



Epiphany Lutheran Church ELCA

Church Council Meeting 8/17/2026

Call to Order: 7:01 pm

Members Present: Linda Arndt, Sue Edstrom, Bernita Geving, Collen Hall, Marlyn Mosher, Joel Nielsen, Becky Overholser, Kari Severson, Katie Sieberg, Pastor Sarah

Members Absent: Dave Kerr

Devotion – Pastor Sarah

Prayerful Preparation – Joel Nielsen

Opening Question – Becky Overholser

Agenda review – additions/changes Motion to approve with the addition of snow removal under new business: Sue Edstrom. Second: Katie Sieberg. All in favor- motion carried.

Pastor's Report – Ramping up for fall programing. If anyone has anything they would like to add to the time and talents sheets, please get to Pastor.

Approval of minutes from July 20, 2026. Motion to approve : Kari Severson. Second: Becky Overholser. All in favor-motion carried.

Treasurer's report - Financial Statement review. See Treasurers report for additional details. Motion to approve: Katie Sieberg. Second: Linda Arndt. All in favor- motion carried.

Bills to be paid.– Motion to approve Kari Severson. Second: Colleen Hall. All in favor- motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS –

Building projects:

1. Gutters are to be installed by the end of this month (August)
2. Emergency Exits – Still getting bids, one bid received, two companies declined.
3. Sanctuary Flooring. Committee has been formed with the following members: Linda Arndt, Delores Mosher, Grace and Gloria Heidemann, Heather Karau, Amy Ely and Marlyn Mosher. They will be meeting with Pastor to start the process.

Committee Updates:

Worship- August 23rd is the outdoor service. September 13th will be Breakfast Church.

Scrapbooking event September 18th and 19th, putting together a group to serve Saturday brunch.

Fellowship –Providing root beer floats and popcorn at the outdoor service in August. Assisting with the breakfast service potluck on September 13th. Exploring having a hot dish competition sometime in Jan-Feb. and an ice cream social in May.

Evangelism, Education and Outreach (EEO) - September will be gathering school supplies and noisy offering for the Lutheran World Relief. The bags will be assembled on September 27th. October will be gathering baby supplies and noisy offerings for Global Health Ministries. Quilters will be auctioning 2 quilts as a fundraiser to purchase equipment for the nursery (rocking chair).

Property and Stewardship- The windows in the newer addition were caulked with silicone to stop the moisture problem.

New Business:

- A piano proposal was submitted by Rhapsody Music to replace the failing piano for \$2,775.00. Yamaha YDP 184 with bench, piano wheel platform with wheel locks, 20 ft. cable to connect to PA system, 3-year warranty on parts and labor. The price includes set up and delivery. Cost would be covered by \$2,000 from choir/music dedicated funds and \$775 from non-specified memorials. Motion to approve purchase: Sue Edstrom. Second: Linda Arndt. All in favor- motion carried.
- A recreational youth cheer group has requested use of the fellowship hall on Tuesdays from 5:30pm-8:30 pm at the rate of \$75 per week. They would be storing tumbling mats in the storage room. They carry their own liability insurance. They would only pay for times they use the hall. A motion to approve this request: Kari Severson, Second: Katie Sieberg. All in favor-motion carried.
- A motion was made to reduce the Preschool rent from the current \$1647 to \$1600 due to the trash removal savings beginning October 2026. An amendment to the current lease will be added: Becky Overholser. Second: Linda Arndt. All in favor- motion carried.
- We will be looking for a new snow removal contract. It will be offered to congregational members first. Bids would be required by October.

Next meeting date: 09/21/2026

Question & Treats: Kari Severson

Adjourn and Close with Lord's Prayer

Motion to Adjourn at 8:12: Kari Severson

Respectfully submitted, Sue Edstrom

Check AED – Pastor Sarah