



Epiphany Lutheran Church ELCA

Church Council Meeting 9/21/2026

Call to Order: 7:04 pm

Members Present: Linda Arndt, Sue Edstrom, Colleen Hall, Dave Kerr, Marlyn Mosher, Joel Nielsen, Kari Severson, Katie Sieberg, Pastor Sarah

Members Absent: Bernita Geving, Becky Overholser

Devotion – Pastor Sarah

Prayerful Preparation – Joel Nielsen

Opening Question – Kari Severson

Agenda review – additions/changes Motion to approve with the addition of Pastor's report: Kari Severson. Second: Colleen Hall. All in favor- motion carried.

Pastor's Report

- Discussed membership.
- Faith formation is off to a good start.
- Would like an adult non-parent to assist with Confirmation. Discussed having our spring intern Molly Nelson preach once a month in the spring and she would be pulpit supply when Pastor is gone.
- There was a vacuum issue, it has been resolved with the use of the vacuum purchased for Star Light. It will need a tune up.
- There has been vandalism on the playground, and BEC sheriff has been notified. An old camera from Star Light will be repurposed to monitor the playground. If it continues, we may have to look at locking the gate.
- The copier lease is due to expire at the end of May 2027. Three bids were received from Metro, Riverbend and Loffler. After reviewing the bids, motion was made by Katie Sieberg to contract with Riverbend in May 2027. Second: Marlyn Mosher. All in favor-motion carried.
- A motion was made to donate \$105 to the National Child Safety Council to be used by the Blue Earth County Sheriff's office out of the Community Impact and Feeding fund: Katie Sieberg. Second: Marlyn Mosher. All in favor-motion carried.

Approval of minutes from August 17, 2026 with spelling corrections. Motion to approve: Katie Sieberg. Second: Linda Arndt. All in favor-motion carried.

Treasurer's report - Financial Statement review. See Treasurers report for additional details.

- Motion to approve: Linda Arndt. Second: Kari Severson. All in favor- motion carried.
- Motion to approve Becky's recommendation to open a money market account for \$31,996.25 to be used for carpeting. If used before 6 months we would incur a \$25 closing fee – Linda Arndt. Second: Katie Sieberg. All in favor-motion carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS –

- Sanctuary Flooring:

Three bids were received to replace the carpeting in the sanctuary:

Mosher Construction - \$17,700

MCI – \$16,500

Rickway Carpet \$10,500

Sue Edstrom moved to contract with Rickway Carpet. Second: Marilyn Mosher All in Favor-motion carried.

- There will be no cheerleading group, there was not enough interest from the community.
- Snow Removal: There has been interest from two parties. Noah Schruin who submitted a bid to Marilyn and Todd Owens who has not yet submitted a bid. Pastor Sarah will compile all bids received and bring to the October meeting.
- A motion via text on August 26th to contract with Schruin Construction for concrete repairs to emergency exits: Kari Severson. Second: Bernita Geving. All in favor-motion carried.
- A motion was made via email on September 8th for Vickie Huebl representing the Scraftin committee to purchase 4 additional tables to be reimbursed by the church. Second: Katie Sieberg. All in favor-motion carried.

Committee Updates:

Worship- No meeting this month

Fellowship – Christmas Ornament exchange will be Saturday, Dec.5th. Planning a Hot Chocolate/Cider Bar and Ugly Christmas Sweater/PJ's event, date pending. Exploring having a hot dish competition sometime in Jan-Feb. and an ice cream social in May.

Evangelism, Education and Outreach (EEO) - School supplies for the Lutheran World Relief bags will be assembled on September 27th. October will be gathering baby supplies and noisy offerings for Global Health Ministries. Packing these supplies with be October 25th.

Property and Stewardship- Adding weather stripping to the entrance doors. Clean up of junk between garages.

New Business:

Vacuum – see Pastor's report

Copy Machine – See Pastor's report.

Next meeting date: 10/19/2026

Question & Treats: Katie Sieberg

Adjourn and Close with Lord's Prayer

Motion to Adjourn at 8:12: Katie Sieberg

Respectfully submitted, Sue Edstrom

Check AED – Pastor Sarah