

# **Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church**

## **Quarterly Voters Meeting**

**April 23, 2017**

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

Minutes from the January 15, 2017 posted in the February newsletter. Those present were asked for changes or additions to the minutes as posted. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted, seconded, and approved.

### Members:

Voting members: None

Communicant members:

Transfers:

Transfer out: None

Transfer in: None

Releases: Clayton, Brandi, and Peyton Gathe

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

### 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:

- Meeting regularly to work through issues.
- Elders are worried about dropping attendance. The Lenten services were poorly attended.

### Pastor's Report:

- Pastor discussed shut-in visits and the fact that there are no confirmations set for this year. A copy of the pastor's full report included with these minutes.

### LYF:

- Continue to meet on a semi-regular basis.
- Easter breakfast went well, and thank you to all who contributed to its success.

### Trustees' Report:

- The donated carpet reported on at the last meeting turned out to not be large enough to be placed in the nursery. A donation has been made for new carpeting for the nursery, and the project will continue as discussed previously.
- A discussion about the need for the parsonage to be washed down to remove the mold from the exterior of the house was held. The trustees will follow up with this project.

### Sunday School:

- The Easter music program went well thank you to all of those people who helped.
- The Sunday school continues to look for help and children to attend. That being said, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who volunteered to serve as a substitute teacher. Our children appreciate it to – whether they realize yet or not. Someday this will be some of their fondest memories.

### Bible Class:

- Do you think we are spending a long time on Genesis? Well, we are because study of the scriptures leads to many questions and group discussions. All are informative and interesting, some are entertaining, but all help us learn God's word and what it means for us today. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Come join us in discovering the meaning of God's teachings.

Finance Man: No report.

### Sexton:

- Some cemetery maintenance is needed, mainly grade issues. We have some settling and standing water issues that need to be addressed.
- Also working on a solar light project for the cemetery flag pole.

### Old Business:

#### Organist:

At the last meeting, the elders discussed advertising for an organist for the church. There has been some success in that area. We will have a new organist the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in May. Hopefully that will lead to more coverage going forward, and to the possibility of other organists adding to our enjoyment of Sunday services.

#### Cemetery Sign:

A discussion was held at the previous meeting about the addition of a sign to the cemetery. Prices for several different styles of signs will be investigated and reported at the next meeting.

### New Business:

#### Tractor Sunday:

It was noted that RFD does a salute to country churches, and some rural churches has had what they call "tractor" Sunday. The farm members of the congregation drive their tractors to church to remind the community of the importance of agriculture in their lives, and to remind everyone about the importance of the church and its role in our lives.

The elders and the pastor coordinate to set a date for this event.

### American Bible Society

The society provides bibles for people around the world in 6000 different languages. They are recently waging a campaign to provide 150,000 bibles to China.

A motion was made to donate \$1000, seconded, and approved.

### Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the second quarter:

- Mother's Day – LWML Ministry
- Father's Day – 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 2017

He is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia! We wrapped up another rotation series for Lent with our Easter service, and ministry continues here at Augsburg.

I have continued visiting our shut-ins and those who have had surgeries; and I have also added another chapel service to the third Wednesday of the month at Long Term Care at Fayette County Hospital. Youth catechism has wrapped up for the year, and we are looking forward to our annual movie day, which we'll have at the end of the month. A couple of regular visitors have shown interest in an adult instruction course from time to time and I am hoping to have one for them this summer.

At our last meeting, the elders and I discussed making use of a new service or two, and I have begun looking into possibilities. We also had a visitor to that meeting who had requested a "Tractor Sunday." After talking to the Anniversary Service Committee and then the elders, we feel we should not have such a service right next to our anniversary service so that neither one would be less well attended. I also talked with the elders about my next vacations, and will be using my two full vacation weeks on and following my wedding on July 1<sup>st</sup>. I will have guest preachers and emergency contacts for you well in advance of my taking them.

LYF: Meetings have continued on a semi-regular basis. The Easter morning breakfast seems to have gone well.