Minutes of the Church Council of
First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sunday, January 11, 2026, 12:15pm
Next meeting: February 8, 2026, 12:15pm

Council Members Present: Rose Anderson, Kathy Carlsted, Angie Dahlstrom, Don Hansen, Becky Hulden, Julie Valez, Pastor Justin Fenger

A. Opening Devotions – Don
January-Rose

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

C. Pastor Justin's Report –
1. Technology upgrades and changes-Matt will stop in this week for training with Carli
2. Joint Council
1. Meeting Thursday January 15 th at 8:00 AM here at FELC-Pastor Justin to prepare agenda
3. Staff meetings at FELC
4. Proof reading of paper bulletins to match the digital screen- Angie Dahlstrom is willing to be the proofreader.
5. Pastor Requested to pay 2026 budgeted amount expense for Luther Point in one lump sum in January instead of quarterly. Don made a motion to pay the lump sum in January 2026, Kathy seconded

D. Treasurer's Report – Craig-see attached report
Angie made a motion and Rose seconded to approve Treasurer's report.

E. Building and Grounds Committee Projects – Don
1. Bathroom remodel almost done—painting needed—Angie and Carli may need help
2. Three new fellowship hall tables completed by Bruce Carlsted—three old tables available to anyone free to take
3. Salting the parking lot and driveways—City of Taylors Falls did it for $180

F. Library Report – Julie

1. Apply for Little Free Library status—meet with Angie in January

G. Sunday School – no report

H. Vision Group -> Mission and Outreach Committee
1. Leadership will be Rita and Wendy. The hope is to evolve into the Mission and Outreach committee. Declined to lead Community Meals

I. Shared Ministry – Better Together with Immanuel

1. A combined council made up of a few members from each congregation will meet quarterly to monitor the ongoing relationship – Craig, Don, Kathy, and Becky have volunteered to serve on this group
2. Music and Worship Coordination – Becky continues to attend weekly meetings with Immanuel staff. FELC coordination is happening at the monthly staff meeting.

J. Personnel

a. Momoh Freeman is getting married June 2026. Congratulations!
b. Extra hours for Carli to create screen presentation weekly (up to 3 hrs/wk) This cost will be shared with Immanuel. Immanuel will reimburse FELC for Carli's hours quarterly.

K. Sunday Morning - Council Person on Duty (CPOD)

a. Security Training with CCSD – Angie and Becky will schedule this month

L. Caring Ministry

a. Communion Visitors met this week. Communion kits will be placed on altar on communion Sundays, so that elements are blessed. Angie will order us two copies of the ELW Pastoral Care booklets which contain service words for communion along with psalms and prayers for specific needs.

M. Report on Events

a. Undecorating the church—January 4, thanks to all who helped
b. Christmas Eve attendance exceeded 200

N. Upcoming Events: - leadership?

a. Game Night and Dinner—Thursday, January 15th
b. Holy Smokes! is scheduled for January 22 at Jakes on the Lakes
c. Women's Retreat—February 13-15

O. Motion to Adjourn-Rose moved and Kathy seconded