

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council
September 13, 2016
7:00 PM, Church Library

Beth Hansen called the meeting to order.

Devotions by Julie Tufford.

Jennifer Johnson related her faith story.

Secretary's report- motion to approve by Susan Weaver, Scott Sabin seconded, passed.

Financial secretary report- August giving down by 10% due to one less Sunday, giving is down .1% so fairly flat. Attendance remains steady with the past two years.

Treasurer's report- YTD giving is on track, Opening Doors summary shows \$180,776.30 in donations already. We will make the \$100,000.00 payment to Redeemer by next month. Painting has been completed; projection is installed in the sanctuary. We have 6 months to complete construction, then mortgage payments begin. Until then, we pay interest, which is 3.75%.

Attendance at the tent meeting was down 25 from last year, over the past 10 years down by 100. People aren't attending church the way they used to, across denominations, across the country. Martin urged us to share sermons on FB to increase our web presence. Discussed non-worship attendance at committees, VBS, camping, FMSC, etc.

New Business- Children's ministry recommends keeping Camp Wapo as our camp, we tried it out last summer and got overwhelmingly high evaluations from our campers. We still go to Camp Onamia for Family Camp, also for confirmation retreat. Council affirmed their decision.

Old business- the stained glass windows are at the workshop being mounted on light boxes and will be done within the 6-month deadline.

Bill Hawkins- cleanup last Thursday of construction debris was a success; Ron Nemec took down a diseased tree. Construction starts on the playground Thursday. New doors are installed on Fellowship Hall

Pastor Susan Weaver- come and meet the bishop tomorrow, Jim LeDoux will talk about growing in faith the next Wednesday, Mary Brown about generosity. Angela has arranged a three-week session on racism. John Tauer event- fabulous, spoke about being the best sports parent you can be. Passed out Luke bookmarks- a bible study online, which starts Monday.

Martin Rathjen- Baker's Square early morning men's Bible study kicked off this morning, reflects the direction of the sermon next Sunday. Getting ready for confirmation. Technology growing pains-getting volunteers, many already in place. Only authorized people should use the technology, in order to cut down on damage to the equipment. A new staff member may be necessary, plus amended forms for weddings, funerals, meetings. Website maintenance is ongoing. Kelly Myers will compose the worship power points.

Pastor Paul has been traveling. Amazing trip to Prague and Germany, where Luther walked. Thanked all for their help at the Tent Meeting. Tables of 8 will begin again this fall, almost 100 signed up. Postponing Alpha due to low interest. Construction update: the shed is almost finished; many doors in the building have been replaced and will lock electronically. Handicapped entrances have been installed on the bathroom doors near the sanctuary and on the west doors. HVAC is almost done. Monitors have been installed near both main doors. Playground goes in this week. Variance has been obtained for the electronic sign from the city (with reference to the distance from the street). Thanks to the construction committee. Stop in Paul's office and offer your opinion on which folding chairs to replace those old ones. Key cards will be issued, turn in your old keys.

Committee reports

Fellowship: Melanie Leite Carroll -Welcome Sunday meal served 350 people with 20 helpers. Wednesday Café starts tomorrow, September 14.

Worship, Music and Arts: Bob Peterson reported that they are concentrating on revamping the technology piece of worship and the needed staffing. Trying to grow youth choir, especially HS age. Gary Thrasher is reducing his position to .8, we will hire Clark Weyrauch for the other .2 as a music administrator. Clark will also lead the bell choir.

Senior High youth: Christy Woll-7th grade Confirmation starts tomorrow with 7 sophomore guides, all boys. There will be a confirmation retreat in November, stepping stones approaching.

Children's ministry: Chastity Thompson-Sunday school starts Sunday, no numbers yet, playground goes up this week.

Evangelism: Julie Tufford -tables of 8 begins with a kickoff on September 25th.

Social Ministry: Cari Larsen-Families Moving Forward was here last week. 225 bags of groceries were donated to PROP this summer, which met our goal.

Adult Faith Formation: Jen Johnson-Adult Faith Formation fair planned for this Sunday. Men's fellowship has had a change in leadership.

Stewardship: Ben Orton-Live Generously is the Stewardship theme, begins on Reformation Sunday and continues for 4 weeks.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Those present: Beth Hansen, Brenda Tonjes, Mike Lindahl, Pat Hammer, Scott Belseth, Jennifer Johnson, Chastity Thompson, Scott Sabin, Julie Tufford, Christy Woll, Brent Apelt, Cari Larsen, Ben Orton, Bob Peterson, Pastor Paul Nelson, Pastor Susan Weaver, Bill Hawkins, Martin Rathjen