

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe
Church Council Minutes
October 21, 2025

- I. President Jarrett Nicely called to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Opening Devotions-Cheryl Morgan
- III. Prayer Partners
- IV. Roll Call
 - A. Present- Pastor Jess Felici, Herb Harris, Kayla Yasurek, Cheryl Morgan, Mark Jones, Dana Shannon, Heather Deemer, Darlene Hoffmann, Tiffany Shrum, Jarrett Nicely, Mallory Hudson.
 - B. Excused- Donna Showalter, Joe Bruzda, Dave Gebhart
 - C. Motion to accept roll call-Tiffany Shrum; seconded by Mark Jones.
- V. Adoption of agenda- Motion from Dana Shannon; seconded by Heather Deemer.
- VI. Review of September minutes-Revisions- remove *Dave Gebhart* from opening devotions, under VIII., remove *None*; *Herb Harris*, under XI.C. add *Rosemary and Terry Irvin* and change Heed to Held.
- VII. No communications this month.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
 - A. Checking account balance at the end of month was \$71,226.47.
 - B. Giving continues to be very close to the budget.
 - C. Committees in total are \$5,000 less than budgeted.
 - D. Office spent less than planned, but there will be some upcoming expenses on office equipment and service contracts.
 - E. Utilities continue to be under budget.
 - F. Leak sensors have been ordered for sinks, toilets, and other equipment.
 - G. Motion to accept Treasurer's report- Heather Deemer, seconded by Dana Shannon.
- IX. Ministry Report
 - A. The first Sunday of the month, Prayer Boards will be assembled.
 - B. The pumpkin painting party was a success. 62 people attended, and it served as an entry point for grandchildren and others to attend Sunday school.
 - C. We are averaging 70 people in attendance at Sunday school per week.
 - D. Confirmation class is going well, and there are many young men enrolled.
 - E. Both pastors attended Bishop Stoller's installation service on Saturday, October 18.
- X. Unfinished business -None

XI. New Business

- A. A motion from Worship and Music recommends replacing one amplifier at a cost of \$2,440. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. *The Special Gifts and Finance committees recommend that council approve funding up to \$5,000 for purchasing a new amplifier for the organ. Adequate funding is available from either Memorials or the Mission Endowment Funds. In the interest of replacing the amplifier quickly, the Special Gifts and Finance Committees recommend that council approve the funding. The Special Gifts Committee will determine the best source of funding, and Council will approve at a later date.*
- C. Worship and Music motion for the purchase of a new carillon for a maximum of \$17,210. Passed unanimously.
(Special Gifts will initiate these purchases.)
- D. Water Bill- The church was hit with an extremely high water bill, so Dan is installing a water monitoring system that he is checking daily. Also, he started replacing the old toilets with new ones (and installing monitors on all). We will compare our meter reading to our "actual."
- E. Examined numerical budget and narrative budget. Both will match with numbers.
- F. Capital Improvements have taken a large portion of the budget.
- G. Motion to accept budgets from Finance. The motion passed unanimously.
- H. Motion to accept confirmands/new members: Thomas and Amy Neubert, Lucas and James Grohal, Izabella Rose Watkins, and Allie Noel Glagola. The motion passed unanimously.
- I. Motion for Congregational meetings: *Annual Business Meeting*-November 9th at 9:30 a.m.; and also a *Voting Meeting* November 22 and 23 after each church service. Ballots will be used for the Nov.22-23 meetings, for budget and required updates to the constitution. The motion passed unanimously.
- J. There was a motion from Constitution and Bylaws to make required updates to stay with the ELCA and Synod. The motion passed unanimously.
- K. A motion to adjourn was made by Tiffany Shrum and seconded by Darlene Hoffmann at 8:41 p.m.
- M. Closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Heather Deemer, Council Secretary.