

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe
Church Council Minutes
November 18, 2025

- I. Call to order by Vice-President, Dave Gebhart
- II. Devotions/Opening Prayer--Pastor Jason
- III. Prayer Partners
- IV. Roll Call:
 - A. Present- Pastor Jason Felici. Herb Harris, Donna Showalter, Kayla Yasurek, Joe Bruzda, Cheryl Morgan, Mark Jones, Heather Deemer, Darlene Hoffmann, Tiffany Shrum, Dave Gebhart, Mallory Hudson.
 - B. Excused-- Dana Shannon, Jarrett Nicely
 1. Unexcused--None
 2. Roll accepted by Donna Showalter; seconded by Mark Jones.
 3. Council moved to an Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.
 4. Moved out to the regular meeting agenda at 7:20 p.m.
- V. Adoption of Agenda
 - A. Motion to accept agenda -Heather Deemer; seconded by Herb Harris.
- VI. Review of minutes from the October meeting.
 - A. Motion to accept the minutes by Darlene Hoffmann; seconded by Cheryl Morgan.
- VII. Communications--None
- VIII. Treasurer's Report
 - A. The question was posed about whether to keep reporting on our endowments monthly, or return to twice yearly reports. It seems that for now, council appreciates seeing the monthly figures.
 - B. The end of month balance in the checking account was \$75,426.07.
 - C. Giving for the Unified, Communion Envelopes and and loose giving is still good.
 - D. Committees still have some funds left for spending.
 - E. Utilities are still manageable, and extra money has been built into the budget for next year's water bill (just in case). Reminder that water loss prevention tools have been installed on all church water consumers.
 - F. October saw a positive cash flow.
 - G. The boiler money will be disbursed soon because the project is now complete.
 - H. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Donna Showalter; seconded by Joe Bruzda.
- IX. Ministry Report
 - A. Confirmation classes are going well with Pastor Jess leading the Sunday

School group, and Pastor Jason working with the acolytes.

- B. Church attendance is strong, and we are still gaining new members.
- C. This year's Advent/communion service schedule will be on Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m.
- D. Christmas Eve services will be at 4 p.m., which will be geared towards children, spoken (like Saturday's 5:30) but will include Christmas hymns; then there will be a 6 p.m., and a 8 p.m. with candlelight service.
- E. Christmas day services will be at 10 a.m.
- F. Reminder that the Holly Jolly event is happening where crafts such as ornament making and cookie decorating will happen. Volunteers with criminal clearances are needed. The date is set for December 6.
- G. Motion for the ministry report unanimously accepted.

X. Unfinished Business

- A. The 2026 budget needs to be approved by the congregation.
- B. Special Gifts Committee Recommendation--
At the October 2025 Council meeting, the purchase of a replacement amplifier for the organ was approved, with the source of funds to be determined at a later date. **The Special Gifts Committee recommends that council approve the use of Memorial Funds.** Memorial Funds which are designated for "Worship" should be used, as available. (Passed Unanimously by council)

XI. New Business

- A. Lenten Folders-money distribution \$1,990 to distribute-
 - 1. \$500 to Fire Department
 - 2. \$700 to Lutheran Campus Ministry in Greater Pittsburgh
 - 3. \$700 to Lutherlyn "Building for the Future" campaign
 - 4. \$90 to Latrobe mini-gardens
- B. John Sproull who has been attending Trinity for 25 years has made his membership official, and become a member. Motion to accept by Tiffany Shrum; seconded by Cheryl Morgan. Unanimously accepted by council.

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