

October Church Council Meeting  
Immanuel Lutheran  
October 11, 2016

Scott Belseth gave devotions.

Scott Sabin shared his faith story.

Secretary's report: Beth moved to approve with changes, Jen Johnson seconded, passed.

President's report: Beth- we are discussing Bill Hawkins' upcoming retirement and various ways to replace him. The baptismal font is an ongoing problem, looking into several solutions. If there are funds remaining in the Opening Doors campaign, we will possibly use those funds on the font.

Financial secretary's report: Scott presented the income report for September, which was up 8.7%.

Treasurer's report: Mike Lindahl -giving is about \$12,000 below budget. Expenses are on budget YTD. Program expenses were \$2,000 higher than budget in September and are \$7,000 under budget YTD. 2017 budget is in the works, will have a tentative budget in place next month, so all council members were asked to prepare their budgets.

Opening Doors report was distributed-we will come in lower than expected because of several factors including erecting a shed rather than a garage. Total spent to date is \$339,623.00, leaving \$340,376.00. Mike and Paul will formulate a report delineating the status of this project. Our aging water heater needs to be replaced, estimate is \$2,500. The plumber did not think a separate water heater for the kitchen was necessary. Water heater will be added to Opening Doors expenses. Film over the windows in Luther Hall would be nice, would facilitate presentations by cutting glare. Estimates are being sought. Keying the doors has gone over budget, with an interested church member stepping up to cover the added expense. The ceiling in the Fellowship Hall has been replaced, as has the ceiling tile in the back Sunday School hallway. 150 new chairs and accompanying dollies have been ordered, some of which was paid for by Pat Hawkins' memorial fund. The street sign will be installed the last week of October. Kim will have an article on the Homeless Youth project in Luther's Way.

Pastor Susan Weaver: Senior adults will gather this Thursday, "What's on your bucket list?" is the topic. Bible studies are up and running, gratitude to those who help lead these. Susan will present at the women's retreat this year on the topic "Being Mary". Southwest Grief coalition will meet here beginning November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Service of Remembrance is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Martin Rathjen: Faith statements of upcoming confirmands are on display in the narthex, various ages are going through Stepping Stones. Communion intro for 4<sup>th</sup> graders will take place even though all ages are allowed to take communion.

Pastor Angela: Wednesday night speakers on the topic of race relations are scheduled, with Kyle Parsons speaking this Wednesday. "A Time for Burning" is a film about a Lutheran church that reached out to the African-American church down the street and will be shown the next Wednesday.

Pastor Paul: officiated at two weddings this past weekend. Kelly Meyer is putting projection together at the 9:15 and 10:45 services, is a 5-hour a week employee. Clark Weyrauch is a part time music assistant, welcome to them both.

Bill Hawkins: we need to select our staff benefits plans by October 28<sup>th</sup>. Benevolences go out this week, around \$42,000 this month for the year. Thanks to Darrel, our custodian, who goes over and above for this church on a regular basis.

Fellowship: Melanie Leite-Carroll - Wednesday night café is going great. Kids eat free, and we are not losing money.

Evangelism committee: Julie Tufford- Tables of 8 has kicked off, talking about kickoff for next year already.

Youth: Brent Apelt reported 34 middle school kids at the lockin, confirmation retreat coming up. Mission trip for middle school will be local. High school mission trip is planned to Boston. On October 28, instead of cardboard box city this year, we will do tent city and invite more from the community. Confirmation is October 30.

Property: Brian Heinzen – snow removal contract must be approved. HVAC maintenance will be discussed with the company working on our improvements.

Social ministry: Cari Larsen - Habitat workday coming up, craft sale November 5-6. Service fair was held.

Adult faith formation: Jen Johnson -is up and running

Worship Music and Arts: Bob Peterson reported a glitch in the projection during the sermon, resolved.

Stewardship: Ben Orton- presented the 2016 stewardship theme, Live Generously, which will take place October 30-November 20.

Children's Ministry: Katie Thormodsgard thanked all for the new playground, which is popular. Stepping Stone activities are being refined and delineated. Please attend Trunk or Treat 3:00-4:30 October 29<sup>th</sup> in the church parking lot.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Those present: Beth Hansen, Jennifer Johnson, Katie Thormodsgard, Scott Sabin, Bill Hawkins, Melanie Leite-Carroll, Pat Hammer, Julie Tufford, Pastor Paul Nelson, Brent Apelt, Christy Woll, Brian Heinzen, Pastor Angela Faribanks Jacobson, Cari Larsen, Ben Orton, Bob Peterson, Pastor Susan Weaver, Mike Lindahl, Scott Belseth, Martin Rathjen,

Pat Hammer, Council Secretary