

# Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Quarterly Voters Meeting

### January 10, 2016

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

Minutes from the October 11, 2015 voters meeting and the December 6, 2015 congregational meeting were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, seconded, and approved.

#### Members:

Voting members: Brian Walk

Motion was made to accept the new voting member, seconded, and approved.

Communicant members: None

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: None

Releases: None

#### Treasure's Report:

The annual report was presented. The annual review of the books was completed with no exceptions noted. 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 an "as needed" basis.

#### Pastor's Report :

- Pastor presented his annual report for 2015. The report includes baptisms, confirmations, funerals, membership changes, and weddings. A copy of this report is attached to the minutes.

School Board: No report.

#### LYF:

- The December Christmas party was well attended.
- The group is back on the monthly meeting scheduled.
- All events have been scheduled, including the upcoming game night on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Trustees' Report:

- The new furnace has been installed in the church office.
- No new projects to report at this time.

### Sunday School:

- Thank you to all of those involved in preparing and presenting the children's Christmas program. There were 21 kids involved in the Christmas program, but attendance has dropped back to its pre-Christmas level. All members are encouraged to bring the children in their life to Sunday School to learn the word of God.
- The Sunday school is seeking a volunteer from the congregation to serve as teacher for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades.
- Planning for the Easter egg hunt is underway.

### Bible Class:

- The study is on the book of Genesis, and will continue for several weeks. Classes are well attended and well received, but there is always room for more. 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:

- During the recent heavy rains, it has been observed that there are several low spots in the cemetery that collect water. A "work day" will be organized when the weather permits to repair these issues.
- A request has been made for the possibility of placing a sign at the cemetery identifying it as the Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery. The Sexton will follow up with this request and determine what options are available.

### Old Business:

#### Elections:

The Sunday School Superintendent's position could not be filled during the last election. Outside commitments made it impossible for Kevin Gramlick to serve in the position. Therefore, a new election was held. Rick Sasse, Mo Schukar, and Lee Schaal were appointed as tellers for the election.

- A vote was held electing Michael Sasse to the position. However, outside commitments also kept him from being able to accept the position.
- A motion was made to delay further voting on the position until the elders have a chance to determine who may be available to accept the position. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Rick Sasse volunteered to continue in the position until a replacement can be found.

## New Business:

### Member discussion:

The growing need for additional help in filling church officer positions prompted a discussion on possible solutions for the church to get more involvement from its members. The concept of voting member versus regular church member and the ability to hold an office within the church was discussed. Several ideas of how to get more involvement were discussed.

### School Board:

The school board was formed for the sole purpose of managing the affairs for the school formerly in Augsburg. Over the years the responsibilities of the school board have been reduced to helping with the church Christmas decoration and the preparation of the gift bags for the children at Christmas. Both of these tasks can be completed by church members without the designation of school board. The Sunday school will see that the gift bags of peanuts are prepared. Other members of the congregation will see to the Christmas tree set up and decoration.

Since the school has been closed for many years, and the tasks designated to that group can easily be absorbed by the congregation, a motion was made for the elimination of the offices of the school board.

The first of two votes was held, and the motion passed.

A second vote for the disbanding of the school board will be held at the next voter meeting.

A motion was made to release the tellers, seconded, and approved.

### Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the first quarter:

- Ash Wednesday – Fort Wayne Seminary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lenten – Bethesda
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Lenten – St. Louis Seminary
- 4<sup>th</sup> Lenten – Lighthouse Pregnancy Center
- 5<sup>th</sup> Lenten – Lutheran School for the Deaf, Jacksonville
- 6<sup>th</sup> Lenten – District Deaf Ministry
- Maundy Thursday – Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School

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.

Pastoral Council Report for 2015

*Attendance*

Lowest Sunday attendance: 60  
 Highest Sunday attendance: 170

Sunday Average: 94.5  
 Sunday Commune Ave: 74

*Baptized*

Baptized	Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Baptism Date	Baptismal Sponsors	Age of Candidate
Thacker Cripe	Shawn and Brandi Cripe	3/29/2015	Clayton and Brandi Gathe; Susan Williams	Youth
Maddi Cripe	""	""	""	""
Macy Cripe	""	""	""	Student
Dezi Pyle	Jeff Beckman	7/11/2015	Jeff, Aleia, and Alexis Beckman	Student

*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
Dezi Pyle	Jeff Beckman	7/12/2015	Adult/Communicant	Eph 4:4-5
Amanda Torbeck	N/A	10/18/2015	Adult/Communicant	Deut 31:6

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

*Funerals*

Wally Bertram, Norma Hamlin, Irene Reed, Albert Torbeck\*

\*—Pastor Doug Meyer officiated Albert's funeral as I was on vacation

*Releases*

N/A

*Transfers*

Ryan and Claire Schaal to Edwardsville

Ty Meseke (here from Holy Cross)

Jeff, Evonne, Zach, and Alli Stephenson to Salem

*Weddings*

Name/Order of coming to me	Wedding Date	Prepare/Enrich Assess.	Counseling
Mark and Andrea M.-1	April 11	Finished Prep/Enrich	Finished
Josh and Rachel K.-5	May 9	Finished Prep/Enrich	Finished
Adam and Jamie T.-3	May 30	Finished Prep/Enrich	Finished
Ty and Ashley M.-2	August 22	Finished Prep/Enrich	Finished
Ronald and Abby R.-4	September 12	Finished Prep/Enrich	Finished
Kyle and Betsey K.-6*	December 31	Finished Prep/Enrich	Finished

\*—These two are not members, but Betsey’s father and mother were married here, so, with Pastor Jerry Bagwell’s permission (her home pastor at Holy Cross, Vandalia), we had the ceremony here at Augsburg Immanuel. → I do not plan to make a habit of marrying during the holiday season—this was a unique circumstance as the pastor they hoped would do it could not.

*Other*