

# *St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*A Member Congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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## **Council Meeting** **Thursday, April 24, 2025**

**Call to Order:** Chairman, Craig V. Timm called the April 2025 Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 14 members present plus Pastor Lorfeld.

**Call for Additional Agenda Items:** Trustees, Vice-president Chuck Bossingham, Strategic Plan Update.

**Opening Devotion:** Continuing video course: “Autopsy of a Dead or Dying Church”. Discussion followed. Be positive...become a surviving church, we are going to be a thriving church. Life and hope—all things are possible.

**Strategic Plan:** Section 4 has been completed. Section 5 “Purpose Statement” will include development of information to share with the congregation.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion made by Darleene Swen, seconded by Doug Ross to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

**Financial adjustment:** Motion made by Kaitlyn Federwitz, seconded by Darleene Swen to abandon the “Junk in the Truck” line item and move the monies (\$641.31) to the Organ Fund. Motion carried.

**Expense Line Items** will be added for Organ Expense and the Loan Expense Balance.

**Trustees:** Jerry Swen stated that changes may be needed in the Garbage/Dumpster use.

Mr. Swen noted that the Church Insurance carrier is Brotherhood Mutual.

Rodent problem is now under control.

The wooden storage shed is in need of replacement siding, Cost is approximately \$1,000.00.

The purchase and installation will be accomplished by the Trustees and volunteers.

**Vice-President:** Chuck Bossingham reviewed the Officers and Board members. Elders has 11 members, Boards of Education, Finance, and Stewardship are filled.

Boards of Evangelism, Outreach and Human Care are open to re-evaluation.

**Vacancies include:** Vice-President (Chuck Bossingham resigned, but will fill position on the Board of Elders) and Treasurer- Jerry Schimke will continue until the position is filled.

**Scrip Report:** Mr. Bossingham presented an in-depth review of sales and profit of the Scrip Program. Suggestion: “Sell-down and dissolving” of the Program.

**Wednesday Meal Service** will take a “Summer Pause” after May 21 and will resume in the Fall.

**Portable Basket Ball** hoop and stand has been donated for use by members.

## Pastor's Report:

Pastor Lorfeld listed Membership Changes:

### Baptisms:

First Name	Last Name	Status	Baptized	Sponsor 1	Sponsor 2
Geneva	Ellithorpe	Communicant Member	04/12/2025		
Jameson	Ellithorpe	Baptized Member	04/12/2025	Ambrose Anderson	Leah Anderson Wendy Staven
Colt	Jacoby	Baptized Member	03/22/2025	Jake Timm	Josie Staven
Isabella	Richmond	Baptized Member	04/05/2025	Angela Servi	Ryan Richmond
Raelyn	Timm	Baptized Member	03/22/2025	Chelsea Jacoby	Tyler Jacoby

### Transfers Out:

Ray and Judi Monje to Immanuel Lutheran  
Robert and Joan Barton to Immanuel Lutheran

### Deaths

Donald Schoenick 3/16/2025  
Marion Oleson 03/14/2025  
Sharon Coley 04/22/2025

**Trail Life Boys Group** will be cleaning the headstones at the Cemetery in May, before Memorial Day. The Additional Veteran's Name Plaque is being completed.

**New Lutheran High School:** Pastor Lorfeld is on the Planning Board and a presentation is planned at Immanuel Lutheran Church in May. Location of the High School is yet to be determined.

**Organ Update:** Craig Timm stated The Organ construction is underway. He also explained a loan in the amount of \$46,200.00 at 4% for the first year, with no pre-payment penalty has been approved. The \$42,000.00 Down Payment has been made and the \$500.00 loan processing fee was donated by a member.

**Community Media**—the presentation of the weekly services on Solarus and Spectrum at 5 p.m. on Sunday's is undergoing adjustments. A storage cabinet/desk for the equipment in the back of the church is being planned.

**Elder/Council Schedule:** Motion made by Doug Ross, seconded by Jim Schoenick to schedule the Elder Meetings at 6 p.m., and Council Meetings at 7 p.m. on the **THIRD THURSDAY. of the month.** Motion carried

Adjournment and closing with prayer and the Benediction at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judith A. Shepard,* Congregational Secretary