

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council January 23, 2024

Council Members present: Pastor Jamie Brieske, Becky Carter, Lang Jacobson, Bill Schwengel, Sue Waits, Jennifer Dean, Dave Schaffer, Ryan Stilp

Absent: Sandra LaValley, Becky Ivey

Guests: Casper Haas, Pastor Michael Rehak

Gathering and Devotion

Bill gave devotion – Jesus on the road to Emmaus

Thank you notes

Sue Luthy gave the council a thank you note expressing gratitude. Pastor Nate and Michael Rehak for leading the service while pastor was gone.

Introduction-Caring Ministry

Pastor Michael Rehak introduced himself to Council as Caring Ministry Coordinator. Excited to support our shared ministry.

Minutes

December minutes approved via email.

New Business

Annual Meeting - Feb. 4th. Becky Ivey will lead.

Devotion and Offering Counter – David agreed to do devotion and counter for February.

Soup Supper for Lent - Council will provide soup supper March 6th.

Council discussed Sunday Worship start time. Prior to COVID Sunday worship started at 930. There are congregation members who may attend worship more regularly if the start time was later. Challenges with moving to a later start time would include moving Sunday School which has grown substantially recently

Old Business

2024 budget - Casper Haas presented updated budget. Available in share drive. Highlights include an increase in general fund giving in 2023 by 9%. Immanuel also received a generous and anonymous donation to the capital improvement fund. The predicted budget for 2024 is 6.75% higher than the actual 2023 budget. Lang moved to present the 2024 budget to the congregation, David seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Nominating committee for new council members

-Lang, Jennifer, Becky I., Becky C., Mia are going off of Council

-Congregants interested in serving on Council - Karen Larson, Christopher Dean, Vanessa Peterson, Cindy Bullock, Shalyn Gagnon.

Q12 Congregation Survey – Ryan sent Council the initial survey questions by email. This will be taken up by the Council in February.

Reports - reviewed prior to meeting

-Pastor – report on share drive. Of note, 3 delegates are needed for Synod meeting in June to

elect a new bishop

-Property- report by Bill on share drive.

-Finance – report on share drive

-Green Team – Scrap metal drive pending for end of April, beginning of May.

Becky moved to accept reports, Sue seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Jamie led closing prayer

Adjournment

Lang moved to adjourn, Sue seconded, motion approved unanimously.

Offering Counters 2024

January — Lang	May —	September —
February —David	June —	October —
March —	July —	November —
April —	August —	December —

Devotions 2024

January — Bill	May —	September —
February —David	June —	October —
March—	July —	November —
April —	August —	December —