

Church Council Minutes  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
October 8, 2019

Members present: Bill Greep, Scott Anderson, Jeannie DeRemer, Twylla Vickmark, Tami Ehlers, Beth Hansen, Paul Savereide, Pastor Paul Nelson, Brent Apelt, Tammy Vergeront, Jerry Martin, Cari Larsen, Ben Orton, Dana Connett

Thanks to Bill and Lesley Greep for refreshments.

Brent Apelt offered devotions.

Scott Anderson related his faith story.

Secretary's report: Cari moved that we approve the minutes as submitted, second by Brent. The motion passed.

Financial secretary- Twylla Vickmark- Attendance is at 17,189 year to date, approximately 800 below last year. Actual giving is close to budget, above last year at this time.

Treasurer's report: Tami reported that giving for September trailed last year, year to date continues to be ahead of budget. Church and program expenses were under budget for September and are below budget ytd, primarily driven by timing of program expenses.

Building Up campaign summary showed \$191,863 received out of \$633,663.00. Bills are being paid as the projects are completed. The wall in the sanctuary will cost less than budgeted, as will the Sunday school rooms. Asbestos abatement added an extra \$11,000 to costs. Renovation of the bathrooms is on hold until the numbers shake out.

Pastor's report: Staff has been discussing changing worship patterns, so on all the Sundays in November we will sign in on worship booklets. We will also track attendance at adult education, Sunday school, confirmation, etc.

November 6 adult education will be about issues taking place in Worthington, MN, which has seen a real increase in migrant workers. On November 13, we will host Pastors Jorge and Stephanie Espinoza of our partner church, Cristo Obrero, the Spanish-speaking outreach church in the Chaska-Shakopee area.

Three Advent services on Wednesday nights in December will include a Traveler's Christmas on December 18.

Wear red on Reformation Sunday, October 27. Confirmation is scheduled for October 27 at 1:30 PM.

Committee updates:

Children's Ministry- in Erin's absence, Beth reported. Thanks for the timely completion of work in the classrooms. A signup for Trunk or Treat circulated (October 26 at 3:00-4:30 in the church parking lot).

Senior High- Dana Connett- Lock-in for grades 7-9 coming up on October 12. Twenty-two sophomores will be confirmed on October 27. Confirmation retreat is November 8-10 at Camp Onamia. Backpacking July 18-25, mission trip is to St. Louis in June.

Properties-Scott encouraged us to come to fall cleanup on October 26 from 8-12.

Fellowship-Bill Greep-Wednesday night meals are under way. More kitchen help is needed. Recommended a deep clean of the kitchen on a regular schedule. Annual meeting with accompanying chili feed is Fellowship's next big event, January 26, 2020.

Social Concerns-Cari Larsen- had coat distribution for PROP last Friday. Recommended the book Dear Church and accompanying class on October 28, November 4 and 11. Anna's Craft Sale to benefit Families Moving Forward is coming up November 16 & 17. We host Families Moving forward here November 24-December 1.

Worship, Music and Arts-Jeannie DeRemer- We hosted a musical group from South Africa on September 29, very positive experience. Christmas worship has been planned.

Adult Faith Formation- Beth reported in Jody Ebert's absence, recapped summer activities including biking events, Feed My Starving Children, etc. Women's retreat will be held in January at the Arboretum.

Stewardship- Ben Orton- Stewardship Sunday is November 3, with temple talks on three Sundays before. Generosity theme will be woven into sermons in October and November. Looking for volunteers to write Faith Bits about transformational generosity. Asked for egg bakes for the Stewardship Breakfast (watch the yellow sheet).

President's report: We have been invited to an Onward Eden Prairie event on October 27 at the Cummings Grill Homestead from 3-5; bring cleaning supplies and paper goods. This event celebrates the fact that 6 young people have had stable housing in the past year thanks to this program. Applications far exceed the capacity of the OEP house.

Next month we will not have committee updates, but all should come ready to share their budget work for 2020.

Motion to adjourn by Dana, second by Ben, the motion passed. Our meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Pat Hammer, council secretary