 at 5:15 p.m.

Sincerely submitted
Tammy Briskie
President/Secretary