

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church (SSLC)
Council Meeting | May 17, 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

Absent: Neil Brown, Lucy Austin, Kerri Brittingham, Bill Galardi, Lance Young, Bobby Martin, Mary Keisler, Shannon Burnett

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:33 pm by Matt Martin. The council met in the conference room of SSLC.

Devotion/Prayer: Pastor Ralph

Consent Agenda: April Meeting Minutes

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Stephen Lunsford to approve the consent agenda. Nick Kean 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** – The task force has completed five zoom calls with five potential builders that are interested in the SSLC project. This list has now been narrowed down to four. Currently the project is at a crossroads until an acoustician is brought in to study the

space and make recommendations on improvements to the loft to prepare for the new instrument. The task force will visit several churches in NC that have organs built by the four builders to see how they sound, how they've been constructed and how they have held up over the years. There is still money left in the original budget but the task force may need additional funding for the next phase of building research.

2. **Crosswalk Update/Letter – Lance Young** – Lance shared a letter in the council meeting packet. Please see letter in your April packet.
3. **Parking Lot Update- Matt Martin** – Ivan Black will be installing the new signage for the park mobile app to the parking lots. The signage will include 'NON-CHURCH EVENT' signage.
4. **Fountain Update – Tonya Reynolds** – WP Law will begin work on Tuesday on the new fountain. The parking circle will be closed while they work on it. They were able to get to the project faster than they originally thought. The project will take 2-3 weeks; it takes a while for the base of the fountain to cure.
5. **Helping Hands for Carlee Tworzyanski – Pastor Jason** – Carlee leaves June 1 for her summer mission in Bolivia. The congregation graciously provided more than enough funding to support Carlee for her travel this summer as well as for next semester at college since her summer mission is completely volunteer. Therefore, the Helping Hands Funds did not have to be used. Carlee plans to give a presentation about her mission to the church in August.
6. **Synod Assembly - Pastor Jason** – The synod assembly will take place June 11, 12, and 13. The SSLC delegates are: Matt Martin, Richard Shealy, Bill Galardi, Craig Wheatley, Paul Austin, Ryan McCall, Ron Redd will be a visitor and both Pastor Jason and Pastor Ralph will attend. A new Bishop will be elected this year. The pastors will give an update after the assembly meeting.
7. **SSLC Core Values and Mission Statement – Pastor Jason** – The council reviewed the current mission statement, values and goals. Pastor Jason provided context to why the goals and mission statement were created. Our decisions as a council are based on the core values and mission statements therefore strengthening our decisions. No real action item is currently necessary but after reading through the mission statement and core values, if you feel improvements are needed, please share with the council. Matt Martin suggested that it continue to be on the agenda for council meetings so that it stays front of mind as we move towards the SSLC bicentennial in four years.
8. **SSLC Monthly Love Offering – Pastor Jason** – The SSLC monthly love offering descriptions have been updated to reflect the changes voted on by council. May is now dedicated to SC Lutheran Retreat Centers and September is dedicated to Lutheran Disaster Response.

New Business

1. **Cemetery Damage Update – Tonya Reynolds** – A car wreck occurred which damaged the SSLC cemetery. Three and a half panels of fencing will need replacing and two tombstones will need to be repaired that were moved during the accident. Tonya is waiting on estimates before moving on with the process of repair.

Next meeting: Sunday, July 21, 2026 at 12:30.

Richard Shealy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Lunsford seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Kolb on June 16, 2026