

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2026

Members present: Ann Bruce, Carol Moonan, Stevie Henderson, Su Erickson, Valerie Ellis, Kathy Williams, Sue Addy,

Members absent: John Brown, Olga Blanchard, Sandy Gabel, Beth Blankenship, Jim Hill

Guest: Randy Heibel

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. and a prayer was led by President Carol Moonan.

A motion was made by Su Erickson, seconded by Stevie Henderson to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2026 meeting. The motion was approved.

Ann Bruce reviewed the financial report, including the Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2026, profit and loss budgets for the year to date, and the CELC Cash on Hand Statement. She indicated the parking lot repaving has been paid for out of designated funds.

Unfinished Business - there was no unfinished business.

New Business

Randy Heibel shared a photo of a sign for the back of the church for review. Council members discussed the process for installing the sign as explained by Randy. He indicated he had been working with the City of Goodyear to obtain approval before a sign can be sent out for bid once approved by the council. The cost of the sign shown is estimated to be about \$10,000. Information will continue to be gathered, and Randy will be working with Jim Hill on all signage needs on the property.

President Moonan provided information about the Installation Service for Pastor Jeff Hackler to be held on July 12, 2026. She said all Cactus Conference churches have been invited as well as our tenant partners.

A Statement of Mission Support certificate was received from the recent Synod Assembly and will be filed in the church office.

Jim Erickson submitted an IT/Tech report to the council summarizing the status of security issues and technology related items. This report is attached to these minutes.

Council Reports

Building and Grounds - Jim Hill provided an updated punch list which is attached to these minutes. The painting of the classrooms and doors has been completed, and the sanctuary will be done next. It was mentioned that the doors to the outside need to be closed completely since they are not latching by themselves at the moment. Jim will address this issue in the next week.

Education - no report

Evangelism - no report

Fellowship - Valerie Ellis reported that the Fall Festival and Holiday Boutique will be held on October 10. The Advent Dinner has been scheduled for December 11th, and the Murder Mystery Dinner will be held in January. Light refreshments will be served after the Installation service on July 12.

Health - Kathy Williams said the blood pressure checks done today were well attended. There will be no blood pressure checks done in July.

Outreach - Su Erickson provided data on the Outreach Food Pantry for May, 2026:

Individuals - 1868

Increase over last year - 65%

Increase over last month 29%

Households - 308

Increase over last year - 16%

Increase over last month - 10%

The SW Valley IHELP program received an anonymous gift of \$25,000 which was greatly appreciated. In addition, a \$15,000 grant will be forthcoming. A

draft of the Drug and Alcohol-Free Environment Policy has been received and is being reviewed by the attorney.

Most of the participants are in the program 14-25 days. Since we started in February, 21 out of 33 individuals obtained permanent housing or were reconnected with family. Shared living is the most popular form of housing at this time.

Stewardship - Ann Bruce reported the special project drive has reached just over \$7,000. After June, Ann plans to ask for grant funds from the Lutheran Thrift Shop. She will be working with Jim Hill to develop specific data to submit with this grant request.

Worship - Stevie Henderson said attendance has dropped noticeably in June. Faith Hanley is getting ushers scheduled for July.

Youth - Olga Blanchard will be here on June 28th. This will be her last Sunday before they move to Montana. Jennifer Cole will be appointed as Youth Council member to complete Olga's term. Discussion was held about the need to keep track of who has signed the CELC policy regarding working with children. It was determined this will come under the Youth Council position, and Jennifer will be managing this project.

Announcements

There will be no Church Council meeting in July. The next regular meeting will be held on August 16, 2026.

A motion was made by Kathy Williams, seconded by Carol Moonan to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Addy
Council Secretary