

**St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church (SSLC)
Council Meeting | September 21, 2025 at 12:30 PM**

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Youth Reps
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: Lisa Catalanotto, Myra Strock, Sarah Kolb, Bill Galardi, Elizabeth Kolb

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:43 pm by Pastor Jason. The council met in the office conference room at St. Stephens Lutheran Church.

Devotion/Prayer: Pastor Jason

Consent Agenda: August 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
- f. Tonya Reynolds – Parish Administrator
- g. Mary Keisler– Treasurer/Finance

Shannon handed out updated SSLC Ministries information pamphlets to each member.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Discussion Agenda:

Old Business

1. **Quorum Change-** Pastor Jason gave and update on the information he received from Ozzie Herlong, Director of Stewardship SC Synod, concerning changing SSLC bylaws quorum requirement. After much discussion about the need to reach out to members that are in the SSLC role but haven't attended church in a while, the council members agreed there could be

more done to try to reach these people. Betsy McCall suggested the council members call people and check on members on the role that haven't been heard from in a while. A motion was made by Matt Martin to add to the agenda for the congregational meeting in February 2026 to change the minimum of 20% voting members required for a quorum to 15%. Christie Addy seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved the motion.

2. **Voodoo Brewery-** Pastor Jason reported he has been in contact with Dawu Bowman, owner of Voodoo Brewery. SLED has figured out a way to measure so that SSLC will not have to sign the 300ft encroachment waiver for Voodoo to get their liquor by the drink license. Voodoo Brewery is planning to open mid-October.
3. **Crumley Archives-** Pastor Jason thanked everyone, especially David Loney, for their help cleaning out the basement. On Monday, September 15th Harvey Huntley called Pastor Jason to let him know they have found two other possible locations for the Crumley Archives so they will probably not be coming to SSLC.

New Business

1. **Organ Task Force-** Susan Wilson reported to council that the organ task force has met twice and reviewed the recommendations from Lincoln Pipe Organs and from Dr. Janette Fishell, Consultant. Both recommend replacing SSLC current organ. Susan stated that Janette is a lifelong friend of hers and she is very well known the trusted in her profession. The task force recommends to church council that SSLC pursue the purchase of a new organ and retain Dr. Janette Fishell as the consultant, using up to \$2,500 from the building maintenance fund to pay for the first phase of her consulting work. Lance Young seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved.
2. **John Wickey, Harpist-** Susan Willson reported that John Wickey was at SSLC during Music Camp this past summer and many of the children were interested in playing the harp. Mr. Wickey has offered to come to SSLC and offer harp lessons if there are a minimum of four SSLC members that would like to participate. Mr. Wickey will be paid directly by the students and Susan Wilson will be on site at SSLC when the lessons are taking place. A motion was made by Andrew Tworzyanski to allow Mr. John Wickey to come to SSLC and offer harp lessons to church members. Lance Young seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved.
3. **Bucket List Review-** Pastor Jason went over the current bucket list that was given to council members. Each item was discussed, and an update was given on current projects. Pastor Jason asked each member to think about the list and to come back next month with any changes or updates they think are needed.
4. **THANK YOU!** Pastor Jason gave a big thank you to everyone that helped with today's Building Maintenance Luncheon, especially council president, Chad Geary! Everyone's help was greatly appreciated and the meal was wonderful.

Next meeting: Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 12:30pm in the social hall.

Neil Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lance Young seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:09pm with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Tonya Reynolds on September 22, 2025