

# Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Quarterly Voters Meeting

April 6, 2014

Chairman Kurt Meseke called the meeting to order. Pastor Frazee led those present in prayer and devotion.

Minutes from the January 12, 2014 voters meeting were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, seconded, and approved.

### Members:

Voting members:	None
Communicant members:	None
Transfers:	None
Releases:	None

### Treasure's Report:

The report was presented. No questions were asked of the treasurer. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded, and approved.

### Elders' Report:

- Have been meeting regularly with the pastor, and all is going well.
- The elders are worried that church attendance has been slipping. While the weather we have experienced this winter may account for some of the lower attendance, the elders asked pastor to reach out to members and non-members alike to join us.

### Pastor's Report :

- Pastor reported that he had recently added children's sermons, prayers for birthdays and anniversaries, making evangelism calls and letters, and offering adult catechesis. Although there have been a few hiccups along the way, these programs have gone well.
- Pastor, along with other members of the church, has been reaching out to absentee members and families that do not have a church home to invite them to return to the church.
- Catechism class is winding down, but will continue after summer break with the books and materials ordered this year.
- Pastor has purchased a video of the debate between Ken Ham and Bill Nye on creation versus evolution. He plans to offer showings of this debate at dates and times to be determined.

School Board: No report.

Junior Youth:

- Pastor reported that Junior Youth has not been active, but will be starting back up with an upcoming swimming party.
- LYF meetings are going well. The recent bingo night also went well. They will also work at the upcoming Easter breakfast.

Trustees' Report:

- A second water line break occurred in the church basement in February. Replaced all water lines with PVC and put in a new water heater.
- Loose siding on the church has also been a problem this winter. Thank you to Rick and Mathew Sasse and Denny Lange for working on the siding.

Sunday School:

- Attendance is down since Christmas. We are now averaging 3 or 4 students each week.
- We encourage parents to bring their children to Sunday School. Not only will they learn about our faith, but they will have a good time doing it.
- The Sunday School is still looking for a part time teacher for grades 1 and 2.
- There will be an Easter egg hunt at 9:00 on Easter morning.
- There will also be a song presented by the Sunday School students at the Easter service.

Bible Class:

- The study on Proverbs is continuing.
- Since we are approximately half way through Proverbs, a proposal to switch to a different lesson topic was presented, and we will return to the second half of Proverbs at a later date. A discussion will be held at Bible Class to determine what course the lessons will take.

Financial Reviewer:

- The books have been examined and all is well.

Finance Man:

- Everything is fine.

Sexton:

- At the last meeting we discussed the opening of the new section of the cemetery. Upon examining the space and making plans to proceed, it was determined that a ditch will need to be moved in order to keep the sections uniform. The Sexton, Trustees, and other church members will move the ditch this summer after weather conditions improve.

### Old Business:

- Pastor has been working closely with the district on the completion of the church constitution. Some revisions have been made to the constitution as requested by the district. A final draft will be reviewed by Pastor and Art Schukar to make sure all changes have been made correctly. It will then be submitted to the district for final approval.
- New landscaping for the cemetery will be completed. A design has been submitted for review. The Sexton and Trustees will proceed at their discretion on the project. A motion was made to approve this plan, seconded, and the motion carried.

### New Business:

#### Organ Repairs

A discussion was held on getting repairs done to the old organ prior to the upcoming church anniversary in 2017. An inquiry will be made to determine the cost of a repair/cleaning and a tune – up. After getting bids, a determination will be made on how to proceed with the project.

#### Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the second quarter:

- Mother's Day – Armed Forces

A motion was made to accept the special collections, seconded, and approved.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, seconded, and approved. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Steven R. Hickerson.