

Church Council Meeting  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
March 12, 2019

Those present: Jeannie DeRemer, Jody Ebert, Tami Ehlers, Paul Savereide, Scott Anderson, Twylla Vickmark, Pastor Paul Nelson, Pastor Angela Jacobson, Anne Walbrun, Lesley Greep, Kris Heinzen, Jerry Martin, Jackie Getchius, Ben Orton, Cari Larsen

Lesley Greep gave devotions.

Jerry Martin shared his faith story.

Thanks to Jeannie for snacks.

Paul S. called the meeting to order and we did introductions.

Secretary's report – Cari - No hard copy minutes available for review. Plan to review February and March minutes in April.

Staff Reports:

Pastor Angela – For Lent we will be sharing Table Talks and the worship themes from All-In (Heart, Spirit Nudges, Difficult Decisions, Affirm, Come & See).

Pastor Paul – Introduced Lyle Griner.

Lyle was present to review some of the outcomes and next steps from our All-In workshop. He shared some of the comments participants had shared at the conclusion of the workshop. We engaged in faith conversations with one another. Lyle encouraged us to plan for intentional use of the skills from All-In workshop and Pastor Paul encouraged us to pay attention to and respond to Spirit Nudges.

Pastor Paul resumed his report. He shared some insights from the MAP assessment – People are looking/desiring connections and people desire to be sent to serve in their daily lives. February was a very low month in attendance. Weather was a significant influence on multiple Sundays and Wednesdays in February. Giving was also impacted significantly as a result.

We discussed the Capital Campaign “Building Up the Body of Christ.” The key reasons for the campaign is to cover larger expenditures that are not covered in our annual budget and to direct funds that call to the hearts of our members. The campaign is a challenge to grow in commitment and giving. The campaign is an encouragement to put our lives and resources in God’s hands. The campaign invites us to intentionally care for our facility and responsibly manage debt. We discussed “why debt?” It allows us to leverage ministry and to do things when opportunity exists. As an example: \$120K from last campaign was for screens, projectors and cameras. Thousands of people have watched the steaming services and other presentations on those screens and we were able to begin offering quickly. We

will have a celebration concert for Building Up the Body of Christ on 4/28/19 with musician Dan Schwartz. The campaign celebration Sunday is 5/5/19.

Pastoral acts: wedding in January and a funeral last month of a non-member; 1 baptism; 2 funerals this week.

Financial Secretary – Twylla reviewed attendance and giving reports. February impacts noted as above.

Treasurer's report – Tami reviewed budget and Opening Doors reports. February giving was \$8575 under budget bringing us to \$21,339 under budget YTD. Total expenses are trending below budget YTD.

### Committee Reports

Scott – Properties – Spring clean up will be May 4th.

Anne – Evangelism – Tables of 8 are going well. Three new small groups are underway.

Committee is looking for a second food truck for 9/7 Bingo event – send recommendations to Anne. September 7 Bingo will be from 3-7 p.m.

Lesley – Fellowship – The refrigerator is currently working; maintenance plan to be discussed with Tammy. Deep cleaning of kitchen planned for June including vent.

Kris – Middle School – Tubing event for 3/1 was cancelled. 4/21 is the Easter breakfast.

The garage sale is set for May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry – Senior High – Nothing in addition to Kris' report.

Jackie – Children's Ministry – Grace Porter is leading God Squad. Thirty-four Immanuel kids are signed up for Camp Wapo this summer. There is space available for the family camp event from 8/9-8/11.

Jeannie – Worship, Music and Arts – The WMA team is preparing for Easter.

Jody – Adult Faith Formation – Wine tasting event was a success. Softball registration has been paid.

### Old Business

Insurance policy has been obtained to replace prior policy. New policy has increased deductible and increased liability coverage. Lower overall cost for new policy.

### New Business

Jody suggested that Exec/Staff consider a Council Sunday for an opportunity for the congregation to know who is on council, to sign up for committees/events/etc.

Boy Scout request – The Boy Scout troop who meets at Immanuel wants to install a permanent plaque honoring Eagle Scouts from the troop. Exec conferred and determined that it wasn't a good fit. Gifts that have been given to the congregation don't have individual plaques and instead are memorialized in a permanent record book. Suggestion for the troop is to share their Eagle Scout honors on Scouting Sunday and at events when they are volunteering and use at Court of Honor.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Cari Larsen, acting secretary