

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church (SSLC)
Council Meeting | October 19, 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: Deon Fink, Stephen Lunsford, Betsy McCall, Lucy Austin, Kerri Brittingham

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:32 pm by Chad Geary. The council met in the office conference room at St. Stephens Lutheran Church.

Devotion/Prayer: Pastor Ralph Hill

Consent Agenda: September 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 Christie Addy to approve the consent agenda. Lance Young seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved the consent agenda.

Discussion Agenda:

Old Business

1. **Organ Task Force - Susan Wilson** – Susan expects an update from the task force this coming week. Dr. Fishell has completed her initial assessment of the current needs and will be sharing her insights with the task force. Susan did confirm that when the new organ is installed, the company will also remove and haul away the old organ.

2. **Bucket List Review – Pastor Jason-** Pastor Jason celebrated the fact that because of the congregation's generosity and an overage in funds many of the wish list items have been accomplished and need to be removed from the list. Pastor Jason opened up the discussion for what needs to be added and/or shifted moving forward. The council discussed adding:

- The "new" church building being repainted. It has never been repainted and it is time.
- New robes for worship assistants.
- Marchant Property purchase if the time comes. We do have first right of refusal. Also, another home in the neighborhood near the church has been donated to SSLC. It would need updating and renovation.
- Boy Scout Hut renovation to use for oyster roasts or other outdoor events for the church.
- Making the church basement a more usable space. What would be the vision and how would it be funded? The Property Committee is also looking into the basement space.
- Cemetery Beautification – old trees need to be removed as well as the dirt piles, fencing could possibly be added or a more natural barrier. There is a cemetery beautification small group that is forming and meeting to begin to assess what needs to be done.

Removed from bucket list: New children's robes for choir. The old robes will be kept for use but there is a group of Moms from the church that is taking on the task of getting new children's robes.

Moved from the bucket list to the updated monthly Love Offering: Mission Lexington – donating to their new facility and mobile ministry. The 75th anniversary of Lutheridge and Novus Way.

3. **Crumley Archives Update- Pastor Jason** – Harvey Huntley and the archives team are still looking for an appropriate place for storage of the archives. The council voted unanimously for Jason to communicate that SSLC is ready whenever they are prepared. The terms of agreement have been shared with the archives.

New Business

1. **Memorial Gardens and Columbarium Motion from Finance Committee – Matt Martin** –The Finance committee has recommended for the council : "Considering the increased amounts in the Cemetery CS account and the money market account and the continuing increases in the price of the Columbarium- Recommend moving forward with the construction of the Memorial Garden and Columbarium." Lance Young seconded the motion and the council unanimously approved the Columbarium and memorial garden construction.
2. **Parlor Renovation Motion from Finance Committee- Tonya Reynolds** – There is a motion from the finance committee for the renovation of the church parlor. The proposal consists of re doing the bathroom, flooring, wall paper, furniture and installing commercial grade carpet. The carpet

will be easy for wheelchair use and will be the square type carpet like in the sanctuary. Bill Galardi seconded the motion and the council unanimously voted for the renovation of the church parlor.

3. **Parking issues – Pastor Jason** - The church is hearing from many members that the church parking lots continue to fill up so that there is no available parking in the front lot for church members for meetings and gatherings. The council discussed how to best approach this with the area businesses and how to build a partnership with them. Matt Martin has been researching options for mobile pay for parking. Pastor Jason suggested reaching out to business owners to meet and talk about a solution for them and their employees moving forward. The council agreed that we do need to be aware of the wear and tear on the parking lots as well of the financial ramifications that will occur.
4. **Staff Appreciation – Pastor Jason** – Pastor Jason shared that the finance committee has recommended another staff appreciation donation. This will be the third year that the church has done this. After the staff dismissed themselves, the council discussed this motion. Lisa Catalanotto made a motion to continue the staff appreciation donation and Bill Galardi seconded the motion. The council voted unanimously in favor of the donation.

Next meeting: Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 12:30.

Andrew Tworzyanski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bill Galardi seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Kolb on November 9, 2025