

**St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church (SSLC)
Council Meeting | January 18, 2026 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: Sarah Kolb, Roy Windham

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:34 pm by Chad Geary. The council met in the office conference room at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

Devotion/Prayer: Pastor Jason

Consent Agenda: December 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 Lance Young to approve the consent agenda. Matt Martin seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved the consent agenda.

Discussion Agenda:

Old Business

1. **Organ Task Force - Susan Wilson** – There are no new updates from the Organ Task Force. They will meet again on January 18.

2. **Park Mobile Update – Matt Martin** – The use of the Park Mobile app has been approved and will go live during the first quarter of 2026. A more detailed update is to come after installation.
3. **Cross Walk Update – Lance Young** – Lance reported the U.S. Department of Transportation denied the grant money for installation of the new flashing light. Lance reported the Town of Lexington will be reapplying for the grant. Lisa Catalanotto stated that Alan Hutto is the person for South Carolina that should be contacted. Julie Tworzyanski reported that a preschool student parent is also actively pursuing the need for speed bumps.
4. **Nominating Committee for New Council Members – Jason Antley** – Pastor Jason presented the nominees for council members: Gail Felton, Christy Hooker, Nick Kean, Bobby Martin, Richard Shealy. The two youth representatives are Margaret McCurdy and Sophie Taylor. The motion from the nominating committee to present this ballot of names to become council members was presented to council. Lance Young seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved recommending the ballot to the congregation.

New Business

1. **2025 Recommendation from Finance Committee for overage – Matt Martin** – Martin Martin reported the finance committee recommended the \$74,698.10 be divided as follows:
 - a) \$5,000 – 75th Anniversary Campaign for renovation of Lutheridge
 - b) \$2,000 – Lutheran Homes of South Carolina
 - c) \$500 – Mission Lexington
 - d) \$500 - Lutheran Seminary in Estonia
 - e) \$50,000 – Parlor Renovation
 - f) \$16,698.10 – Building Maintenance Fund
 Deon Fink seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved recommending the overage use to the congregation.
2. **2026 Spending Plan Recommendation from Finance Committee – Matt Martin & Mary Keisler**
 Matt Martin had emailed out the 2026 spending plan to council members earlier in the week. There were no additional questions at the meeting. Stephen Lunsford seconded the motion from the Finance Committee to accept the 2026 spending plan. The council members unanimously approved recommending the 2026 spending plan to the congregation.
3. **Council Retreat – February 27 & 28** – Pastor Jason reported the council retreat will take place at Camp Kinard. Please let him know if you will not be able to attend by end of the week.
4. **Congregational Meeting – February 1 at 9:45am** – Pastor Jason reported council will need to be present at the meeting to help facilitate. Please meet in the Agape Classroom at 9:30am.
5. **Thank you to outgoing Council Members: Christie Addy, Lisa Catalanotto, Deon Fink, Chad Geary, Myra Strock, Elizabeth Kolb, and Andrew Tworzyanski.** Your devotion to our church was greatly appreciated!

Next meeting: Council Retreat February 27 & 28

Andrew Tworzyanski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Lunsford seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:19pm with the Lord's Prayer
 Respectfully submitted by Tonya Reynolds on January 26, 2026