

May 10, 2016  
Immanuel Lutheran Church Council  
7 PM ILC Library

Beth called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

Bob Peterson gave devotions.

Katie Thormodsgard related her faith story.

Secretary's report:

Cari moved we approve the minutes with spelling corrections, Katie seconded, approved.

New Business:

Cari Larsen asked about the churchwide visioning process. The church at large is reaching out to some staff and members, asking about priorities and commonalities, shared values. We will ask our local delegates, Pat and Bill Middeke, Rich Strosahl, Linda Toso, Joel Johnson, Amber Howard to report on this process. Any member can go on the ELCA website and fill out this survey.

Old Business:

Council retreat was very positive. We enjoyed the fellowship, the lovely weather and walking around the Redeemer neighborhood.  
Baptismal font: the same status as last month. Jim Stokes will stop by tomorrow with some ideas.

Capital Campaign: 120 pledges and \$600,000 so far. Some of the pledge cards were lost in the mail (bad glue on the envelope), pledging can take place online.

There will be an e-mail tomorrow with a link to the pledge.

Bids are all in except for moving the stained glass and the illumination. The project presently sits at \$1,078,000.00. Discussions with Thrivent are scheduled to write a mortgage for this amount to be paid off as the pledges come in. We discussed our options for reduction if the pledges do not reach \$1.1 million-possibly not doing the parking lot, or reducing the seed money for the Youth Experiencing Homeless project. Usually we allot about 6 weeks for all the pledges to come in. We talked about phone calls from council members to people who haven't yet pledged. Beth will send out a "state of the capital campaign" to the congregation. The final decision per amount of mortgage will be made in June, as will the cash flow paradigms.

Finance report: We had a good April, especially with the post-Easter letdown. Giving was 9.7% higher than last April, YTD +6.3%.

Children's ministry: 45 kids are signed up for VBS, Sunday School is almost over.

Properties: Spring cleanup had a great turnout, excellent results.

Social ministry: Immanuel hosts Families Moving Forward for a week beginning Sunday, May 15, 3 families will be coming, more volunteers needed.

Youth: Garage sale raised around \$3500; confirmation ends tomorrow, mission trips coming up. Backpacking trip is full.

Fellowship: Tomorrow night is the last night of our Wednesday night meals.

Pastor Susan: Adult senior summit was last week, very successful, good leadership forthcoming.

Pastor Angela: Faith groups have been having round table discussions.

Martin Rathjen: Confirmation comes to a close tomorrow night. Monday is Luther's Way deadline.

Bill Hawkins: Complaints about the cleanliness of the church point to the need for a full time custodian.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hammer, council secretary

Those in attendance: Beth Hansen, Brenda Tonjes, Pat Hammer, Scott Belseth, Katie Thormodsgard, Brent Apelt, Cari Larsen, Ben Orton, Brian Heinzen, Bob Peterson, Pastor Paul Nelson, Pastor Susan Weaver, Pastor Angela Fairbanks-Jacobson, Bill Hawkins, Martin Rathjen