

Church Council Meeting  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
November 13, 2018

Members present: Pastor Paul Nelson, Ruth Lunde, Zachary Hansen, Brent Apelt, Cari Larsen, Jody Ebert, Dana Connett, Jackie Getchius, Anne Walbrun, Tammy Vergeront, Bob Peterson, Tami Ehlers, Beth Hansen, Pat Hammer

Thanks to Dana for treats.

Dana gave devotions.

Anne Walbrun related her faith story.

Secretary's report: Bob Peterson moved to accept the minutes, second by Ruth Lunde. The motion passed.

Financial Secretary: Attendance is holding steady, October had 4 Sundays this year and thus the numbers were a bit lower. Giving is about \$6,000 behind budget through the end of October.

Treasurer:

- Tami reported giving at \$894,144, a variance of -0.7%. YTD spending is on budget.
- Opening Doors remaining pledges total \$138,434. This leaves us needing about \$17,000 per month to complete Opening Doors.

Staff reports:

- Tammy Vergeront thanked all who helped with fall cleanup this past Saturday.
- Tammy will join the Memorial committee as a staff member to keep it focused on the vision of the church and assist in updating the list of requests.
- Pastor Paul announced the Christmas schedule. Worship times are 10:30 AM, 2:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM and 10:00 PM on Christmas Eve, 10:30 AM Christmas Day.
- We will have a capital campaign tentatively titled Building Up the Body of Christ in 2019 including but not limited to roof repair, a shower, Sunday school room renovation, refreshing of the older bathrooms, and some benevolence gifts. We will start to finalize this list at next month's meeting, recruiting a leadership team by January. Pledge Sunday will be May 5, 2019.
- February 2, 2019 is a Faith Friends All In Event to follow up with our theme of Faith Friends. Council is asked to attend (as the council retreat).

- Stewardship Sunday was successful with \$676,000 pledged by 227 households as of November 13, 2018.

President's report:

- Council members whose terms are ending: Bob Peterson, Jennifer Johnson, Katie Thormodsgard (one term), Zach Hansen, Mindy Johnson, Wendy Wurscher, Scott Anderson, Ruth Lunde, Jody Ebert.
- Bob Peterson talked about the president's transition work done by the nominating committee. Executive approved their recommendation of an Ex-Officio council position titled President Elect that would start shadowing the president in September of the current president's last year of service. This requires the congregation to elect a council president one year prior to the start of their first term. This will require no modifications in our current constitution.

Long range planning has finished meeting with all stakeholders and will report next month.

New Business:

- Budget discussion-council members were asked to submit their budgets for next year. Next month the budget draft will be finalized.
- Two dedicated accounts were moved into the general fund last year: children's ministry and confirmation. These will be moved out of the general fund and back into dedicated accounts as recommended by FASB. Our chief goal is that if a program brings in fees, they should spend that money before drawing from the general fund (their budgeted account). Dedicated accounts will be clarified next calendar year, reducing the number of dedicated accounts as is appropriate. Money in a dedicated account should have a specific purpose.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Pat Hammer, council secretary