

Church Council Meeting
Immanuel Lutheran Church
September 10, 2019

Members present: Beth Hansen, Tami Ehlers, Twylla Vickmark, Pat Hammer, Paul Savereide, Pastor Paul Nelson, Tammy Vergeront, Jody Ebert, Brent Apelt, Dana Connett, Erin Heilman, Scott Anderson, Anne Walbrun, Bill Greep, Jeannie DeRemer, Cari Larsen, Pastor Angela Fairbanks-Jacobsen

Jody Ebert offered devotions.

Thanks to Jody for treats.

Jody Ebert related her faith story.

Secretary's report: two errors corrected (spelling, date). Dana Connett moved to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Cari Larsen, the motion passed.

Financial secretary: Twylla Vickmark reported that we are sitting at 60% of budget at this time. Attendance is holding steady, we are below last year by 800.

Treasurer's report: Tami Ehlers- Giving for July trailed budget but was higher than the previous year. Year-to-date giving is \$19K ahead of budget. Church and program expenses are under budget for July and under budget on a combined basis year-to-date.

Building Up campaign shows an additional \$11,000 being spent on asbestos removal. Skylight and roof furnace unit will be delivered at the same time (both require a crane). Pledges are at \$633,663.00.

Staff reports:

Tammy Vergeront – cabinets are being installed in the last couple of rooms. Gutter and downspout have been installed on the north side of the sanctuary. HVAC and new skylight are on their way. Stone tile behind the altar is coming soon- we have found a member who is a vendor.

Pastor Angela- Everyday worship is our fall theme. Faith 5 every night in every home is a resource for use as a devotional for daily use. Everyday will be a recurring theme this year.

Angela's family is going to Ethiopia next month, prayers please.

Pastor Paul- invited us all to adult faith formation on Wednesday nights. The Bingo benefit for PROP and the Tent meeting this past Saturday and Sunday were great successes.

Stewardship Sunday is November 3, its theme is everyday generosity. Paul encouraged us all to write a faith bit to share on a moment of generosity that has had an impact.

Paul encouraged us to affirm our incredible staff.

There have been three baptisms, one funeral and one wedding since our last meeting.

Beth thanked all who volunteered at the Tent meeting and the Bingo fundraiser.

Evangelism-Anne Walbrun shared that we collected \$4,029 plus \$150 cash at the Bingo fundraiser, plus food donations for PROP. Out of 46 prizes given away, 31 went to non-members.

Fellowship-Bill Greep reported that all went well food-wise at the Tent meeting, could have used more volunteers in the kitchen Sunday morning.

Children's ministry-Erin Heilman reported that Jackie Getchius is resigning from council. Erin has a replacement in mind, to be elected in January at the annual meeting. Sunday School will begin next Sunday (September 15).

Properties-Scott Anderson- church cleanup this fall is October 26, 8:00-noon.

Worship, Music and Arts-Jeannie DeRemer met with her committee and scheduled Christmas services. On December 15 Reformation choir will perform the Messiah.

President's report: Beth talked about staff members attending council. We discussed inviting staff members to attend and report on a timely (limited) basis, going a little deeper on their particular area of ministry.

Executive council has approved an additional group to use our facilities weekly. Should the office be staffed on these evenings? There is a procedure in place for making sure the building is locked, Terrie Falkenstein trains the users and takes a key deposit.

Scott moved to adjourn the meeting; Erin seconded the motion, which passed.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Pat Hammer, council secretary