

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
May 19, 2026

- I. Call to order at 6:30
- II. Devotions/ Prayers Kayla Yasurek (June-Kaden Shannon)
- III. Prayer Partners
- IV. Roll Call:

Present: Pastor Jess Felici, Herb Harris, Kayla Yasurek, Mark Jones, Heather Deemer, Darlene Hoffmann, Jarret Nicely, Meri Beth Elder, Karen Clair, John Hugo, Linda Brigaman

Excused: Joe Bruzda, Dana Shannon, Kaden Shannon

**Motion to accept roll by Darlene Hoffmann**  
**Seconded by Herb Harris**

V. Adoption of Agenda:  
**Motion to accept by Kayla Yasurek**  
**Seconded by Meri Beth Elder**

VI. Review of April Minutes:  
**Motion to accept by Meri Beth Elder**  
**Seconded by John Hugo**

VII. Communications

1. Trinity received a thank you letter from World Hunger/ Lutheran Disaster Response. They thanked us for our generous support of their programs.
2. Trinity also received correspondence from Kristin Engstrom, a missionary we have been supporting in Madagascar. We are planning on a visit from her soon.

VIII. Ministry Report

- A. The council Ministry Report notes have a new style implemented by the new secretary, Kari Morgan, but will also reflect the old data and style of the previous secretary temporarily.
- B. Pastor Jess is leading a Zoom Bible study at noon on Mondays now, and she has had a variety of people tune in so far.
- C. Pentecost is coming soon and Pastor Jess showed us 3 dimensional doves we may be getting either at Sunday school or church for crafting.
- D. The number of people who attended Holy Week services was 1,495!

IX. Treasurer's Report

- A. The month of April ended with a balance of \$46,300 in our account.
- B. We are \$14,570 better than planned for the budget.

- C. Office Costs are still operating under budget.
- D. We managed to save a little on the heating bill because April was unseasonably warm.
- E. Expenses are under control and cash flow is better than originally planned.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report from Mark Jones; seconded by Meri Beth Elder.**

X. Unfinished Business

A. Personnel Update-Evening Sexton

June 1 will be the introduction of a new evening sexton, but Patti DeMine is staying on for a week or so to help the newbie learn the job.

B. Property Update

1. On Sunday, May 31 after church, Safety and Security will be meeting to discuss new key concerns.
2. Jarrett Nicely stated that we have a security system and cameras everywhere, so the church would know, either by the alarm going off, or by camera footage, if someone had unapproved key access.
3. Traffic through the doors can be controlled by Key Pad Codes now.
4. All doors and locks are completed and windows are set to be done around June 1.
5. ADA Restroom blueprints have arrived and church council visited the exact site to try to envision the project.
6. The carillon has arrived and the lift has been reserved from Home Depot, so installation will soon follow.
7. Synod Assembly voting members attending this year are Dean and Linda Reed, Donna Showalter, Karen Clair, and Herb Harris.

**A motion to accept the Synod Attendees was made by Pastor Jess; seconded by John Hugg, and passed unanimously.**

XI. New Business

A. City Recycling

1. We have agreed to have a rollaway recycling bin placed on church property since we have so much recycling.
2. We have a goal of putting clearly marked recycling bins in many rooms at church to encourage good stewardship of natural resources.

**There was a motion to adjourn by Darlene Hoffmann; seconded by Karen Clair.**  
Adjournment with the Lord's Prayer at 7:33.