Council Meeting Minutes

Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 13, 2025, 12:15 PM

Next meeting: Monday May 12, 2025, 3 PM

"Proclaim the Gospel and Serve our neighbors."

Council Members: Rose Anderson, Kathy Carlsted, Don Hansen, Becky Hulden, Craig Loen, Pastor Dwight Rudquist, Pastor Justin Fenger, Julie Valez

A. **Opening Devotions –** Kathy
May - Pastor Dwight

B. Sharing Stories of God's Love in our Lives –

C. Pastor Dwight's Report-

D. Pastor Justin's Report

E. Sunday School-Palm Sunday –Sunday school had many children, fun to see a larger group

F. Treasurer's Report – Craig
Offering was above budget in March. All bills paid and up to date. $182K in special savings, $3900 in general checking. Kathy and Rose moved and seconded to approve financial report.

G. Grounds Committee Projects- Don and Bruce will clean out shed.

H. Library Report-Julie

I. Vision Group

1. Season of Renewal –final gathering was held on 3/29 at Gustavus Adolphus LC in St. Paul. We presented our final report.
2. FELC - What's Next Group wanted to keep working and met again on April 1st to create the next 90 day plan which will focus on interior and exterior signage.

J. 90-day Pilot with Immanuel

1. The second evaluation meeting was held on 3/26 at 9 AM here at FELC.
2. The third evaluation meeting was held on 4/7 at 9 AM at Immanuel. The group crafted a Proposed One-Year Shared Ministry Agreement
3. The draft will be reviewed by this council today.
4. The draft will be reviewed by the Immanuel council tomorrow evening.
5. Motion and second by Craig and Julie will hold special meetings on April 27th at noon to vote on the proposal. Motion approved
6. Motion and second by Julie and Kathy to approve the covenant for the meeting on April 27th .

K. Coverage for Angie's Absence

1. Bulletins - Angie is doing this
2. Newsletters - Angie is doing this
3. Videos – Pay Carli- completed a W9
4. Angie's PTO and computer requirements for work from home. Motion and second by Craig and Rose, to add as many as 32 hours per pay period to Angie's time sheets and to extend PTO for Angie through June 15. Motion carried.

Motion and Second by Julie and Rose to purchase new church laptop for as much as $1,000.00. Motion carried.

5. Worship
    1. Music - Emily playing, several choir members
    2.Dwight preaching
    3.Special guest - Emily, Alex, Becca, Sam & Zeke
6. Fellowship-Potluck Lunch & Lisa's 65th Birthday

L. Mission Statement

1. Mission moments - Rose - Cards and letters Mission
2. Julie - Library Mission - completed in January

M. Upcoming Events

1. Maundy Thursday Service at 6pm at Immanuel
2. Good Friday Service at 3pm at FELC
3. Easter Service 11am at FELC
4. FELC and ILC combined calendar in the works

N. Motion to Adjourn-Rose and Kathy moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor Rudquist's Council Report – April 13, 2025

Participated in Worship:

- March 23, 2025
- March 26, 2026 – Lenten Service
- March 30, 2025
- April 2, 2025 – Lenten Service
- April 6, 2025
- April 9, 2025 – Lenten Service

Visits:

- In person visit with:
    ◊ Janet Shepherdson
    ◊ Cynthia Holmberg

  Phone visits with:

Funerals:

- Funeral Prep with Lee Boleman Family
- Funeral Prep with Darlene Mueller Family

Other:

- Church Council - 3/23/2025
- Pilot Evaluation Meetings 3/26 & 4/7
- Choir Practices 3/26, 4/1, 4/9
    ◊ Choir Sang on 3/23, 4/6
- Newsletter Article for April
- Bulletin Prep for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, & Easter
- Service at The Lodge – March 26th
- What's Next Task Group Meetings - 3/29 & 4/1
- Several Maple Sap Collections and Related Projects
- MICHILU Meeting 4/10-Hymn sing on April 27 at uncommon loon

Thoughts/Reflections:

- Feed My Starving Children – Funds -April 25th Palm Sunday Pancake breakfast money placed in Feed my Starving Children. Kathy and Craig moved and seconded, approved.
- The Final Countdown
    ◊ Service
    ◊ Lunch