

Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church

Quarterly Voters Meeting

July 29, 2018

Chairman Mo Schukar called the meeting to order. Pastor Frazee led all present in prayer.

Minutes from the April 22, 2018 voters meeting were printed in the church newsletter. There was no further discussion of the previous minutes. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted, seconded, and approved.

Members:

Voting members: None
Communicant members: None
Transfers:
 Transfer out: None
 Transfer in: None
Releases: None

Treasurer's Report:

The quarterly report was presented. A motion was made to accept the report as presented, seconded, and approved.

Elders' Report:

Continue to meet with pastor on a monthly basis. These meetings continue to focus on visits to unfaithful church members, and the pastor's need to develop personal relationship with all members.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor has been reaching out to those who have not been attending church, and has been leaving his calling card behind for those that he does not catch at home. He has also implemented a birthday and anniversary card mailing campaign to all members of the church.

A copy of the pastor's full report is included with these minutes.

LYF:

The group is on summer break.

Trustees' Report:

- Loose and missing wallpaper in the parsonage needs to be addressed. No bids have been presented at this time. We are still searching for someone to take care of these repairs.
- We are also experiencing issues with the air conditioning in the parish hall. The following bids were obtained for the repair or replacement of the unit: Hunters --

\$2800.00, Culbertson – 4700.00, and Stombaugh -- \$2300.00. The council recommended taking the lowest bid, and a motion was made to accept the bid from Stombaugh, seconded, and approved.

Sunday School:

We still need volunteers to help with teaching at all levels. If you are interested in working with the children, and helping them learn the faith, please contact the pastor or Bob Williams.

Vacation Bible School just concluded and was a big success. Fifty kids of ages ranging from two years to high school attended. The children seemed to enjoy all aspects of program, but especially enjoyed the crafts they created. The closing on Friday night was well attended.

The individuals who contributed to the success of this year's VBS are too numerous to mention. Thanks to everyone who helped with teaching, music, crafts, meals, and all aspects of working with the children. Thank you to Salem Lutheran Church for the donation of the decorations. A big thank you to the Gramlick family for their efforts and organization of the event.

Bible Class:

We continue with our lesson and discussion on the Augsburg Confession and the Lutheran Doctrine. Come and learn the church stance on the Bible and the word of God, and we believe and do what we do.

Finance Man: No report.

Sexton:

Ready for the installation of the newly ordered church cemetery sign.

Old Business:

Cemetery Sign

The sign has been ordered from Old Capital Monument in Vandalia.

Tractor Sunday

Flyers have gone out, and the event is scheduled for August 5th.

Centennial Celebration

The 100th anniversary celebration for the church building was a great success. The dinner, speakers and program, and special service were all well attended. A big thank you to the celebration committee, the choir, the ladies' aid, and to all that were involved in any way for making this the success it was. Without your help, these things wouldn't happen.

There are still books available on the history of the church and the Augsburg community. The book is very interesting. They are \$15.00 each. Please contact the church or committee members to purchase a copy.

New Business:

Playground Equipment

It was mentioned that the playground equipment in the church yard is dangerous and out-of-date. It needs to come down before someone gets hurt. The trustees will follow up on the removal of the old equipment.

It was also suggested that we consider replacing the equipment. This was tabled for discussion at the next council meeting.

District Help

Pastor presented a program by which the president of the church district could be utilized for guidance in reaching out to and perhaps visiting church members. Also in providing guidance to the church as a whole. It was stated that the district office requires a resolution be passed by the church voters requesting this form of assistance.

A discussion was held concerning this request and the nature of assistance being offered by the district. There was some confusion about what this offer was. Several church members expressed concern as to why the district would need a resolution to be passed in order to provide the church with assistance and guidance.

A motion was made for the elders of the church to discuss this further with pastor and decide if it is in the best interest of the church to proceed with this type of program. The motion was seconded and approved.

Special Collections:

No special collections for the third quarter.

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 Summer 2018

Transfers In: N/A

Transfers Out: N/A

Releases: N/A

“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south...Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord (Psalm 107:1-3, 43).” The Lord continues to bless His redeemed even as He works here at Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church.

In reaching out to those who haven't been attending regularly, I have begun sending out birthday and anniversary cards. Additionally, I have begun doing some in-person visits. Those I miss, I leave a note in the door which says “Sorry I missed you. –Pastor Josh 618-846-8282”. Speaking to the District President, he has offered to help but desires that the Voters' Assembly approve his coming to help. Please vote that I may ask for his assistance if I need it.

In May I married Jake and Whitney Roberts.

Reporting back from Conference, the event went mainly smoothly. District President Mark Miller was re-elected to the district president position. Pastor Mark Eddy and Pastor Rick Milas became the Vice-President and second Vice President respectively.

Last weekend we had our church building's hundredth anniversary celebration. It was well attended. Pastor Bruce Milash was our guest preacher; and he spoke a good sermon reminding us of past events, but also how God's Word will never change, even as it continues to be preached here at Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Doug Meyer, our guest liturgist, had to send his apologies as his daughter was going to have brain surgery the next day. I filled in in his place. A choir with members from Salem, St. Paul, St. Peter, and Augsburg sang for our service, under the direction of Lucretia Schroeder, who was filling in for Mrs. Marilyn Meyer. Niemergs catered the meal; and David Knecht spoke to us about anecdotes from the history of our congregation and interesting statistics about our church building. Thanks again to everyone involved and all who prayed, donated, or otherwise assisted in making this service and event go well!!!