

June Council Meeting  
June 13, 2017  
Immanuel Lutheran Church

In attendance: Beth Hansen, Pat Hammer, Paul Nelson, Scott Anderson, Tammy Vergeront, Brent Apelt, Cari Larsen, Zack Hansen, Martin Rathjen, Ben Orton, Julie Tufford, Christy Woll, Jolene Held, Jody Ebert, Ruth Lunde, Chastity Thompson, Mike Lindahl, Bob Peterson, Wendy Wurscher, Mindy Johnson

Devotions by Scott Anderson.  
Faith story by Brent Apelt.

Secretary's report: Jolene Held moved to accept the minutes, second by Christy Woll, carried.

President's report: Every council member replied to Beth's request for their vote on last month's Haven House motion. The motion carried.  
Tony Szepeniak has not been able to attend, but is working on long-range planning and will use our SWOT session from the council retreat.

Financial report: Bob reported May attendance at 1603. May was close to budget from a giving standpoint, at budget through May.

Treasurer's report: Mike reported that giving was right on budget, expenses are running lower. Opening Doors had a couple of big gifts come in, a good month for the campaign.

Staff reports:

Tammy Vergeront reported that the flat portion of the roof was repaired, which stayed dry through Sunday's rainstorm. The door to the office has been reinforced since the break-in. Thanks to all who helped with landscaping and watering this spring. The audit recommendations were followed up on; Tammy has taken ownership for the appropriate portions. She is working on resolving the dedicated accounts.

Martin Rathjen is getting ready for Friday's mission trip. The street side of the sign is not working, a modem issue. This will be repaired Thursday; the modem will have 4 G instead of 1 G. He reminded us to share and like on Facebook, this boosts our exposure.

Paul Nelson thanked Martin for keeping our sign fresh and exciting. The BINGO night event on the Saturday before Welcome Sunday is being planned, with committees in place for food, prizes, guest callers, etc. This summer we will update our bulletins in an attempt to use less paper. Men's retreat was a success, will be earlier next year. We are looking into some sort of kiosk for people to use their

credit cards for offering. Another possibility is the use of a QR code in the bulletin. Paul will miss the August meeting due to an Alaska cruise. Two liens are outstanding; when they are satisfied Thrivent will issue our mortgage.

Senior High- Jolene Held- Mission trip leaves Friday for Boston, with 20 kids and 7 adults.

Old business- Youth Housing update-per e-mail voting we have moved forward with our decision to allow the Haven House board to use funds for the purchase of a house. A letter to the congregation explaining this has been written. Beth explained the HUD grant that is a possibility. The council read the letter and made suggestions and edits. Snail mail or electronic? Consensus was electronic. The letter will be emailed as an attachment to an 'elevator speech'.

Children's ministry – Chastity Thompson expects a busy Vacation Bible School. Camp Wapo is coming up.

Worship, Music and Arts – Ruth Lunde reported enthusiastic support for our new 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade Cornerstone choir. Altar guild cannot do communion every week during the summer due to a lack of volunteers, next summer may be a possibility.

Adult Faith Formation- Jody Ebert reported completed pillowcase dresses ready to send. Men's retreat was a success, as was the cribbage tournament. Two softball teams are active. The SALT group will go to the Arboretum Monday. Sixteen faith groups are active. Library news-book club meets once a month, fifteen regularly attend. Pastor Susan hosted all the bible study leaders at an appreciation dinner at her home. We will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation this year; a committee is in place.

Evangelism – Julie Tufford- Tables of 8 is in the planning stage. The Bingo event for the night before Rally Sunday is in planning stage.

Zack Hansen– Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July PROP fundraiser will be posted in the bulletin.

Social concerns – Cari Larsen will tour PROP next Wednesday.

Properties – Scott Anderson thanked all for their help at spring cleanup day. Our resident Boy Scouts were very helpful.

Fellowship – Wendy Wurscher and Mindy Johnson are planning the congregational meal for Welcome Sunday, also working on food vendors for the Bingo benefit extravaganza the night before.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Pat Hammer, council secretary

