

**Church Council Meeting
Immanuel Lutheran Church
April 9, 2019**

Those present: Pastor Paul Nelson, Pat Hammer, Twylla Vickmark, Jackie Getchius, Jody Evert, Jeannie DeRemer, Tami Ehlers, Paul Savereide, Beth Hansen, Tammy Vergeront, Anne Walbrun, Scott Anderson, Lesley Greep, Ben Apelt, Jerry Martin, Ben Orton

Thanks to Scott for refreshments.

Scott Anderson gave devotions.

Paul Savereide related his faith story.

Secretary's report: February's minutes were reviewed. Jerry moved to approve with one change in syntax, Tami seconded the motion, which passed. March's minutes were reviewed. Anne moved to approve the minutes with clarification, second by Tami. The motion passed.

Financial Secretary's report: Twylla reported March attendance down from last March, probably due to spring breaks. Giving was at a very healthy \$147,000, which was some make-up for February and some large once a year gifts. Response to Paul's note asking for support was positive.

We discussed including some financial graphs with the minutes on the website. Consensus was positive.

Treasurer's report: Tami reported that March giving was very strong, well in excess of budget. Giving is now \$25,000 ahead of budget. We are slightly over budget in expenses, which is probably a matter of timing.

Opening doors report shows outstanding pledges in the amount of \$66,132. There are three months remaining in the campaign. Historically we get 90 to 95% of the amount pledged.

The audit committee has completed its work, one discrepancy was cleared up and the audit was satisfactory.

Staff reports:

Tammy Vergeront has reviewed the insurance for the church; we will use Brotherhood Mutual in the future.

Pastor Paul Nelson –Palm Sunday is this Sunday. Good Friday will be a special service led by the Reformation Choir. There are four services on Easter Sunday (6:45, 8:00, 9:15 and 10:45 AM) as well as a brunch served by youth. Three small groups of young families have formed, we rejoice in the bonds formed.

Building Up capital campaign has begun, a video was shown during last Sunday's services. Next Sunday's video will cover our outreach with funds raised. Paul distributed a FAQ sheet to assist us when members have questions. The FAQ sheet is also available at the Welcome Desk. Paul invited us all to the Dan Schwartz concert at 6 PM April 28, which will celebrate the Building Up campaign.

Jeff Kjellberg of Kairos came to the council meeting at this point. He reported on the results of the MAP congregational survey. About 250 members of our congregation responded to the survey. Jeff also interviewed a diverse cross-section of our members. Feedback from the MAP survey and the interviews will help shape council work and communication as we move forward. Council members were encouraged to act as well-informed leaders.

President's report: We discussed going paperless at council meetings. Beth plans to summarize council meetings in the Monday morning e-blast. Council members were encouraged to be available at worship. Beth will make sure we have nametags (pick them up at the welcome desk).

Council retreat is April 27, more information to come.

Our audit process was discussed, we will workshop this re: timing and compliance with the bylaws.

Pat moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Twylla, the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Pat Hammer, council secretary