

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe  
Church Council Minutes  
June 17, 2025

- I. Dave Gebhart, Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Opening devotions and prayer by Donna Showalter
- III. Prayer partners
- IV. Roll Call:
  - A. Present-Pastor Jess Felici, Herb Harris, Donna Showalter, Kayla Yasurek, Joe Bruzda, Cheryl Morgan, Mark Jones, Dana Shannon, Heather Deemer, Darlene Hoffmann, Tiffany Shrum, Dave Gebhart.
  - B. Excused-Jarrett Nicely, Mallory Hudson.
  - C. Motion to accept roll call from Mark Jones; seconded by Donna Showalter.
- V. Adoption of Agenda: Motion from Dana Shannon; seconded by Darlene Hoffmann.
- VI. Review of Minutes-**Corrections** on VII. A. "communion and C. "unseasonably"  
Motion to accept corrected minutes by Tiffany Shrum; seconded by Darlene Hoffmann.
- VII. Communications: Maggie Elder sent a thank you note for the church graduation party that was hosted during the Sunday School hour, and also for the blue tooth speaker gift.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
  - A. Herb Harris shared that the church had \$53,608 in the account at the end of May.
  - B. Wages, salaries and office expenses have been well managed.
  - C. Additional money was taken out for the expenses of the Synod convention.
  - D. The Fellowship Committee paid out for the Mother's Day dinner and Noah bus trip.
  - E. \$3,000 from Capital Improvement was used for the cameras, A/C tune-up and elevator maintenance.
  - F. \$11,379 from the Memorial Fund was also used for the cameras.
  - G. A check for \$47,600 was written as a deposit (half payment) for the boiler work to begin.
  - H. Boiler Loan Update- All forms for First Commonwealth Bank are signed and ready to be processed.
  - I. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Cheryl Morgan; seconded by Mark Jones.
- IX. Ministry Report from Pastor Jess
  - A. There are six kids going to Camp Lutherlyn this year. (Triple the amount from last year.)

- B. Pine Spring Camp is back in Latrobe this year and there will be a meeting for preparations soon.
- C. Vacation Bible School (VBS) preparations are also underway.
- D. Membership at Trinity is still growing, and our church reaches many people through the Shepherd Shop, AA and more.
- E. After attending Synod and learning more about AI, Pastor Jess noted that during the children's message and communion, faces will not be shown, nor will voices be heard to secure privacy. Photos will also be shared under parent permission only.

X. Unfinished business

A. Committee Chair Nominations and Approvals:

- 1. Christian Education-Jodi Kronenwetter
- 2. Finance- Gary Sheppard
- 3. Property-Jennifer Kubit
- 4. Outreach-Linda Reed
- 5. Evangelism-Tiffany Shrum
- 6. Fellowship-Mike Macey
- 7. Stewardship-Donna Showalter
- 8. Worship and Music-MeriBeth Elder

B. Still pending nominations from Personnel, Youth and Family.

XI. New Business

A. Motion from Special Gifts-

**Special Gifts Committee Recommendation**

The Special Gifts Committee recommends that council approve the use of \$1,000 from the Mary Martha Himler Educational Opportunities for Christian Advancement Endowment Fund for Kathe Houck to attend the ELCA lay minister's continuing education program "Equipping the Saints" during the 2025-2026 academic year.

B. **Finance Committee Motion**

The Finance Committee makes a motion that we renew the lease Agreement with Head Start with the current rate of \$1,200 per month.

C. A congregation meeting was held the weekend of May 10

and 11, 2025 following each regularly scheduled worship service at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The following was voted on by all congregational members who were present and in good standing:

The Congregational Council recommends to the congregation that the proposal from James S. Gunst Company to refurbish the boiler system be approved, and that the congregation authorize up to \$120,00 to complete the project. Council president will be authorized to sign necessary documents on behalf of Trinity.

The vote passed 166-yes, 3-no, 1 illegal ballot.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rev. Jessica Felici.

D. Motion to accept vote and boiler work by Tiffany Shrum; seconded by Cheryl Morgan.

E. Adjournment Motion by Dana Shannon; seconded by Donna Showalter.

F. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Heather Deemer