

Immanuel Lutheran Church Congregational Meeting - June 9, 201

An Immanuel Lutheran Congregational Meeting was held on June 9, 2013.

Present were: Pastor Hoover, Ed Thomas, Mike Murray, Annie Bordner, Arland and Starr Nelson, Bruce Wilson, Larry and Mary Rennels, Doug Meyer, Carol Oetting, Bob Oetting, Terry Baker, Joann Meyer, Judy Baker, Martha Hackler, Laura Severson, Emma Hackler, Eric and Melinda Mueller, Ed and Carla Thomas, Kelly Morecraft, Paul Strand, Matthew Rose, Greg Witto, Glenn Lyons, Michelle Hoover, Lois Lyons, Doug Abolt, Julie Stranz, Brenda Page, Roger Page, Jim Waldrip, Kristin Walker, Ed Thomas, Mike Murray, Sara Coverstone, Patti Heinold, Barb Nordin, Joelyn Akers, Tom Akers, Libby Murray.

Pastor Hoover opened the meeting with a presentation about implementing a program of **Family Friendly Ministry** at Immanuel.. Immanuel has a unique ministry makeup, consisting of:

1. Immanuel Lutheran Church, a member of the Central Illinois District, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, was formed in 1926
2. Immanuel Lutheran Campus Ministry has also been active for 87 years, in partnership with the Central Illinois District. Greg Witto is Director of Campus Ministry and has served Immanuel and ILCM for 19 years and has a large number of students who are active in campus ministry programs at Immanuel, and
3. The Immanuel Lutheran Church Early Childhood Center began in 1962, and has grown from 35 participants to 115 participants currently. The ILECC has a full-time director and 15 staff members, and has a long reputation of quality and high standards.

Family Friendly Ministry incorporates a future plan for growth of our church and is based upon the core values we hold. Family Friendly Ministry is scripture based, mission minded and compassion driven. **Family Friendly Ministry** is based upon home and family relationships. The most powerful force for the church is the home, which is why we are moving into **Family Friendly Ministry** at Immanuel.

Pastor presented the following vision of how **Family Friendly Ministry** can be incorporated into Immanuel's Mission of Touching Hearts and Changing Lives with Jesus at Immanuel:

1. Heart - A faith celebration connecting individuals to God's Word and Sacrament;
2. Head - Faith formation and discipleship training for the home;
3. Hands - Faith expressed in directing spiritually meaningful fellowship activities that enable families to put their faith in action and witness.

Ed Thomas presented the **Projected Year-end Budget for July 1st to June 30, 2013 and the Projected Budget for July 1st to June 30, 2014.**

Ed stated that a deficit had been originally projected for the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013; however, Pastor, the Board, and church staff examined the line items in the budget and gathered up all monies available to the church. Families members were contacted regarding monies in memorials that had not been designated for a certain purpose prior to moving these monies, which will be used to cover the deficit this year and next year. The line item New Ministry Funding is the line item into which these monies were moved.

The line item misc. gov. tax consists of monies received from a rebate from the government for non for profits corporations who pay for health insurance for their employees. Monies were received from the rebate this year and will be received next year.

Ed encouraged members to plan their giving. Mike M. stated that if we do what we love the money will follow. Ed commented that the younger the kids are the less hesitant they are to spread the word.

Ed also stated that offerings are up \$1000.00 a month, and that we started seeing this trend 1 ½ years ago. A suggestion was made that the program "Simply Giving", in which members can tithe by having monies

automatically withdrawn from their checking account, be more heavily advertised. Only 5% of church members are currently enrolled in this program.

The 2013-2014 budget includes a projected \$5400.00 for missionary support. This is to support Pastor Oliver's overseas ministry. We are hoping that members of the congregation will give to support this ministry. A reminder will be sent to members who have pledged \$120.00 per year for missionary support.

A motion was made to approve the 2013-2014 budget, and seconded. Additional comments were made regarding "renew, respond, rejoice" - a program implemented to generate income for the remodeling done several years ago - however, nothing has been received from this program this year. It was pointed out that \$10,000.00 had been paid toward the principal due on our mortgage this year from the tax rebate monies received this year. The proposed 2013-2014 budget was approved.

Judy Livesay, Secretary