

Church Council Meeting  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
August 14, 2018

Members present: Beth Hansen, Tony Szczepaniak, Tami Ehlers, Jody Ebert, Brent Apelt, Katie Thormodsgard, Cari Larsen, Ben Orton, Scott Anderson, Bob Peterson, Tammy Vergeront, Wendy Wurscher, Ruth Lunde, Pat Hammer, Jennifer Johnson

Ben Orton gave devotions.

Tammy Vergeront related her faith story.

Secretary's report: Tony moved to approve June's minutes, second by Ruth, the motion passed.

Financial Secretary: Bob Peterson distributed the attendance/giving report, attendance is holding steady with last year's. Giving is a little behind the pace for July.

Treasurer's report: Tami Ehlers reported that giving for July trailed budget and prior year; year-to-date giving is behind budget by \$22,000.

Opening Doors has seen about \$20,000 come in during June and July. \$171,026 pledged remains outstanding.

Staff reports:

Tammy Vergeront updated us on necessary computer repairs made over the summer. A new copier/scanner/printer has been purchased for the music room at a lower cost than anticipated. Parking lot lights were repaired, AC repaired.

Pastor Paul (by Beth)-backpacking was excellent, life changing, with 36 people participating. Tent meeting prep is going smoothly, Bingo event as well. The theme for this coming year is Faith Friends, will be rolled out at the tent meeting. Pastoral coverage went smoothly this summer. Please like and share the Bingo event on Facebook.

Committee reports:

Jody Ebert will meet with her adult faith formation committee next week.

Youth - Pool parties are planned for various age groups. Confirmation meets September 12 for the first time. Mission trip to Pine Ridge went very well.

Children's ministry -Katie Thormodsgard reported that Camp Wapo went well. VBS was excellent with higher participation this year. Sunday School registration is open; there are many opportunities for older kids and parents to assist.

Social Concerns- Cari Larsen updated us on the ongoing school supply drive for Prairie View, please donate. Through Sheridan Story (an organization that helps fight child hunger) we are partnering with Prairie View to provide financial support and volunteers to distribute weekend meals.

Stewardship -Ben Orton will meet with the committee soon; the theme will be “Why church?” They are encouraging use of the Give app.

Properties- Scott Anderson asked for help with table and chair setup for the Bingo event. Properties met with the LRP committee about future needs, including roof repair/replacement and an ongoing repair budget. Also thinking about the growing Sunday School enrollment and accompanying space needs. Watch for fall cleanup.

Fellowship - Wendy Wurscher –is gearing up for Welcome weekend, Bingo event and lunch after the tent meeting.

Worship, Music and Arts- Ruth Lunde- planning for fall worship is in full stride. Multiple children’s choirs, Reformation Choir, bells, brass will start soon. Servant Song begins rehearsal this week. Looking for more tech volunteers for worship.

Evangelism-Ann Walbrun (via e-mail) –Thanks to all who are helping to organize the Bingo event. Tables of 8 is in its final planning stages.

Old business: We will send a letter endorsing Common Bond. The remaining gift pledged to Onward Eden Prairie (\$114,000) was sent in July. The lease with OEP has been signed.

Council is very present at Welcome Sunday, please show up and help with the worship.

Long Range Planning - Tony and his committee are visiting with various council committees. Some remain to be contacted; all are encouraged to schedule their meeting with LRP by September 30. Good info coming out of these meetings.

Thanks to Ben Orton for refreshments.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Pat Hammer, council secretary