

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Minutes
July 2026

I. Call to Order 6:30 p.m.

II. Devotions/Opening Prayer-Mark Jones

III. Prayer Partners

IV. Roll Call:

Present: Pastor Jess Felici, Herb Harris, Kayla Yasurek, Mark Jones, Dana Shannon, Heather Deemer, Jarrett Nicely, Meri Beth Elder, Karen Clair, John Hugo, Linda Brigaman, Kaden Shannon.

Excused: Joe Bruzda, Darlene Hoffmann

Unexcused: None

Motion to Accept Roll by Karen Clair, seconded by Meri Beth Elder.

V. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to Accept the Agenda by Heather Deemer; seconded by Mark Jones.

VI. Review of June minutes: *Remove IX., letter E., change wording of letter F. to "The building fund is \$7,041 more than planned, which includes the elevator repair and locks." Under numeral X., letter A., change wording to "Handicapped Accessible," under the bulleted subheading.*

Motion to Accept June minutes by Pastor Jess Felici; seconded by Linda Brigaman.

VII. Communications: Trinity has received three thank you letters this month.

- A. Pastor Engstrom wrote to thank us for a nice visit, and for our financial contribution to help cover her expenses from travelling.
- B. Master Sergeant Michael Martin wrote to thank Trinity for the donation to support the shipping of care packages for U.S. Marines.
- C. Nancy Belash wrote to thank Trinity for kindness, prayer support and meals during her recent illness.

VIII. Ministry Report

- A. Summer Sunday School has been well-attended.
- B. There were 40 kids in attendance for confirmation at Camp Lutherlyn.
- C. The Synod Youth group took a mission trip and helped many people.
 - 1. The youth put two new roofs on needy houses and sided a whole house in three days!
 - 2. They traveled to Rochester, Butler, Beaver Falls, and around the Greater Pittsburgh area to offer aid.
 - 3. They had a picnic with a Lutheran group from Nebraska that included 160 people at Northmoreland Park.
 - 4. They took a charter bus of 40 youths around the city of Latrobe to do yard work for those unable to do so.
 - 5. They made a large meal to serve 100 people including the Shepherd

- Shop and the Union Mission men's shelter.
- 6. Josh Flack delivered letters of encouragement for our troops.
- 7. And finally, they weeded around Latrobe and the church property.
 - D. Pastor Jess's goal is to form a group ready to activate on the weekends for disaster relief purposes.

IX. Treasurer's Report

- A. There was \$114,873.67 in Trinity's checking account at the end of June.
- B. The rent check from Head Start arrived a tad late.
- C. Wages and salaries are on budget.
- D. Pensions and hospitalization cost a little more than planned because we have one full-time secretary with benefits now.
 - E. Office costs are under budget, but computer updates deduct some money soon.
 - F. A \$2,500 expense was taken from Capital Improvements for an architect bill, and some A/C work we had done.
 - G. We are taking more money in on the Building Fund than we are spending currently.

Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report by Mark Jones; seconded by Dana Shannon.

X. Unfinished Business

- A. Property update: Window replacements will begin on July 28th now.
- B. The handicapped bathroom estimate will be done by Raimondo soon, looking at installing a vertical lift for wheelchairs.
- C. The carillon is complete and rings each day at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Hymns are also played at noon Monday through Friday.

XI. New Business

- A. There was a joint motion from Special Gifts and Finance to -Use up to \$3,000 from the Educational Opportunities for Christian Advancement to provide camperships for Lutherlyn and Pine Springs Day Camp.

The motion passed unanimously.

- B. There was a joint motion from Special Gifts and Finance to -Use up to \$10,536 in Memorial Fund in memory of Jeff Shearer for expenses related to the sacristy bathroom project.

The motion passed unanimously.

- C. There was a joint motion from Special Gifts and Finance for -Use unrestricted memorial Funds to purchase new choir folders for \$506.22.

The Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Volunteer parking has been a problem (tickets), so Pastor Jess spoke with the City of Latrobe making an agreement that volunteers will not be ticketed for parking if they display a "VOLUNTEER" placard provided by the church on their dashboards. Volunteers must first come into the church upon arrival to pick up a placard, and then return it immediately after they are done.
- E. WIC has approached Trinity about using space for their program, and

council discussion is ongoing about this.

Adjournment-Motion to adjourn by Kayla Yasurek; seconded by Karen Clair.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:32 p.m.