

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

April 12, 2015

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

Minutes from the January 11, 2015 voters meeting were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, seconded, and approved.

Members:

Voting members:

Clayton Gathe

Communicant members:

Brandi Cripe
Shawn Cripe
Macy Cripe
Dan McCaslin

Transfers:

Transfer out: None
Transfer in: Charles (Geno) Cearlock
Karen Cearlock

Releases: None

Treasure's Report:

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

Elders' Report:

- Everything is going well. There are no church issues to report.
- With the busy schedules of the pastor and the elders, it has been hard to maintain the normal meeting dates. However, meetings have been taking place at different times as schedules permit.

Pastor's Report :

- Pastor reported on baptisms, confirmations, and wedding counseling activity.
- Central Illinois District Conference will be coming up in July. Lee Schaal will serve as the layperson delegate for the church.
- Pastor will be on vacation June 27th through July 4th.
- A copy of this report is included with the minutes.

School Board: No report.

LYF:

- A movie night was held and well attended by the group.
- The Easter breakfast was well attended with approximately 60 people served. There was a great turnout by the youth, and they did a great job with serving and clean-up.
- The group also sold t-shirts during the Easter season, and that appears to be going well also.

Trustees' Report:

- The parts have been ordered to repair the heating and air conditioning unit for the pastor's office. Once the parts are in, the work will be completed by the contractor.

Sunday School:

- A few more kids have been attending, but still struggling with attendance. Everyone is encouraged to invite parents and grandparents to bring their children and grandchildren to Sunday School.
- The addition of a part time teacher helps tremendously.

Bible Class:

- The study titled "The Longer Look" continues. This lesson expands on the sermon text each week for a closer look at the scriptures and messages they contain. Classes are well attended and well received. All are encouraged to attend and learn more about the Bible and God's teachings.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton: No report.

Old Business:

- Pastor Wright of Altamont was elected as Circuit Visitor.
- A discussion on the repair of the church's pipe organ continued.
 - The Trustees contacted the repairman. Tyler Kruenegel made a report on the extent and estimated cost of the repairs. A clean-up and tune-up of the organ would cost approximately \$3400.
 - A discussion was held as to the timing of the work, what is involved in working on the organ, and what are the restraints on repairs should additional problems be found.
 - A decision on the repair of the organ has been tabled until the July meeting. The repairman will be invited to attend the meeting to discuss details of the repair and address any questions we may have on the project.

New Business:

Computer Software Upgrade:

The church currently uses a software program called Shepherd's Staff for keeping the church books and providing reports. The software has not been upgraded in 10 years. Scott Torbeck pointed out that the latest upgrade offered some great new features, and was being offered at a considerable discount.

Those new features include:

- An ability to set up automatic text messages and e-mails to church members that would like to get them. It would allow for messages to be sent automatically to members in the event that church is cancelled due to weather issues. It can also be used to remind members of upcoming meetings and events for the church. The use of cell phones and the elimination of land lines makes it hard to contact everyone in the event of a cancellation. This will be a better solution.
- The accounting and report software will also be improved over the existing system.

The software is being offered at a discounted price of \$375.00. A motion was made to purchase the software upgrade, seconded, and approved.

Church Directory:

A discussion was held about upgrading the church directory for the upcoming church anniversary in 2017. A similar discussion was held in 2013 without results. It was suggested that we contact an outside firm to put together a directory for us. The discussion was tabled until an outside firm can be contacted and details for the creation of a new directory can be determined.

Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the second quarter:

- Mother's Day Loose – Armed Forces Ministry

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.

Pastor's Report Spring 2015

Another year of the church well under way, Advent and Christmas, Epiphany, and Lent and Easter Day are now complete. During the course of these months, I had another adult instruction course and its confirmations, as well as the youth confirmation of one of our own and one from St. Peter school with the permission of Pastor Emrick.

Baptized

Baptized	Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Baptism Date	Age of Candidate	Sponsor(s)
Thacker Cripe	Shawn and Brandi Cripe	3/29/2015	Child	Susan Williams; Clayton and Brandi Gathe
Maddi Cripe	Shawn and Brandi Cripe	3/29/2015	Child	""
Macy Cripe	Shawn and Brandi Cripe	3/29/2015	Youth/Communicant	""

Confirmed

Confirmed	Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Confirmation Date	Age of Candidate	Verse
Alex Campbell*	N/A	12//2014	Adult/Communicant	Luke 11:9
Brandi Cripe	N/A	3/29/2015	Adult/Communicant	Psalm 117:2
Macy Cripe	Shawn and Brandi Cripe	3/29/2015	Youth/Communicant	Php 4:13
Shawn Cripe	N/A	3/29/2015	Adult/Communicant	Isaiah 44:6
Alex Gramlick	Kevin and Melissa Gramlick	3/29/2015	Youth/Communicant	Deut 4:2
Dan McCaslin	N/A	3/29/2015	Adult/Communicant	Joshua 24:15b
Claire Potthast*	N/A	12//2014	Adult/Communicant	Prov 3:5

*—Confirmed in 2014, but did not have confirmation verses included in my end-of-year report.

Wedding Couples 2015

Name/Order of coming to me	Intended Wedding Date	Prepare/Enrich Assess.	Counseling
Mark Meadows and Andrea Gathe-1	April 11	Finished Prep/Enrich	Finished
Josh Koonce and Rachel Kleinik-5	May 9	Finished Prep/Enrich	In Progress
Adam Tischhauser and Jamie Krueengel-3	May 30	Finished Prep/Enrich	Finished
Ty Meseke and Ashley Durbin-2	August 22	...	Not Begun
Ronald Rogers and Abby Hickerson-4	September 12	Finished Prep/Enrich	In Progress

The Lenten rotation series went well, looking at parables with a Lenten scope, and having different brothers from the circuit coming here to preach with my going to their churches.

This summer I plan to take a vacation from June 27 through July 4. Once I return is the District Convention in Springfield, IL, from July 5 through 7. Lee Schaal has agreed to be our layperson delegate.