Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, June 14,2026, 12:15 PM
Next meeting: Thursday, July 16, 2026, 5:30 PM

Council Members in Attendance: Rose Anderson, Kathy Carlsted, Angie Dahlstrom, Becky Hulden, Julie Valez, Pastor Justin Fenger

Absent: Don Hansen, Riley Linngren, Craig Loen.

GATHERING

A. **Opening Devotions** – Becky Hulden (final meeting)
July- Angela Dahlstrom

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

BUSINESS

C. Pastor Justin's Report –

1. Discussion of the make-up of the FELC Church Council going forward. Rose, Kathy, and Becky have all completed 2–3-year terms and will be leaving the council at the annual meeting next week. Craig – treasurer, Don – secretary, Julie, Angela, and Riley will remain. According to our constitution, we could have up to six more people join the council. Becky will contact and work with Miriam Flysjo (the nominating committee) to find candidates for the council for the annual meeting.
2. Pastor Justin reported on the Youth Service Trip to Louisville, KY that happened this past week.

D. Personnel Hiring Report – Pastor Justin reported

1. Financial Secretary – Jennica Beck has been hired for 3 hours per week for FELC. She will relieve Jerry Rhoads of his Monday morning Financial Secretary role. The other four volunteers will continue to assist Jennica with the money counting on Monday mornings. They are Eleanor, Rose, Kathy C. and Marlys.
2. Choir Director – we have a candidate, Tyler Olson and are working out some details with him.
3. Accompanist
4. Organist for Immanuel – interviewing on 6/15 for this position.

E. Treasurer's Report – Craig provided us with a written report.

1. Income for May was $11,007.96, which is $855 above our budget need. Income for the 11th month out of 12 is 94% of our budget.
2. Our Program Expenses for the 11th month are at 125% of our budget, because the pastor's salary and Joint Ministry payments to Immanuel were not in the budget.
3. Our checking accounts and savings total $244,494.19 at the end of May.
4. Luther Point invoice for 2/2027 -will be paid from the Nelson Outreach Fund
5. Kathy motioned, Rose seconded and the motion carried to accept the treasurer's report.

F. Building and Grounds Committee Projects – Don

1. Technology installation by Matt Mitchell
2. Bathroom remodeling almost done – painting started, controversy
3. Security system and cameras – Don needs to establish an account for FELC, so that we are not monitoring his yard.
4. Yard and garden report – Joe and Wendy are mowing. Angie has planted and is caring for the two flower beds (front, south corner and brick planter). Carol and Becky are managing the 2 pots in the back and 2 pots in the front.

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

G. Music and worship

1. Pastor Justin report – see the personnel hiring report
2. Music and Worship Coordination – Becky is attending weekly meetings with Immanuel staff. Becky and Mark W. supply Angie with bulletin info. Toni will be providing hymn input before the Tuesday morning meetings.
3. Sunday School – on recess until
4. Sunday Morning - Council Person on Duty (CPOD)
5. Security and emergency Plan – Angie D. – has asked for people to help with this ongoing need. Two have volunteered for now.

SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

H. Library Report – Julie

1. Plaque mounted on Free Library – pictures and article for newspaper. Set up a commissioning time.

I. Vision Group - new leadership is needed beginning in the fall.

J. Shared Ministry – Better Together with Immanuel

1. Joint Council for Shared Ministry has met twice in March. The Shared Ministry Agreement was accepted at both churches on Sunday, May 17th.

K. Caring Ministry

a. Dan Peterson - Communion was delivered to Dan at the Wyoming hospital and Dan was encouraged to use the social service support system available to him. He can expect friendly visits and communion visits from the church.

b. Verna Grover continues to recover from her fall and fractured ribs and is being cared for at Parmly. She received a communion visit in May.

c. Cynthia Holmberg received a communion visit in May and is stable and cared for by her daughter, Kim Delaney.

L. Report on Events

a. Game Night – intimate gathering with lots of fun interactions.

b. Synod Assembly – May 15-16, Roger and Joan Boleman attended as voting members and reported back to us on Sunday morning, May 17th.

c. Wisdom Seekers, Sunday School, Craft Saturday, Quilting, and Joint Choir are all on break for the summer.

M. Upcoming Events: - leadership?

a. June 23rd – Final Joint Choir Rehearsal at 5 PM at Immanuel, followed by Pizza Party. Members are asked to bring salad or dessert to share.
b. June 28th – Momoh's final Sunday and Goo-bye Celebration. 10 AM Worship at Immanuel followed by a potluck lunch. Miriam F. is collecting monetary gifts from choir members and getting a card signed.
c. Together with Friends – will be held at FELC on Wednesday and Thursday, June 17 – 18. Wendy is our leader and has volunteers helping with snacks.

N. Motion to Adjourn – Kathy Motioned, Julie 2nd and we adjoined.