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OUR COUNCIL

Herb Bose, Council Chairman Claudet Wege, Council Secretary Terry Ebberson, Treasurer
Dallas Graham, Vice-Chairman Sheri Krei, Financial Secretary
Claude Hofeldt, Alisha Stone, Jeff Hansen, Heather Loberg

FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD



³I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, *for all of you share in God's grace* with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

-Philippians 1:3-7

Can you believe it's been almost a year since my arrival?! I officially began my ministry at Immanuel on March 30, 2016. Words fail me to describe how blessed we feel to be a part of this community. Your love and hospitality has been and is still overwhelming! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Later this month, Council will meet in retreat at Immanuel to begin planning for the future of our congregation. That is to say that we will brainstorm ideas of how we can BE the church in our little corner of the world. You already had some of this going on when I arrived. Christians Caring operates a food bank from our building and people in Coleridge benefit from the love and concern of all three community congregations.

D.A.W.G. has begun anew on the first Wednesday of each month. This is an opportunity for the children of our community—regardless of denominational background—to learn of the love and compassion of our Lord. Further they will continue to get ample opportunities to live out that love into the community at large.

We have opened a “Coat Closet” at Immanuel. The response of donations has been magnanimous! Not only are we receiving winter coats, but folks are donating gently used clothing and shoes to help the less fortunate. Please share this information with everyone you meet so that the generosity does not die on our basement. All donated items should be given to folks in need.

“God’s Work, Our Hands” was a hugely successful event in September, as we gathered to honor the First Responders from the “Big 9.” Robert Colwell headed that up in 2016 and I have already passed that baton to him for 2017. This year’s GWOH Sunday will be September 10, 2017. Save the date!

Evangelism and Luther League have done and continue to do a great job in organizing and producing great events centered around food and fellowship. The community at large really seems to enjoy these events!

With all that said, if you have ideas for other ways to BE church in the community, please let me or any one of the Council members hear your idea(s). Again, please know that I am grateful to be a part of such a wonderful ministry! God is with us and God is calling us to “be the church.”

-Pr. Russ+

March special dates:

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017
World Day of Prayer, March 3, 2017
Girl Scout Sunday, March 12 2017



Daylight-Saving Time Begins, March 12, 2017
First day of Spring, March 20, 2016



ELCA World Hunger's
40 DAYS *of Giving*



ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving is a special opportunity for us to come together to lift up the church's hunger and poverty ministry during Lent. As we embark on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, what better time to reflect on the power of God's suffering, self-giving love that transforms and challenges each of us?

During the season of Lent, we will make connections between faith, worship and justice – central teachings of Martin Luther. Through ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving, we invite you and your congregation to pray, act and hope that through economic life and justice there truly will be sufficient, sustainable livelihood for all.

ELCA World Hunger

Working with and through our congregations in the U.S., Lutheran churches around the world, and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

Questions? Contact us directly by ELCA World Hunger, hunger@elca.org or by phone at 800-638-3522, ext. 2616.



Immanuel Lutheran Church Legal Council Meeting February 20, 2017 @ 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by Claudet Wege, Council Secretary, pending approval @ the March Council Meeting

Those present: Pastor Russell Lambert, Chairman Herb Bose, Dallas Graham, Claude Hofeldt, Alisha Stone, Sheri Krei, Heather Loberg, Jeff Hansen, Claudet Wege & guest, Angie Hall.

Chairman Herb brought the meeting to order.

Pastor Russ led the group with devotions & prayer by reading & elaborating on the message from First Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23.

Secretary's Minutes: MSC to approve the minutes as read which included corrections: #1) Alisha is taking the class to become an EMT, but right now a student doing ride-a-longs. #2) Elroy & Carol Hefners's original tech. donation was specifically for a system to video tape church services.

Treasurer's Report: MSC to accept the treasurer's report as submitted.

Property Committee:

- Parsonage garage door has been replaced.
- Siding strip is missing off the East side of the new part of the church - Kevin Krei will repair.
- Cemetery trees - Received estimate from Kyle Hochstein from Hartington Tree LCC to remove eleven trees at a cost of \$1,315.00. This will leave three trees remaining. MSC to accept the estimate presented from Hartington Tree LCC.
- Two loads of rock needed to be placed on the cemetery drive ways at a cost of \$1,400.00 - estimated. MSC to approve the rock placement on the cemetery driveways.

ILCW: The stewardship quilt group will now be meeting on the monthly Monday evenings only & discontinuing meeting on the following Tuesday mornings.

Evangelism Committee: Proceeds from the "Tators for Tuckpoint" totaled \$2,061.00.

Chairman's Report:

- Constitution booklet needs to be updated to include changes.
- Sharing ministry - further discussion
- Ash Wednesday/Lenten Services - Booklets ordered for the evening prayer services - cost of \$150.00 including shipping.
- Pastor retreat June 19 - 29th @ Allen's Park, Colorado.
- More discussion on the tech. plans.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor presented a written report that included visitations, community, congregation, & upcoming events.
- Pastor would like to have a retreat for Council here at ILC on March 18th or 25th from 9:00 A.M. till 3:30 P.M. His plan is that Assistant Bishop Gary Panko would do a morning workshop & the afternoon will be spent in future planning for the church.

Old Business:

- Altar Guild - requested permission from Council to proceed with the parament altering. MSC to have Diane Gubbles alter the green & white altar paraments (remove the gold trim & hem) & to make new purple pulpit & lectern paraments in the slim design.


New Business:

- Craig Stirty from Lutheran Planning Giving & Ron Brodersen will be visiting with the Endowment Committee & Council to learn ways of growing.
- Reviewed the 2017 Committee List.
- Reviewed the Immanuel Lutheran Church Wish List.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:05 P.M. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. **Next meeting will be Monday, March 20, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.**

Reminder: Summer mowing bids are due to the council by the March 20th meeting.

March Circle News



Grace Circle will meet March 14th, the second Tuesday of the month, at 1:30 PM at the church.
Bible Study: Pastor Russell Lambert
Hostess: Shirley Papenhausen
Serve Lenten Coffee: March 1st, March 22nd

Peace Circle will meet March 8th, the second Wednesday of the month, at 1:30 PM at The Embers.
Bible Study: Pastor Russell Lambert
Hostess: Becky Graham
Serve Lenten Coffee: March 8th, March 22nd

Stewardship project for January will be Orphan Grain Train- Monetary.

Prayer Concerns:

Mary Jo Hansen, Lois Brummels, Carol Rae Hefner, Beverly Brodersen, Earl Hansen, Keith Goldfuss, Dora Hansen, Dave Nasland, Charles Rygiel, Myrna Collins, Gloria Brummels, Ashley Lynn Schmit, Jackson Graham, Virginia Avenell, Norma Janssen, Diane Frerichs, Orlyn Frerichs, Trevor Hallman, Trent Luebberstedt, and Janet Meyer, as they are dealing with health concerns.



The Luther League would like to thank everyone who supported the Shrove Tuesday Soup Supper. We extend our thanks to everyone who helped in any way – you know who you are! Thank you to those of you who came and shared in fellowship, those who helped to prepare and serve the food, those who donated items for the supper.

Thank you all for your generosity and for supporting the Luther League as they are make their plans for the year to come.

Community Lenten Breakfast

Immanuel will host a Lenten Breakfast on Wednesday, March 15th, from 6:00 – 7:00 AM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. We will have a short devotional, with lots of time for fellowship and sharing. Please mark it on your calendars to come and join us!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March 3 Brayden Hansen
March 4 Matthew Hetrick
March 4 Zackery Krei
March 5 Scott Gray
March 6 Mike Heithold
March 6 Kelsey Papenhausen
March 7 Lilyan Fox
March 8 Darrell Benson
March 8 Doug Hahne
March 11 Jonathan Hefner
March 11 Matthew Dunn
March 11 Sean Dunn
March 15 Shannon Hansen
March 18 Herb Bose
March 19 Kelly Jordan

March 19 Ronald Nelson
March 19 Jackson Hall
March 20 Michael Wolfe
March 21 Craig Ebberson
March 22 Ron Stone
March 23 Tonya Heithold
March 23 Brady Heitman
March 29 Lori Arduser
March 29 Annie Munter
March 30 Linda Fox

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

March 24 Randy & Lisa Papenhausen

If your name was omitted or a correction needs to be made in this list of birthdays and anniversaries, please contact the church office at 283-4361.



Memorials / Wish List (approved by council)

- Aluminum Step Ladder, (10 to 12 ft) (replace old one from garage)
- Ikey digital recorder (replace cassette recorder used to tape services) (\$250.00 est)
- Banners-confirmation, funeral, Easter, etc...
- Stands for special banners
- Desk for Video Equipment
- Roaster (three would be appreciated)
- 100 Cup Coffee Pot

Donations Needed:

- Sound Visual Recording System [in progress donations needed] ...memorial can be specified for this and it would be deposited and earmarked for this until we had enough money. This would be for taping weddings, funerals, special events, or regular services, etc. George R. Hefner was asked about this at the time and should be able to give more info.
- Organ
- Furnace
- Fuse Panels

Included in this newsletter: Annual Usher Schedule Special notes about this year's schedule:

The past/future confirmed students have been added to the schedule in the parenthesis behind their parents time of serving. It is encouraged to have these students help you, as they will be implemented into next year's schedule as themselves.