

**St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church (SSLC)
Council Meeting | April 19, 2026 at 12:00 PM**

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028	Youth Rep
Neil Brown	Lucy Austin	Gail Felton	Sophie Taylor
Sarah Kolb	Kerri Brittingham	Christy Hooker	Margaret McCurdy
Stephen Lunsford	Bill Galardi	Nick Kean	
Matt Martin	Roy Windham	Bobby Martin	
Betsy McCall	Lance Young	Richard Shealy	

Executive Committee:

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
Matt Martin	Stephen Lunsford	Sarah Kolb	Mary Keisler

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

Staff: Tonya Reynolds, Susan Wilson, Shannon Burnett

Absent: Betsy McCall, Kerri Brittingham, Mary Keisler

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm by Matt Martin. The council met in the conference room of SSLC.

Devotion/Prayer: Pastor Ralph

Consent Agenda: February Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

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

Discussion Agenda:

Old Business

1. **Organ Task Force - Susan Wilson** – Dr. Fishell, Richard Shealy and Susan Wilson had three successful zoom calls with three potential organ builders. These meetings were very informative and helpful in learning about the vision for the organ, the space needed and potential building plans. The next step for the task force is to plan and navigate church visits this summer to see

instruments made by each of the prospective builders. At this point Dr. Fishell has been paid for her work during October 2025 – March 17, 2025 and is still within the approved budget of \$2500.

2. **Crosswalk Update – Lance Young** – The town of Lexington reached out to Lance and is working very well with SSLC. The stripes have been repainted at the crosswalk and the new signs are in place. We are still wanting/waiting for new curbing and the flashing lights.

3. **Parking Lot Update- Matt Martin** – The signs for the park mobile app have been delivered to the church. We are looking at a June time frame for rolling out the parking app to the congregation. The Council and church Staff decided that there needs to be a good strategy in place on how best to communicate the roll out with the congregation. The June newsletter will be utilized as well as an announcement in church and an emailed explanation to members. The parking app will be turned off during anything church related. Church members and church visitors will never be expected to pay.

New Business

1. **Parking Lot use June 13, 2026 – Pastor Jason** – Former council member and church member, Deon Fink, has asked permission to use the back parking lot for short term parking for a charitable event on June 13. His group will be parking at the church and walking to lunch that day. Pastor Jason wanted to make the council aware of this.

2. **Rockin' With a Mission – Pastor Jason** – Mission Lexington will be holding a Rockin' With a Mission Fundraiser. Last year SSLC donated \$2500 from the Mission Lexington Fund to their fundraiser. Pastor Jason asked if this is what council wanted to continue to do. The council decided to just continue to donate directly to Mission Lexington to make sure they receive 100% of the donation instead of donating to the event where some of the donation would be used to pay vendors, bands, etc..

3. **Fountain – Pastor Jason** – The front parking lot fountain is cracked and not holding water. Pastor Jason wanted the council to know that this will be an upcoming expenditure for the church. The fountain will need replacing as well as the lighting surrounding it. The church will begin to look at replacing the fountain and receiving bids for the repairs.

4. **SSLC Core Values and Mission Statement – Pastor Jason** - The previous core values and mission statement were written back during Covid in 2020. Six years have passed and it is time for them to be updated. This was an item on the agenda that we did not address during our council retreat. Pastor Jason will be emailing the current document to council for review and reflection in preparation for discussion at the next council meeting.

5. **Columbarium Construction Plans – Pastor Jason** – The construction plans are on their way and will need to be approved by the Property Committee, Cemetery Committee and Council. The Council may need to meet earlier than May 17th to approve the plans and get the ball rolling.

6. **Helping Hands Fund – Pastor Jason** – There is money available in a dedicated Helping Hands account that the church will be giving to Carlee Tworzyanski to support her mission work in Bolivia this summer. This money will support her travel and housing for her mission work as well as for coming expenses in the school year since she will be forfeiting income earning potential while going on her mission.
7. Lance Young requested that the council revisit the “wish list” during a future council meeting.

Next meeting: Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 12:30.

Stephen Lunsford motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bobby Martin seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 with the Lord’s Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Kolb on May 10, 2026