

# Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Quarterly Voters Meeting

October 11, 2015

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

Minutes from the July 12, 2015 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:

Transfer out: Ryan and Claire Schaal transfer to Edwardsville

Motion was made to accept the transfer, seconded, and approved.

Transfer in: 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 as presented, seconded, and approved.

### Elders' Report:

- Everything is going well. There are no church issues to report.
- Continue to meet with the Pastor on a regular basis.

### Pastor's Report :

- Pastor asked for musically talented members to participate in the upcoming celebration of the Reformation.
- Youth catechism has begun studying the CPH's "100 Bible Stories" and have had several good discussions on the topics presented.
- Pastor reported that all five couples from Augsburg are now married.
- The latest adult instruction just concluded with a confirmation scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>.
- A copy of this report is included with the minutes.

School Board: No report.

### LYF:

- Resumed meetings in the fall with several activities planned.

### Trustees' Report:

- The fire extinguishers in the church, parish hall, and parsonage have been inspected and updated.

- Trustees budget \$135,000.00 for home and \$8,000.00 for the Synod was presented. A motion to accept the budget was made, seconded, and approved.
- The following bids were made:
  - Mowing the church property \$4,500.00 by Steve Lotz
  - Church preparation of communion ware, etc.\$3,100.00 by Allen Sasse
  - Church cleaning \$5,100.00 by Karen Torbeck
  - A motion was made to accept all bids, seconded, and approved.

#### Sunday School:

- Attendance is way down. All members are encouraged to bring the children in their life to Sunday School to learn the word of God.
- Planning for the Christmas program is beginning, but it is difficult with the low number of children available.

#### Bible Class:

- The study is on the book of Genesis, and will continue for several weeks. Classes are well attended and well received. There have been many interesting and informative discussions. All are encouraged to attend and learn more about the Bible and God's teachings.

Finance Man: No report.

#### Sexton:

- The cemetery expansion is completed, and many thanks to all who participated in the project, both for members of the congregation and for local businesses that donated time, equipment, and materials.

#### Old Business:

- Church Directory:
  - A vote was held following church services, and the directory project with Life Touch passed.
  - During the vote a call for volunteers to oversee the project was also requested. Several names were submitted, and the elders and pastor will follow up with these volunteers in the next couple of weeks.

#### New Business:

#### Elections:

Tellers appointed for the election were Lee Schaal, Allen Sasse, and Errol Rhodes. The results are as follows:

- Chairman: Curt Meseke (volunteer)
- Vice Chairman: Mo Schukar (volunteer)
- Secretary: Steve Hickerson (volunteer)
- Elder: Keith Ehrat
- Treasurer: Scott Torbeck (volunteer)
- Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Schukar (volunteer)
- Trustee: Clayton Gathe
- School Board: Mike Bauer

- Finance Man: Denny Schukar (volunteer)
- Financial Reviewer: Denny Lange (volunteer)
- Parish Hall Director: Allen Sasse (volunteer)

At the conclusion of the voting the tellers were thanked for their work. A motion was made to release the tellers, seconded and approved.

A motion was made to accept the new officers, seconded, and approved.

#### Pastor's Salary:

A proposal was made to follow district guidelines. The Pastor will receive an increase of \$3,235.38 for 2016. A motion was made to accept the proposal, seconded, and approved.

#### Church Pipe Organ:

- A donor has come forward to complete the cleaning and repair of the church's old organ. The donor will provide the funds not covered by the organ fund to refurbish the pipe organ. Since the funds in the organ fund were designated for that purpose, the Council has decided to allow the project to move forward with the donated funds.

#### Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the fourth quarter:

- Thanksgiving: Lutheran World Relief
- First Advent: Armed Forces Ministry
- Second Advent: Lighthouse Pregnancy Center
- Third Advent: LAMP Ministry
- Christmas Eve: Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL
- Candlelight Service: Lutheran Child and Family Services of IL
- Christmas Day: KFUE
- New Year's Eve: The Lutheran Hour

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.