

**St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church (SSLC)**  
**Council Meeting|August 17, 2025 at 12:30 PM**

<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Class of 2027</b>	<b>Youth Reps</b>
Christie Addy	Neil Brown	Lucy Austin	Elizabeth Kolb
Lisa Catalanotto	Sarah Kolb	Kerri Brittingham	Andrew Tworzyanski
Deon Fink	Stephen Lunsford	Bill Galardi	
Chad Geary	Matt Martin	Roy Windham	
Myra Strock	Betsy McCall	Lance Young	

**Executive Committee:**

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
Chad Geary	Matt Martin	Sarah Kolb	Mary Keisler

**Pastor:** The Rev. Jason Antley, The Rev. Ralph Hill

**Staff:** Tonya Reynolds, Susan Wilson, Shannon Burnett

**Absent:** Christie Addy

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:36 pm by Chad Geary. The council met in the social hall at St. Stephens Lutheran Church.

**Devotion/Prayer:** Pastor Ralph Hill

**Consent Agenda:** July Meeting Minutes

**Reports:**

- a. Pastor Jason Antley
- b. Pastor Ralph Hill
- c. Shannon Burnett – Director of Family Life
- d. Julie Tworzyanski – Preschool Director
- e. Susan Wilson – Director of Music/Organist- no report
- f. Tonya Reynolds – Parish Administrator
- g. Mary Keisler– Treasurer/Finance

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Matt Martin to approve the consent agenda. Lance Young seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved the consent agenda.

**Discussion Agenda:**

**Old Business**

1. **Quorum Change- Pastor Jason - No Updates**
2. **195<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration- Pastor Jason - Homecoming Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> – Reformation Sunday-**  
The 195<sup>th</sup> celebration will be a wonderful time for a homecoming event as well as the 195<sup>th</sup>

anniversary celebration. Pastor Pat will be serving as the guest preacher. Between the two services, there will be a church wide brunch pot luck; the church will provide the meats while church members will bring a dish to share.

3. **Voodoo Brewery Update – Pastor Jason-** Voodoo Brewery is in the process of reapproaching SLED to develop a new strategy for their entrances and exits so that they are able to run their business the way they see fit while not making SSLC sign away their rights to preserve the 300ft encroachment law for a liquor license. Voodoo Brewery's attorney did approach SSLC about waving this right but SSLC was advised by our legal counsel not to do so. If SSLC were to wave the 300ft rule, it would stay with the property and whatever business occupies the space in the future.
4. **Crumley Archives Update- Pastor Jason-** The Crumley archives which are currently housed at the Lutheran seminary downtown Columbia have approached SSLC about a temporary storage location due to the current property where they are housed being sold. While they are securing their new permanent location, the archives need to be moved quickly and into a safe location for short term storage. The Crumley Archives have been in meetings with SSLC about a monthly rental fee to procure the use of our basement, and a formal rental agreement that will be brought to Council once it is approved. A new HVAC system with humidity control and new locks to the basement would need to be installed by the Crumley Archives. Currently SSLC is looking to agree upon a two-year rental term with a one-year rental extension available. No staff of the archives would be on site; only safe storage of the artifacts and documents would be made available. This short-term rental agreement will not affect insurance or the church's non-profit status. Once the agreement is firm and buttoned up, it will be given to council for a vote.

## **New Business**

1. **Preschool Advisory Board- Julie-** The preschool advisory board would like to adjust its meeting schedule. Originally the board has met monthly August- May. The board is asking to move to a quarterly in person meeting. The monthly council report would continue as normal. Lisa Catalanotto made a motion to approve, Matt Martin seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the schedule change for the preschool advisory board meetings.
2. **Council Building and Maintenance Lunch – September 21<sup>st</sup>-** Dr. Mary brought up the question to the council if the lunches have run their course; do we need to rethink what they look like and how they operate? The Maintenance Fund is doing great and smaller numbers of groups are asking to participate. The council brainstormed potential options for different groups that could provide a meal and new goals to raise money for. Council will do the September lunch so please plan to attend and help. Looking three months ahead, the fundraising lunches are booked. The Council will make a decision by January whether to move forward with the lunches and what that will look like.
3. **Columbarium and Memorial Garden- Dr. Mary-** A financial update for the columbarium and memorial garden was given by Dr. Mary. There is some concern that the cost of the project could increase while waiting to build. Dr. Mary has reached out to the construction company and is waiting to hear back on an updated cost. The project has been supported well by the

church. At this point we are waiting on updated cost changes (if any) to set a start date and limit the risk of a price increase. The council will continue to communicate with the congregation with the process moving forward.

- 4. Preschool Cross Walk Update – Lance Young-** The head of DOT and the Mayor are all in favor of updating the crosswalk for SSLC. A grant was submitted on 6/26/2025 to support the project moving forward. Rapid flash signage and updated curbing, provided by the city of Lexington, are the two main focal points of the update. We will know by October if the grant is received.

Next meeting: Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 12:30 in the church conference room.

Myra Strock motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lance Young seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Kolb on September 16, 2025