

September Church Council Meeting
September 12, 2017
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Those in attendance: Beth Hansen, Jen Johnson, Tammy Vergeront, Pastor Susan Weaver, Ben Orton, Jody Ebert, Mindy Johnson, Julie Tufford, Scott Anderson, Pastor Angela Fairbanks Johnson, Zach Hansen, Wendy Wurscher, Ruth Lunde, Cari Larsen, Pastor Paul Nelson, Pat Hammer

Beth Hansen called the meeting to order. Mindy gave devotions. Scott related his faith story.

Secretary's report distributed, Susan Weaver moved to approve with two edits, Paul Nelson seconded, passed.

President's report: Beth thanked all for their work last weekend at the events. Long range planning committee is looking for members under 40- asked for recommendations by the end of the week.

Financial report: We are a little behind on giving because expenses right now exceed our revenue, which is to be expected at this time of year. We usually make it up by the end of the year. August attendance was average.

Staff reports:

Tammy Vergeront is coming back from her injury, will continue to work from home when necessary. Work continues on dedicated accounts, with some revamping necessary.

Pastor's reports:

Paul thanked all who were involved with the Bingo benefit for PROP. The event was a great success and raised \$4,000.00. Expenses were covered by evangelism (\$700.00) so all profits went to PROP. Welcome Sunday was well-attended, a great service. Tables of 8 starts next Sunday, you can still sign up. We are wrapping up the last projects from Opening Doors- different lighting for the living room and the fellowship Hall, the shower will be installed, and new landscaping will be installed near the sign. The bulletin is being revamped, smaller and leaner since so much information is on the screens. We had our first same-gender marriage at Immanuel August 30, members who had been together 25 years. Christmas Eve is a Sunday, the family service will be at 10:00 AM.

Angela reminded us that our real business is transforming lives for Christ. "Culture eats strategy for breakfast." -Peter Drucker

Susan Weaver – SALT is planning an event-Rollie Martinson will visit and speak on October 12. Reformation celebration is planned for the 29th of October, with much fun between services. Hans Wiersma will speak tomorrow night: “What’s it all about, Luther?” The next Wednesdays will cover the book Lutheran Trump Cards. Susan announced her retirement, e-mail goes out tomorrow to the congregation. Thanksgiving Service will be Pastor Susan’s last sermon.

Youth-Jen Johnson –confirmation starts tomorrow, box city and the confirmation retreat coming up. There are four confirmation groups this year, good leaders in place.

Adult Faith formation- Jody Ebert- Reformation celebration is the main upcoming event.

Fellowship - Mindy Johnson and Wendy Wurscher- served 355 at Sunday’s potluck, \$546.00 came in free-will offering, 25 volunteers helped. Next event is the annual meeting.

Evangelism- Julie Tufford thanked all for the response for Bingo volunteers and asked for feedback for next year.

Stewardship – Ben Orton said this year’s theme is “Live Generously” and is getting organized, discussed having financial goals such as increasing the number of members who use Simply Giving (now at 30%). Perhaps add a check box for simply giving on the gold grow sheet.

Properties – Scott Anderson will be meeting with his group to ready for winter. There will be a sign-up for snow removal and other maintenance needed during the winter.

Zack Hansen reported raising \$200.00 for PROP July 4th with the help of 6 volunteers. He gave water to the people parking at church for the city celebration and asked for a free-will offering.

Social concerns-Cari Larsen- The next Families Moving Forward dates are November 12-19.

Worship, music and arts- Ruth Lunde- Music programming is starting up for the year. Special music is planned for Reformation Sunday. A cantata is planned for December 17. Bells need two more people. Saturday evening services will be simplified with familiar hymns.

Gary Thrasher would like to subtract day a week, with Clark picking it up, leaving Gary at 3 days and Clark at 2.

Discussed the process for donating artwork to the church, which would fall under properties.

Old business- Haven House has received a \$50,000 grant from the city of Eden Prairie for renovations. Kim is lining up contractors.
Brandon Tremmel is resigning to finish college. Looking for an interim leader for Servant Song.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Hammer, council secretary