

June 2018 Church Council Minutes
Immanuel Lutheran Church
June 12, 2018

Members present: Pastor Paul Nelson, Angela Fairbanks Jacobson, Pat Hammer, Elizabeth Hansen, Tami Ehlers, Bob Peterson, Dana Connett, Jackie Getchius, Anne Walbrun, Kris Heinzen, Martin Rathjen, Scott Anderson, Cari Larsen, Ruth Lunde, Jody Ebert, Tammy Vergeront

Devotions by Scott Anderson.

Faith story by Kris Heinzen.

Secretary's report: The minutes were distributed and read. Ruth moved to accept the minutes as amended. Bob seconded the motion which passed.

Financial secretary's report: Bob distributed his report, which showed attendance holding steady with last year and giving right on budget.

Treasurer's report: Tami reported expenses under budget, giving 2.2% over budget. Opening Doors account tracking showed \$18,570 given in May, leaving an outstanding balance of \$191,472. Discussed quarterly financial updates posted on the website for the congregation's information. Paul will take the discussion to stewardship.

Staff reports:

Tammy Vergeront thanked all who came to church cleanup, and all who followed up with stuff that didn't get done the day of cleanup.

Martin leaves on Sunday on the church mission trip to South Dakota. Alaric and Belle will assist with technology during VBS. Backpacking has three groups of 12 heading for the Bighorns. Three Faithbits are ready to go, first one on August 17. August Luther's Way deadline is July 16. Bingo publicity coming soon. Twenty-one are hiking Kilimanjaro at this point.

Angela is elated to be done with foot surgery. Native American service was last Sunday and was well received. Angela shared a quote from Canoeing the Mountains.

Paul Nelson announced that Dave Espe is the new director of Servant Song. The contemporary service has been evolving and will continue to do so. Long Range Planning will be contacting each council member to talk about each committee's vision.

A special offering will be taken later this summer for Lutheran World Relief, partly to take advantage of a member who has offered to match these funds.

Adult faith formation will address members' faith questions this fall.

Advent planning has begun.

Committee reports:

Anne Walbrun, Evangelism: Tables of 8 is getting under way. New small groups are being formed catering to young families. The Bingo Event (September 8) has booked two food trucks, two awnings were purchased with memorial funds.

Dana Connett and Kris Heinzen, High School: The garage sale made over \$5,000. Not marking prices seems to work. Discussed the lack of volunteers from the youth. A dedicated youth space is still in process. Middle school has 11 signed up for their mission trip in July.

Jackie Getchius, Children's Ministry: 31 slots filled at Camp Wapo. Still a need for scholarships, cost is near \$400 for a week. VBS is coming up the third week of July, volunteers are plentiful.

Jody Ebert, Adult Faith Formation: women's group will meet at Staring Lake for the play. Little dresses for Africa due in August. Men's softball is going well, no injuries. SALT group will go to the Arboretum. Book club has chosen books for the rest of the year.

Ruth Lunde, Worship, Music and Arts: Reformation Choir sings three times this summer. Substitute organist is on track, wonderful talent in Jim Held. Tom Getchius and Christina Orton will team to lead Epiphany Choir.

Scott Anderson, Properties: The parking lot needs to be restriped, looking for volunteers for that.

Cari Larsen, Social Ministries: Affordable housing discussion continues tomorrow evening at 6:30 featuring Common Bond and Habitat for Humanity. PROP peanut butter drive for the summer is on-goal is 1,000 jars. Disciples garden could use more help. Talk to Kim to sign up.

New Business- Common Bond, a housing entity interested in building affordable housing in Eden Prairie, has asked for a letter of support from Immanuel. The letter will go to the State of Minnesota to show support for the project in the community. Pax Christi has also signed a letter. Kim has done due diligence on this organization, Tony was familiar with them as well and approves. Exec will vote on this post meeting.

Bob moved to adjourn; Ruth seconded the motion, which passed.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Pat Hammer
Council Secretary