

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council
August 3, 2016

Beth called the meeting to order.

Ben Orton, who also related his faith story, gave devotions.

Secretary's report: Susan moved to approve the minutes as amended; Christy seconded the motion, carried.

Financial Secretary report: Scott reported that giving is up 5% through the month of July, 1.1% ahead of budget. Attendance is flat.

Treasurer's report: Mike Lindahl will add a section in the financial report on the capital campaign and its progress. At this point, we will draw from a line of credit at Thrivent Credit Union as the various projects come to fruition. Mortgage payments will begin in 6 months when the remodel is complete.

Pastor Susan Weaver -Immanuel is hosting the SW Grief Coalition this fall, Susan is scheduling speakers. November 7 is the first date. Meals needed.

32 Weeks of Luke- we will give out bookmarks on Welcome Sunday.

"How to be the best sports parent you can be" On August 24 at Family of Christ in Chanhassen, John Tauer, basketball coach at St. Thomas will speak about being a 'good' sports parent-will be promoted here, we are one of the sponsors.

Pastor Angela- went backpacking. Is part of SHAPE, a new cohort on adaptive leadership. "As an adaptive leader our job is to disturb people at a pace they can handle" "Go deeper" as a theme will be showing up in worship and programming.

Youth: Christy Woll- went to Benton Harbor, Michigan for the HS mission trip June 18-24, helped the community with different projects. Twins game is coming up one week from tonight. Mexico trip -great report from Kim-very impactful trip-Paul Erdman went also. Confirmation is looking for more student leaders, only guys signed up so far. Noodles fundraiser coming in September.

Children's Ministry: Katie Thormodsgard - VBS, July 18-21, and Camp Wapo, July 22-24 were wonderful, went very smoothly. 10:45 Sunday School will be dropped. Sunday school begins September 18.

Social ministry: Block party at Redeemer Lutheran on August 17th. Amextra travelers will share their story on Wednesday, September 28. We are on track with the 225 bags of groceries for PROP. School supplies drive is ongoing, sign up to help distribute. Service Fair is set for Sunday, September 25.

Stewardship: Ben Orton- getting ready for fall campaign, theme is Live Generously., with a series of four sermons in September and October built around this focus. Stewardship Sunday is November 20.

Fellowship: Melanie Leite-Carroll-sign up to help with Welcome Sunday. Theme is Living the Good Life.

Pastor Paul: 35 people went backpacking, great trip.

Tent meeting will kick off a 4-week series of sermons on values. Will incorporate personal stories, encourage people to post “unselfies”.

Construction committee, Erin Saewart, Rich Weaver, Jerry Figg, Kendra Lettau, John Ebert and Tim Hauge met.

A new sound booth is being installed in the sanctuary. The projection will consist of two separate images on either side of the cross. Retractable screens will be used.

Installation should be complete by Welcome Sunday.

Painting is finished. Carpeting and sound insulation will go in soon.

HVAC- 9 furnaces will be replaced by 8 furnaces, AC in the whole building.

The new electronic sign –we will ask for a variance from the city. It is now planned for 19’ from the curb, the city wants 21’.

Stained glass windows-the company is saying we are 20 weeks out. Not satisfactory, Pastor Paul will make a phone call.

The garage project has changed-we are zoned commercial if it is bigger than 200 square feet. So we will build a 20 x 10’ shed.

John Ebert has taken charge of the exterior doors. Card readers will be installed; the front door will be the only keyed one. Handicapped openers will be installed on the bathrooms, as well as new doors to the Fellowship Hall.

President’s report- the June 26 congregational meeting was good, 120 people in attendance, passed 109-11. The minutes will be approved at the next congregational meeting.

The mortgage money will sit in an account at Thrivent Credit Union until we have bills from vendors/contractors to pay, then Thrivent will pay the bills. We pay interest on the money we have spent. Interest rate is 3.75% for a 10-year mortgage. We pay interest only until February 2017, and then the payments begin.

Those present: Beth Hansen, Brenda Tonjes, Mike Lindahl, Pat Hammer, Scott Belseth, Jennifer Johnson, Katie Thormodsgard, Scott Sabin, Christy Woll, Melanie Leite-Carroll, Cari Lansen, Ben Orton, Pastor Paul Nelson, Pastor Susan Weaver, Pastor Angela Fairbanks Jacobson

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Pat Hammer, Council secretary