

April Executive Council Minutes  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
April 10, 2018

Members present: Pastor Paul Nelson, Pat Hammer, Beth Hansen, Tami Ehlers, Bob Peterson

Devotions by Bob Peterson.

Secretary's report: Minutes were amended for clarity. Beth moved to approve them as amended, Tami seconded, passed.

Pastor's report: Paul presented a short synopsis of the Long Range Planning Committee's work thus far. The overarching goal is to help all church programming focus on our mission of loving God and one another.

Easter was a success in spite of spring breaks (Eden Prairie, Chaska, Minnetonka) impacting attendance by approximately -200.

Christmas Eve worship has been planned; there will be a 10:30 AM children's service. The 3:30 PM service is too large, so we will have services at 2:30, 4:00, 5:30 and 10:00 PM.

FaithBits will replace the newsletter; there will be hard copies available at the welcome desk with copies mailed out to those who prefer that format.

The Minister of Music transition (effective May 1) will be announced within the next two weeks by Gary Thrasher, followed by an e-mail blast to the congregation.

Treasurer's report: Tami distributed a summary of the status of the Opening Doors campaign, showing an average of \$14,000 in monthly gifts. At this time we are about 2/3 complete, with roughly \$220,000 left to come in.

The contemporary worship committee met Sunday, they have been visiting other congregations and working on the flow of the service. They are discussing bringing in younger musicians from the confirmation group, having communion every Sunday, moving Servant Song out of the corner, intentionally teaching and leading songs. Getting more people involved in the band would be optimal.

Budget was discussed. Fees collected for Sunday School, VBS, camping, etc. should show as income.

The meeting adjourned.

Pat Hammer, Council Secretary