

**IMMANUEL LUTHERN CHURCH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021**

**PRESENT MEMBERS:** Amy Greenwaldt, Stacey, Callahan, Tracy Church, Betty White, Jane Bagstad, Stephanie Drange, Kent Schmidt, Mandy Gallant

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Pastor Megan Clapp, Sara Stone, Robby Grendahl, Margie Anderson, Cody Yglesias, Tom Kolden

**PRESENT EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Pastor Nate Loer, Diane Teigland

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:** President Amy Greenwaldt

7:33 pm Lighting of the Christ Candle

**Meeting's Devotion:** Given by Jane Bagstad – The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett - Wisdom belongs to the aged. Share experiences of faith with those older in our life/congregation and honor them.

**Next Month's Devotions:** Tracy Church on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30 pm in the Friendship room

**What's on your heart and mind?**

Minutes from the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting accepted with the addition of the Sunday general offerings 2020 amount being \$33,362.08. A motion was made by Tracy Church and seconded by Mandy Gallant. Motion carried.

**KYRIES AND GLORIAS:**

**Committee Reports**

**Congregational Life:** *Stephanie Drange*

- Met on 6/8/21
  - Peggy Larson wants to be invited to both Congregational Life and Outreach
    - Steph to reach out
  - Peggy needs assistance with the community dinners (4 times per year)
    - August is the next dinner
  - Outreach and Congregational Life
    - Follow up meeting for projects
    - Will discuss with Megan in August
    - Food insecurity/food shelf discussion
  - Sundays
    - going well serving coffee and treats (9:30)
    - Average 24 treats every week
    - Diane is currently serving- Sue and Jane will start helping
  - Fall 2021 events:
    1. Rally Sunday- to be determined
    2. Congregational Fall Events
      - August 31st 5:30 Sunnybrook Park, Biking, Games, Light dinner ALL are welcome- bike route leave at 6:30) (food at 6:00).
      - MAYBE: October- Pumpkin Patch- Chat with Megan about a Wednesday night.
    3. Neighborhood Picnic- not at this time
  - GOAL: Less is more in terms of events throughout the year. Focus on including as many people as possible with one event each season
- Will meet again 8/17/21

**Outreach Evangelism:** *Sara Stone*

- Met on 5/18/21
  - We talked about our focus on food insecurity and recruiting volunteers for our committee and other tasks.
  - The group was assigned the task of finding a team leader for the Greeters ministry team.
  - We also talked a lot about the food shelf and wondered how it was used, who was stopping in, what the procedure was for receiving food, the atmosphere, etc. Sara is going to do some investigating and report back at the July meeting.

**Parish Education:** *Margie Anderson*

- Did Not Meet

**Property Management:** *Cody Yglesias*

- Did Not Meet
  - Water leak fixed downstairs, minimal water damage in preschool room
  - Replacement of stools in bathroom upstairs
  - Waiting on bids for outdoor fix ups

**Worship and Music:** *Tom Kolden*

- Did Not Meet

**Youth Leadership:** *Mandy Gallant*

- Did Not Meet
  - Will meet again in the fall

**Other Reports****Immanuel Church Women:** *Diane Teigland*

- Quilting – taking the summer off
- Able to serve the lunch for Diana Olson's funeral
- Donated: 44 health care kits, 100 quilts, 52 baby kits
- Northwest synod women will have an in person convention in Moorhead this fall

**Lead Pastor:** *Pastor Nate Loer*

- May/Early June Highlights
  1. Protocols keep changing rapidly with COVID-19. And we keep adapting. Currently, we have removed all our distancing measures and tried no masks 100% this past Sunday. Worked fine.
  2. Graduate Sunday here May 16. Had 5 of our 7 seniors participate. Very meaningful
  3. I participated in Baccalaureate at WDC on Wednesday, May 26. Went well. We had 3 students participate
  4. Summer worship sees about 35-40 people per service per Sunday, including those new to Immanuel. It would be great to see more council members there now that things have opened up.
  5. Pastoral Acts
    - May 29 – Baptism of Callen Daniel Bratton, Ayven Everett Bratton (sons of Josh & Tamara Bratton) and Lincoln Thomas Bratton (son of Will & Christina Bratton)
    - June 7 – Funeral for Diana Olson

- Looking Ahead:
  1. June 15 @ 11am funeral for Dennis Peterson
  2. Looking forward to some much-needed time off next month. I am currently doing a lot of the volunteer coordinating. I need others to step up for July ... and beyond

**Associate Pastor:** *Pastor Megan Clapp*

- Off this Month

**OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD:**

**Financial Secretary Report:** *Betty White & Jane Bagstad*

Total of Sunday general offerings counted and deposited in May 2021: \$36,892.58. This does not include direct deposit offerings. Total of Sunday general offerings for May 2020 was \$28,208.91.

**Treasurers Report:** *Tracy Church*

**GENERAL FUND**

<b>Total General Contributions:</b> May 2021 .....	\$41,965.00
<b>Total Expenses</b> .....	\$28,382.00
<b>General Fund Register:</b> Balance as of 5/31/21 .....	\$110,284.00

**RESTRICTED FUND**

Register balance as of 04/30/21 .....	\$48,257.00
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**BUILDING FUND**

Register balance as of 04/30/21 .....	\$27,454.00
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**Finance Committee:** *Kent Schmidt*

- Did Not Meet

**OUR VISION AND MISSION - NEW BUSINESS**

- Worship Volunteers
  - Committee chairs can be looking for volunteers: ushers and lectors will be needed more soon
- COVID protocols: Pastor Nate proposes to suspend COVID protocols at this time.
- Synod assembly
  - Bryan and Amy Greenwaldt, Pastor Nate, Pastor Megan and Eric Clapp, Robby Grendahl all attended the synod assembly May 21-22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Heard from Bishop, had worship, Eric Clapp introduced main speaker
      - Spoke on diversity and current day issues. Also, bible study on Acts, the early church a time of excitement but vulnerability
      - Audrey elected to 3 year term on Synod Council, Detroit lakes conference
      - Budget was passed
      - Passed that pastors are going to have 6 hours of anti-racism training every 3 years
      - Boundaries training is require from synod or something approved by Bishop
      - Passed the strategic plan for the synod – vitality – how might congregations remain vital – how do we help congregations do that, many great resources available with this
      - Expanded synod council to include underrepresented populations

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm with the Lord’s Prayer. A motion was made by Kent Schmidt and seconded by Stephanie Drange. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacey Callahan  
Secretary