

IMMANUEL LUTHERN CHURCH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021

PRESENT MEMBERS: Amy Greenwaldt, Stacey Callahan, Tracy Church, Betty White, Jane Bagstad, Margie Anderson, Sara Stone, Tom Kolden

ABSENT MEMBERS: Robby Grendahl, Cody Yglesias, Kent Schmidt, Mandy Gallant, Stephanie Drange

PRESENT EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Pastor Nate Loer, Pastor Megan Clapp, Diane Teigland

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: President Amy Greenwaldt

7:32 pm Lighting of the Christ Candle

Meeting's Devotion: Tracy Church: Hope

Next Month's Devotions: Diane Teigland on September 8th, 2021 at 8:00 pm

What's on your heart and mind?

Minutes from the June meeting accepted with the corrections of building and restricted funds register balance dates being 5/31/21. A motion was made by Margie Anderson and seconded by Tracy Church. Motion carried.

KYRIES AND GLORIAS:

Committee Reports

Congregational Life: *Stephanie Drange*

- Did Not Meet

Outreach Evangelism: *Sara Stone*

- Met in June
 - The committee met virtually in June. One assigned task was to find a Greeters ministry team lead to schedule greeters for services.
 - The group also talked about the food shelf with much recent emphasis on food shortages and the needs of our region. Sara will be discussing current access that food shelf is seeing and share with outreach at the next meeting.
 - Pastor Megan is meeting with Summer from United Way to discuss the backpack program for the upcoming year later this week.
 - Will meet again in September

Parish Education: *Margie Anderson*

- Met in July
 - Strategized plans for the fall, registration comes out last weekend in August

Property Management: *Cody Yglesias*

- Did Not Meet
 - Toilets replaced in all restrooms
 - Future window projects

Worship and Music: *Tom Kolden*

- Did Not Meet
 - Will meet to discuss fall service times and liturgy

Youth Leadership: *Mandy Gallant*

- Did Not Meet
 - National Youth Gathering
 1. Pie and ice cream fundraiser 8/12/21
 2. Future fundraisers to come

Other Reports

Immanuel Church Women: *Diane Teigland*

- Off July and August, will start quilting and block cutting in September
- Jane and Diane will be going to a convention
- Immanuel is hosting a fall gathering
- An article was in the Pioneer Journal about the quilting program and Lutheran World Relief

Lead Pastor: *Pastor Nate Loer*

- June/July/Early August Highlights
 1. Worship numbers remain smaller than usual but faithful. Typically, 40-45 at 8:30 and 30-35 at 10am. We have now done more than 2 months with no masking or distancing requirements and that seems to be well received.
 2. Funerals: Dennis Peterson (June 15) and Norine Halaas (June 25). Always an honor to share a word of comfort and good news for families in grief. Our serving groups did a great job serving wonderful lunches those days, too. Good to have them back in service.
 3. July was a wonderful month of being away. I am very grateful to Pastor Megan and the rest of the staff (as well as many volunteers) who covered all my responsibilities so capably and wonderfully.
 4. I also became Rotary President in July – it is an honor to serve in that role in one of our community's vital service organizations
 5. Have been spending the last few weeks trying to get caught up on work and preparing for fall
- Looking Ahead:
 1. Lots to do to get ready for fall. We will bring back as much of our Wednesday programming as possible.
 2. We will need to pay attention to continued needs for COVID-19 adaptation
 3. We also have a continued opportunity to offer more digital and online ministry. And our in-person stuff will look different, too. This pandemic has fast-forwarded church ministry by 10 years or more. Welcome to our brave new future! We can do this ... but we need leaders and workers!

Associate Pastor: *Pastor Megan Clapp*

- Off in June – grateful for her time away to complete projects and have renewal and refreshment
- Able to serve in July and grateful for those who helped her
- Fall- revisioning, what are the possibilities and what can we focus on as far as relationships with each other, Christ and our community
 - Milestone celebrations, women's discipleship, ect. will be restarting
- Pastoral Acts
 - July 30th officiated burial of Darold Stuewer
 - August 1st baptism for Jaxon Chounaird
- Partnering with United Way for their coat drive, barrels dropped off in September and will be distribution site in October
- Sunday Sept 12, Wednesday Sept 15, kick off for fall

- Maryann Hagen is the bookkeeper for backpacks for kids
 - Wadena State Bank hosts the fund – United Way donated \$10,000 through Immanuel to this program

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD:

Financial Secretary Report: *Betty White & Jane Bagstad*

Total of Sunday general offerings counted and deposited in June 2021: \$18,817.23. This does not include direct deposit offerings. Total of Sunday general offerings for June 2020 was \$20,563.53.

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Treasurers Report: *Tracy Church*

GENERAL FUND

Total General Contributions: June 2021	\$27,700.00
Total Expenses	\$34,665.00
General Fund Register: Balance as of 6/30/21	\$104,127.00

RESTRICED FUND

Register balance as of 6/30/21	\$49,746.00
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BUILDING FUND

Register balance as of 6/30/21	\$27,735.00
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GENERAL FUND

Total General Contributions: July 2021	\$21,360.00
Total Expenses	\$28,448.00
General Fund Register: Balance as of 7/31/21	\$96,494.00

RESTRICED FUND

Register balance as of 7/31/21	\$50,076.00
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BUILDING FUND

Register balance as of 7/31/21	\$28,489.00
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Finance Committee: *Kent Schmidt*

- Did Not Meet

OUR VISION AND MISSION - NEW BUSINESS

- Youth and Family Position -Jill has submitted her letter of resignation and will work with the reach program at the school
 - She will continue with us as the bookkeeper
 - Pastor Nate asked to hire her in an interim capacity to coordinate with youth gathering up to 10 hours -she is willing to do this
 - Pastor Nate proposed \$17-18 pay for the interim position
 - Hold off on Youth and Family position at this time – Pastor Nate can take the lead on some of this at this time

- The committee accepted Jill's resignation, a motion was made by Tom Kolden and seconded by Betty White. Motion carried.
- The committee extends an interim position to Jill through the end of July 2022 to assist with the Youth Gathering for 5-10 hours weekly at a rate of \$18. A motion is made by Sara Stone, this is seconded by Tracy Church. Motion carried.
- COVID plan for the fall: plan to move to as much of our normal scheduling and opportunities as able, just be prepared to act in response to COVID. Be supportive of our schools and our medical community.
- Pictorial directory – last time was a lot of work and time consuming. This will be revisited in the future.
- Visioning for the future: small or large groups, what is the heart and soul of our ministry, vision statements can be helpful. What is Immanuel Lutheran all about? The synod is focusing on vitality, how can we be a vital ministry.
- Diana Olson used to embroider the cross on the baptismal cloth – Audrey will make some at this time.
 - Committee homework: What are some of the ministry things we do that make you excited, what do people need to know about?

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm. A motion was made by Margie Anderson and seconded by Tracy Church. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Callahan
Secretary