Church Council of First Evangelical Lutheran Church Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 2026, 5;30 PM
Next meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2026, 5:30pm

Council Members: Angie Dahlstrom, Don Hansen, Rita Johnson, Craig Loen, Joe Szczepanski, Julie Valez, Pastor Justin Fenger

GATHERING

A. Opening Devotions – Joe Szczepanski
October Devotions- Rita

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

BUSINESS

C. Pastor Justin's Report –
1. Talked with Angie L. on the coordination of draft of communication plan.

D. Council Matters
1. Sunday School to start-10.18.2026
2. Janitor Position Description will be reviewed and updated by Don and Rita. Pastor Justin will also provide feedback.
3. Damage claim to Ram Truck by lawnmower rock- Don will follow-up with insurance company and submit claim.

E. Treasurer's Report – Craig
See attachment.
Motion to approve financial report and 2026-27 budget by Don. Seconded by Joe. motion carried

F. Annual meeting date change to the calendar year was discussed. Decision to defer to October meeting

G. Buildings and Grounds.
1. Julie Valez reported on activities of the building and grounds committee. Painting is almost complete in the community room. Painting ceiling in community is a priority - Julie will get bids for ceiling.
2. Don reloaded outdoor mouse traps.

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

H. Music and worship
1. Weekly Tuesday morning planning meeting with Angie L. at Immanuel
2. Live stream of First Lutheran worship service was discussed. The equipment cost to live stream is about $1500. Joe made a motion to use $1500 from 6718 account for live stream equipment/camera. Julie seconded, motion carried.

SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS

I. Library Report – Julie- open house set for Sept 20.

J. Mission and Outreach- Halloween- Trunk and Treat in Parking Lot scheduled for this year. Going door to door to invite families at the apartments north of the church.

K. Motion to Adjourn Motion by Don and seconded by Joe, Motion carried