**St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church (SSLC)**
**Council Meeting | August 16, 2026 at 12:30 PM**

| Class of 2026 | Class of 2027 | Class of 2028 | Youth Rep |
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| 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 |
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| 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, Sarah Kolb

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:29 pm by Matt Martin. The council met in the conference room of SSLC.

**Devotion/Prayer:** Pastor Jason

**Consent Agenda:** July Meeting Minutes

**New Business: Insurance Coverage**
David Perry, a member of SSLC and 30-year commercial insurance agent, was present at the meeting to discuss SSLC insurance policies. SSLC's current insurance company carrier is Southern Mutual. Pastor Jason, Mary Keisler, Brant Taylor, David Perry, and Tonya Reynolds met with Caleb Wofford with Brotherhood Insurance Company on July 21 to discuss the church's current coverage and what Brotherhood Insurance Company coverage could offer. It was brought to our attention that several parts of the church's current insurance was lacking. In the council meeting, David Perry went over the policy coverage and terms explaining each section to the council members. The church currently pays $44,219/year for bus, workers compensation, preschool, umbrella, and building insurance. Southern Mutual has advised that the premium should increase 10-13% in 2027. The Brotherhood Insurance package includes the bus, worker's compensation, preschool, umbrella, and building for $51,181 with much more coverage. David Perry advised the Brotherhood policy is much better coverage and protection for the church at a very competitive price. Cyber Liability Coverage was also recommended by David Perry. After his explanation, council discussed the motion from the Property Committee/Insurance Task Force to change insurance carriers to Brotherhood Mutual and At-Bay for cyber coverage was seconded by Lance Young. The motion was passed unanimously by the council. The council thanked David Perry for all his time and expertise concerning this matter.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**
Matt Martin announced a change to the July minutes. Susan Wilson did have a council report submitted. A motion was made by Stephen Lunsford to approve the consent agenda. Bill Galardi 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
f. Tonya Reynolds – Parish Administrator
g. Mary Keisler– Treasurer/Finance

**Discussion Agenda:**

**Old Business**

1. **Organ Task Force - Susan Wilson –** Richard Shealy communicated that Dana Kirkegaard will not be hired as the church's acoustician due to health issues. Richard reported he and Susan have talked with a new acoustician, Dawn Schuette, and are waiting for a contract from her before moving forward. Susan Wilson reported that Pastor Jason, Melissa Rawl, Richard Shealy, Jim Ingram and herself went to NC to visit and hear four different organs. A lot of information was gathered and once she has time to put it all into a presentation she will present it to council.

2. **Columbarium Update –** Pastor Jason reported the most recent update from Columbarium Planners is that the contractor plans to be on site by the end of September and the granite has been ordered.

3. **Bishop Installation –** Pastor Jason reported the bishop's installation for Oct. 24, 2026, at 10:30am is in full planning mode. He will be in touch with the bishop's office this week to discuss the budget for the event, but SSLC may need to contribute money for the event if the synod budget isn't adequate. He will keep the council posted on when, and if, additional money is needed. Council agreed to provide additional money if needed.

**New Business**

1. **September 20 Building Maintenance Lunch –** After some discussion it was decided we will not have a building maintenance lunch in September because there is a hymn sign that evening at 5pm. Money collected that evening will go to the Music Fund. The next Building Maintenance Lunch will be on October 18 hosted by WELCA.

Next meeting: Sunday, October 18, 2026, at 12:30pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:12pm with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Tonya Reynolds on August 17, 2026