

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council
June 14, 2016
7:00 PM ILC Library

Beth called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Devotions by Brenda Tonjes.

Brent Apelt related his faith story.

Secretary's report: Brenda moved that we approve the minutes with one correction, Ben seconded the motion. Passed.

Financial report: in Scott's absence, Mike gave the report. We are \$12,000 ahead of last year in giving. Attendance in April was low (Easter was in March). Giving is up about 2.5% YTD. Church expenses were up a little last month. Bill will pursue. 5 for 50 campaign has been wrapped up,.

Old business: Work continues on the baptismal font.

Adult faith formation: Jennifer reported that next year's Wednesday night programming is in the planning stage, possibly moving beyond the regular format with more spaces and topics of discussion.

Youth: Will attend a Twins game, Senior adults are invited too. Various mission trips are coming up this summer. Looking at a Noodles fundraiser (they give 20% of their receipts). Pool parties are scheduled for August 20 and 25th at Hansen's. Backpacking trip is coming up.

Children's Ministry: VBS registrations coming in with the help of a Facebook posting and an ad in the paper. Changing tables have been added to the bathrooms.

Stewardship: Going for a year-round emphasis, with the addition of time and talent as well as money.

Social ministry: Families Moving Forward week was a success. An apartment at Rezek House was furnished quite quickly through an e-mail to concerned members. We have committed to furnishing food for 3 days for PROP during the summer (that's 75 bags of groceries per day for a total of 225 bags) so grab a blue bag, everyone!

Fellowship: Welcome Sunday is the next big event.

Pastor's reports:

Martin Rathjen leaves for Michigan Sunday with our mission trippers. He worked on an acolyte orientation video last week starring the pastors. Please submit an updated photo for the directory!

Susan Weaver had the last gathering of the Women's Spirit group for the year. She enjoyed preaching at Baccalaureate at EPHS. Susan has gathered a senior adult leadership team, which is planning activities for that group. August 24th we are partnering with Family of Christ in Chanhassen to hear John Tauer, a basketball coach at St. Thomas, who has written a book about sports parents. He will speak about keeping kids' sports healthy and sane.

Bill Hawkins reported a transfer of \$5300 to senior high youth for mission trips. Work continues on the font, IHM had the same problem so Bill visited with them.

Pastor Paul did music for EPHS Baccalaureate. Spoke about focusing on our values this fall over four Sundays (attached), which we touched on at the council retreat. Stewardship Sunday is November 20. Communion will be given to anyone who chooses to receive, no longer limited to 5th grade and older but at the families' discretion. There will be an announcement to this effect in Luther's Way, with accompanying education and publicity.

Tomorrow night there will be an educational meeting about the Opening Doors capital appeal, leading to the congregational vote on Sunday, June 26. At this point we have pledges amounting to \$700,000 with pledges yet to come. Since our original campaign had a goal of \$1,100,000 we have some choices to make. (Thrivent is comfortable loaning us the entire amount.) One option is to delay the parking lot expansion. Another option is delaying our donation to the Homeless Youth project and reducing it to \$200,000. These options will be presented to those in attendance tomorrow night, with the option deleting the parking lot and reducing the gift to the Youth Homeless House as the one recommended by the council.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hammer, council secretary

Those present: Beth Hansen, Brenda Tonjes, Mike Lindahl, Pat Hammer, Jennifer Johnson, Chastity Thompson, Scott Sabin, Christy Woll, Brent Apelt, Cari Larsen, Ben Orton, Melanie Leite-Carroll, Pastor Paul Nelson, Pastor Susan Weaver, Bill Hawkins, Martin Rathjen