

**Augsburg Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
**Quarterly Voters Meeting**  
**October 21, 2018**

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

Minutes from the July 29, 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.

Tellers were appointed for the election of church officers. Tellers were Gene Schaal, Doug Stein, and Caryl Hickerson.

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 disturbing fact was noted that the church is on pace to lose \$##,###.00 this year. At this pace, we will be in a deficit situation by the end of 2019. A motion was made to accept the report as presented, seconded, and approved.

Elders' Report:

Continue to meet with pastor on a monthly basis. Members are encouraged to contact the elders with questions they may have regarding the church.

Elders received a request from the Lutheran Care Center for the purchase of wall recliners. Many church members have been and are residents of the facility. A motion was made to hold a voluntary door collection to raise funds to help in the purchase of recliners. The motion was seconded and approved.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor reported on many church activities over the last quarter. Of note, we had 51 students in attendance for VBS this year. More recently, we collected funds for Kim Mulvaney and her family in their time of need in the amount of \$###.00.

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

### LYF:

The group has been challenged with setting up meeting times that do not conflict with school activities. However, they do have several activities planned for later this quarter.

### Trustees' Report:

Trustees received bids for church maintenance for 2019. The bids did not change from the 2018 amounts, and they were as follows:

- Custodian – Karen Torbeck \$#,###.00
- Church Prep – Karen Torbeck \$#,###.00
- Mowing & Snow removal (sidewalks) – Steve Lotz \$#,###.00

A motion was made to accept the bids as presented, seconded, and approved.

An annual budget for the church was also presented for 2019. It was the same as the 2018 budget, and is as follows:

- Home \$###,###.00
- Synod \$##,###.00

A motion was made to accept the budget as presented, seconded, and approved.

### Sunday School:

Sunday school is going well, but more students and teachers are always welcome.

### Bible Class:

Bible class has started a new lesson program about the intersection of church and state. Attendance has been running between 8 and 12 members, but there is room for more. All are encouraged to attend.

Finance Man: No report.

### Sexton:

The new church sign has been installed at the cemetery. The Sexton wanted to thank Steve Hickerson for all his work in obtaining the monument that adds to our cemetery.

Water and sinking issues have been noted at the west end of the center section of the cemetery. A bid was obtained from Trent Smith for the installation of a small culvert under the drive to allow for the drainage of that area. It also calls for placing and leveling several loads of soil in that area to correct the low spot. A motion was made to accept the bid for \$1,700.00, seconded, and approved.

### Old Business:

No old business reported.

### New Business:

Military Bible sticks

As in years past, the church has been asked to contribute to the purchase of Bible sticks to be provided to our military personnel throughout the world. The donated funds will be matched by another donor if we schedule our collection on a military holiday. A motion was made to have a special door offering on November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran’s Day – to take advantage of the matching funds, seconded, and approved.

#### Elections:

- Chairman: Mo Schukar
- Vice Chairman: Denny Lange
- Secretary: Steve Hickerson (volunteer)
- Elder: David Wasmuth
- Treasurer: Scott Torbeck (volunteer)
- Assistant Treasurer: Jerry Schukar (volunteer)
- Trustee: Mo Schukar (volunteer)
- Finance Man: Denny Schukar (volunteer)
- Financial Reviewer: David Kruenegel (outgoing elder volunteer)
- Parish Hall Director: Scott and Karen Torbeck (volunteer)

A standing motion was made to accept the voting results and the new officers.

#### Special Collections:

The following special collections were submitted for the fourth quarter:

- Thanksgiving: Lutheran World Relief
- First Advent: Haitian Feeding Program
- 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.

#### Pastor’s Salary:

After considering the current state of church finances, and discussing district guidelines for salary, Concordia Plan insurance and retirement funding, a motion was made to maintain the Pastor’s current salary level while continuing to maintain the funding of the Concordia Plan. The motion was seconded, and a written vote was taken. The motion passed.

The election tellers were released and thanked for their service.

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 Autumn 2018

No transfers In/Out

No releases

“1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent’ [Matt. 4:17], he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance (Luther’s Ninety Five Theses).” This month we celebrate the posting of this and the other ninety-four theses on a door setting up Luther’s path to reforming the Church. Luther would be excommunicated from the Catholic Church, be forced into hiding, and was almost killed for standing on the Scriptures. May God grant such conviction to us as we continue to proclaim God’s Word which is all about Jesus, our Savior from sin.

Youth catechism has begun again; and I am lining up another section of adult catechism (Lutheranism 101) in November.

Since our summer meeting, VBS was held. Over thirty children were present to hear the Gospel and receive glow-in-the-dark t-shirts to remember their time at TimeLab.

The LWML Rally was a success, with a presentation by David and Sharon Reed being well-received. Pastor Wright and I led closing and opening devotions, and Pastor Michael Mohr led us in Bible Study.

The latest project of the Elders and I was to leave cards in the narthex for Pastor Doug Meyer’s daughter, Kim Mulvaney, and her family, as she is going through a trying time, and for Pastor Doug Meyer and his family as well. A helpful amount was collected through a free-will offering over the weeks we had it available. (For further information, see the Elders’ report.)

New Business: Children of Haiti project by St. John’s Effingham

Military Bible Stick again

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- We are averaging 12K requests a month from Chaplains
- 11% to 14% is the annual rate of attrition of our active duty military. (That’s 198,000-252,000 service members entering and leaving the military each year)
- This is our newest video: **[God’s Word Changing Lives \(3:45\)](#) (*let me know if you want the dvd*)**
- Our focus for September is “Honoring our fallen by reaching the living” Patriot Day 9-11
- Bulletin inserts can be found here: [Resources](#)

\$25/Military Bible Stick

LCC Recliners—See info in Narthex