

Church Council Meeting
Immanuel Lutheran Church
May 14, 2019

Those present: Beth Hansen, Pastor Paul Nelson, Tami Ehlers, Paul Savereide, Pat Hammer, Ben Orton, Jerry Martin, Erin Heilman, Jeannie DeRemer, Jodi Ebert, Lesley Greep, Kris Heinzen, Anne Walbrun, Cari Larsen, Tammy Vergeront

Tami Ehlers gave devotions.

Anne Walbrun related her faith story.

Secretary's report: Erin moved to accept the minutes as edited, second by Beth. The motion passed.

Financial secretary's report: April attendance was up from March, mainly because of Holy Week. Giving was less than March. Year to date giving is above last year.

Treasurer's report: Giving for April exceeded budget, mostly due to miscellaneous income. Year to date giving remains ahead of budget by \$40,000. Church expenses year to date are over budget primarily due to utilities expenses and insurance expense timing. Giving remains in excess of expenses year to date. We were reminded to use other opportunities to give including Amazon Smile, Kowalski's, Thrivent.

We have received 90% of our Opening Doors pledges to date, with a total of \$649,747 (out of \$718,552) received thus far.

Staff reports:

Pastor Angela asked at today's staff meeting if staff were interested in attending council meetings. Some interest, staff will take turns attending. Confirmation and Sunday School are wrapping up. We are thankful for a good year.

Tammy Vergeront reported a dozen people at spring cleanup, got a lot done. Some memorial funds will be used to spruce up the columbarium area. Gardening decisions need to be made as the present plants become overgrown. Looking for volunteers, boy scouts or NHS kids who need hours. The mobile dental clinic from the U of M is coming tomorrow to meet with Tammy and evaluate our space.

Pastor Paul is grateful for Easter and Holy Week. Attendance at Easter was 270 higher than 2018. We had two funerals last month. There will be a wedding in the church this month, two baptisms coming up. Building Up capital campaign-the Dan Schwartz concert was a marvelous kickoff. We have 112 pledges for \$570,000 as of last Sunday. Sunday school rooms will be refurbished this summer after VBS, as will planned changes in the sanctuary.

Committee Reports:

Middle School and Senior High-Jerry Martin and Kris Heinzen- 160 people were served at Easter breakfast; kids who worked made about \$22 an hour (deposited into their youth accounts). Garage sale was a success, with profits of approximately \$3500-\$4,000. Confirmation wrapped up, was a great year. Senior High mission trip is in June, approximately 22 kids are going to West Virginia. Middle School mission trip is June 7th (to Duluth). Backpacking has 34 adults and kids signed up.

Children's Ministry- Erin Heilman- gave feedback to the decorator about their preferences for the refurbishment of the Sunday School rooms (easily cleaned, cheerful color scheme). VBS is coming up July 15-18. Volunteers needed! It is an excellent outreach to non-members. Camp Wapo is sold out, 24 kids will go.

Worship, Music and Arts- Jeannie DeRemer- Memorial funds –Jennifer Urbanski talked to them, WMA takes the lion's share of the memorials. Looking into getting more instruments for children, will investigate what is already available. Easter and Holy Week were a real high point, with excellent music. The bell choir celebrated its 30th anniversary. Tent meeting's theme will be Everyday Worship.

Adult Faith Formation-Jodi Ebert- planning for the next year, a women's event for FMSC, Boundary Waters trip is full with 12 women committed.

Social Ministry-Cari Larsen- Families Moving Forward comes again for a week in June. Sheridan's Story is being re-evaluated due to the end of the school year. The Human Rights Commission recently recognized Onward Eden Prairie.

Fellowship-Lesley Greep- Planning has begun for the Bingo event. Coffee service will continue through the summer.

Evangelism- Anne Walbrun- Tables of Eight is in planning for next year. New small groups have formed (young families). Bingo Event planning is in gear.

Stewardship – Ben Orton- Everyday Generosity is the theme of this year's Stewardship Campaign.

President's report:

Beth sent out a council report in the Monday morning e-mail blast. She asked that council members wear nametags Sunday mornings. They can be found at the Welcome Center.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Pat Hammer, council secretary