Immanuel Lutheran Church
CLT Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2026
6:30 PM

Attendance

Present:	Jason Becker, Anna Beilsmith, Kyle Hannegan, Beth Keiser, Scott Kohrs, Amber Medrano, Matt Ruengert, Bernie Tonjes, Debbie Wiegmann
Pastors:	Pastor Bohlmann, Pastor Schmieding, Pastor Taylor
Business Mg:	Michelle Warner
Ex-Officio:	Scott Huster

Opening of Meeting–

- Meeting Called to Order at p.m.
- Approval of agenda
    - Motioned/Seconded/Approved

Devotions –

Steward Conversation-no steward conversation this month

Review and Approval of Minutes – Scott Kohrs

- Review and Approval July 20, 2026, CLT Minutes
    - Motioned/Seconded/Approved

Ministry Expansion— Bernie Toenjes, Dennis Rohlfing, Scott Huster, Scott Kohrs and Pastor Schmieding

- Campus Expansion Update:
    - Positive response from congregation conversations to date.
    - Preliminary report due 5/27 with final report to be presented to Steering Committee on 6/11 to determine whether we will move forward with Capital Campaign.
    - On 6/2 we present our appeal to City Council to request that they overturn the Landmarks Committee decision to not approve the demolition of 3 of our 6 buildings. The appeal is very well constructed.

- Townhall planned for neighbors surrounding campus on 5/31 at 4 pm. The communication with neighbors has been open and positive.
- Full CLT support is encouraged and agreed upon
- Discussion to move Voter's Meeting to Monday, 622 to accommodate timeline for capital campaign company decision.
- Motion to have the Annual Voter's Meeting moved to Monday, June 22 at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Fellowship Hall:
  - Motioned, Seconded, Approved

Search Committee for Business Manager-Scott Kohrs & Jason Becker (Co-Chairs)

- The position has been offered to and accepted by Michelle Warner.
- Committee tasks are completed.

Executive Committee- Scott Kohrs

- CLT Nominees will be voted upon at the Voter's Meeting on 6/22/26. We have 7 candidates: Rob Carroll, Kyle Hannigan, Sally Huster, Anna Bielsmith, Danny Flashware (sp?), Beth Keiser, Tim Gerler

  - 2026-2027 Slate of Officers-
    Jason Becker-Chairperson
    Scott Kohrs-Vice President
    Secretary -still looking for Secretary Nominee. Could be a new member.

Policy Review, Constitution, Bylaws Committee-Dennis Rohlfing, Bernie Tonjes, Debbie Wiegmann

- Presentation of draft of Policy Manual
- Questions, Comments, Discussion
- Motion to appove the draft of the Policy Manual to be presented to the Congregation at the Annual Voter's Meeting on June 22, 2026 for approval.
  - Motioned, Seconded, Approved

Hospitality Committee/Team Report-Kelle O'Neill/Pastor Bohlmann

- Faith and Food Nights will follow the 5 pm service on the 3rd Saturday of the month this summer.
- Upcoming dates planned for CLT to serve on hospitality: 6/7 @ 10:45 am, 8/16 @ 10:45 am & 10/3 @ 5:00 pm

Business Manager Report – Michelle Warner

- Review of Financial Statements ending April 30, 2026
  - Post-Easter Contributions are significantly lower than expected
  - Pastoral staff to conduct congregational updates and appeals
- 2026-2027 Budget Preparation Underway
  - Personnel committee has come together to recommend a strategy.
  - Draft Budget review, discussion, questions
  - Agreement by CLT on budget planning to date. Erik will continue to refine budget to present to CLT at the June CLT meeting to affirm before presenting budget to congregation at Voter's Meeting on 6/22
  - Two Town Hall Meetings will be planned to share the proposed budget with the congregation prior to Voter's Meeting.
- Facilities:
  - Fellowship Hall: Acoustic Panels received; Upper half wall repaired; Volunteers will install
  - Sanctuary: Replacement altar track lights ordered; Balcony AC unit replacement ordered
  - Campus defibruillator replacement units installed; training before end of school year
  - Other campus notes: The Library was moved to lower level of Fellowship Hall; Deaf Ministry will move to the old church library; Lower level of Lutheran Center will be cleaned up/updated over the summer to house care ministries.
- Ministry Expansion:
  - Capital Campaign Committee: feasibility study underway with Fellowship Capital
  - Demolition permit request: City of St. Charles Landmarks Board approved only 3 of 6 applications; Appeal to City Council on 6/2
- Personnel:
  - Business Manager Transition: Michelle Warner was onsite the week of May 4th. She held transition meetings with church and staff leadership
  - Full time as of June 8th.

Senior Pastor Report-Pastor Schmieding

- Membership Changes for April 2026;
  - Motioned, seconded, approved
- Overview of letter from Pastor Schmieding to congregation highlighting spring blessings and challenges which include:

    - Highlights: 43 8th graders graduating this spring; over 600 students already registered for the 2026-2027 school year; General Offerings were strong over Easter; the blessing of the baptism of a student at chapel this past week; God's lvoe, forgiveness and blessings for us in Christ are overflowing and never ending.
    - Challenges: Our general offerings have fallen way behind since Easter. We are $108,000 behind since the 2nd Week of May. We need to support our current and ongoing ministry apart from the excitement of the planning phase of our upcoming Capital Campaign.
- Reflect upon how has God blessed us and how can we help?
- Pastor Hagan is back working part-time
- Starting Point continues to be strong. We have added 70 new people to our Immanuel family from Jan-May

Additional Staff Reports

- These reports provide a great deal of Information for CLT and are very much appreciated:
    - Vicar Steingraber
    - Pastor Taylor
    - Pastor Bohlmann
    - DCE Maggie Tritten
    - DCE Naomi Vang
    - Music Directors-Andrew Schempf/Dr. Rachel Hahn
    - Head of School-Scott Huster

SLMT Coordination-Ambe Medrano, Nick Weber

- No additional report. The SLMT meeting was canceled for May.
- Pre School inquiries continue daily, and availability is extremely limited.

Pastoral Support Committee-Jason Becker

- Review of Sabbatical leave at ILS for pastoral staff and church workers.
- More discussions are planned for the May CLT meeting.
- Pastor Schmieding applying for a mini sabbatical for a month in July to writge and study.

Youth Ministry Committee-Matt Ruengert

- 5th grade catechisms were handed out this past weekend as part of the Faith

Milestones program.
- Pastor Schmieding suggested Matt set dates for the Youth Ministry team to meet on a regular basis.
- Discussion that a student leadership group for youth and high school would be helpful.

Old Business – Scott Kohrs
- No old business

New Business – Scott Kohrs
- No new business.

CLT Education– Dennis Rohlfing
- 95 Theses by Pastor Schmieding reviewed

Closing Prayer- Pastor Schmieding

Adjournment – Scott Kohrs
- Meeting adjourned—8:51 pm