

# Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

## Quarterly Voters Meeting

October 9, 2016

Vice Chairman Mo Schukar called the meeting to order. Pastor Frazee led those present in prayer and devotion.

Minutes from the July 17, 2016 voters meeting were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes as read, seconded, and approved.

Lee Schaal, Albert Wefer, and Ron Harmeier were appointed as tellers for the election of church officers.

### Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members: Chris Craig, Perry Gentry, Mallory Koch, and  
Ashley Meseke (previous quarter)

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: None

Releases: None

### Treasurer's Report:

The quarterly 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
- Meeting regularly and on an "as needed" basis.

### Pastor's Report:

- It has been a busy summer at Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor presented a report about summer activities, baptisms, mid-week Bible studies, church directory, and the upcoming anniversary services and committee. A copy of the pastor's full report is included with these minutes.

### LYF:

- Youth meetings continue and all is going well.
- A lock-in is planned for the end of the month, with other youth activities in the planning stages. Check the weekly bulletin for future events.

### Trustees' Report:

- Sump pump repairs complete. The emergency or back-up pump hooked to the water supply has been rerouted through a new pipe so it can more easily be monitored. This should help us avoid any issues like we have had in the past.
- Fire extinguishers throughout the church, parish hall, and parsonage have all been checked and are up to date.
- No other new projects to report at this time.
- Operational bids:
  - Custodial: \$5,200.00 by Karen Torbeck
  - Church preparation for communion ware, etc. \$3,100.00 by Allen Sasse
  - Mowing: \$4,800.00 by Steve LutzA motion was made to accept all bids, seconded, and approved.
- Trustees' budget of \$140,000.00 for home and \$9,000.00 for the synod was presented. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented, seconded, and approved.

### Sunday School:

- The Sunday school continues to seek a volunteer or volunteers from the congregation to serve as teacher for grades 1-4 or 5-8. Many people have expressed interest, but are afraid that they can't meet the commitment of every Sunday. Please let us know if you are interested, even if work schedules keep you from attending every Sunday. Multiple volunteers would help relieve some of the load by allowing for coverage on Sundays when someone may not be available.
- Christmas program planning is well underway, and a big thank you to Rick Sasse for his continued involvement in this program.

### Bible Class:

- The study is on the book of Genesis continues. No matter how many times you have read Genesis, there is always more information and understanding of the word to be gained by looking at it again. All are encouraged to attend. Come join us in discovering the meaning of God's word and teachings.

Finance Man: No report.

### Sexton:

- A request was made for the placement of a cremation urn in an existing grave site in the cemetery. After group discussion, the Sexton determined there was no objection and will proceed with the urn placement.

Old Business: None

### New Business:

Elections:

- Chairman: Kurt Meseke
- Vice Chairman: Denny Lange

- Secretary: Steve Hickerson (volunteer)
- Elder: Rick Sasse
- Treasurer: Scott Torbeck (volunteer)
- Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Schukar (volunteer)
- Trustee: Mike Bauer
- Sunday School Superintendent: Bob Williams (2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2 year term)
- Assistant Sunday School Superintendent: Brian Walk
- Finance Man: Albert Weifer (volunteer)
- Financial Reviewer: Gene Schaal (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.

#### Reading of the Minutes:

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the previous quarterly meeting's minutes at the beginning of each voter's meeting. It was observed that the minutes are published each quarter in the church newsletter for all to review. If an error in the minutes is determined, it can be brought up for correction at the next meeting. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A suggestion was made that the publishing of the previous meeting minutes be included in the monthly newsletter just prior to the new meeting.

#### Pastor's Salary:

A proposal was made to follow district guidelines. The Pastor will receive an increase of \$1,880.00 for his 2017 salary. The Concordia Plan will raise approximately the same amount.. A motion was made to accept the proposal, seconded, and approved.

#### 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.