

ELC Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order at **5:58 PM**.

Attendance

Present: Patti, Erin, Pastor Jenny, Sue, Peter, Luann

Absent: CJ, Tasha, Ann

The Council agreed to have **Sue serve as the presiding officer** for the meeting.

Opening Devotion

Pastor Jenny opened the meeting with a devotion based on **Ephesians 1:15–19**, focusing on the importance of praying for one another and for others.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report was submitted for approval. **Patti** made the motion to approve, with a second from **Luann**. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

Erin presented the Treasurer's Report. Financially, the congregation remains in stable condition. Erin noted that a Zoom call is scheduled in July with our new Trust Point representative.

Peter moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, with a second from **Patti**. **Motion carried.**

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds

No formal report was submitted.

- An update was provided on the **downstairs bathroom project**. All materials have arrived, and work is progressing according to schedule. The Council expressed appreciation to all volunteers assisting with this project.
- Pastor Jenny raised the possibility of pursuing a **grant opportunity for solar panels** to help reduce electricity costs. The Council will explore this option.

- The congregation is working with the **Homeless Coalition** to provide storage space for cots and other items used to support local warming shelters.

Peter made a motion to approve this partnership effort, with a second from **Patti**. **Motion carried.**

Education

- Pastor Jenny shared that she conducted an exit interview with Jess.
- Additional feedback will be gathered from parents regarding what they appreciate about the current program and what changes they would like to see. This feedback session is planned for **June**.
- A potential candidate has been identified to assume leadership of the Sunday School program.
- **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** is scheduled for **August 3–6**.

WELC

WELC will hold a lunch meeting on **May 13**.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Jenny's report was reviewed.

Additional updates included:

- Pastor Jenny will be on vacation from **May 17–25**.
- The congregation celebrated **three confirmands and two baptisms** this month.

Pastor Jenny invited Council members to share what they appreciate about serving together on the Church Council. Responses included:

- Transparency
- No side meetings
- A willingness to try new things

Question for next month's discussion:

What should we do more of, and what should we do less of?

Worship

Technology

Peter reported that new cameras have been installed, allowing children's messages and baptisms to be displayed on the in-house screens.

Mighty Table

- The team recently experienced the loss of one of its members.
- Mighty Table is expected to reach the **20,000-meal milestone** within the next month.

Stewardship

- The **Noisy Offering** has raised several hundred dollars for Bible camp scholarships.
- The **Red Envelope Offering** has also generated strong support for sending children to camp.
- The **\$1 per week loan repayment campaign** has officially begun.
- Appreciation was expressed to **Mark** for creating the church model bank that will help promote the effort.
- Promotion of the campaign will continue as part of the congregation's loan repayment efforts.

Closing

Peter led the Council in closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at **6:56 PM**.