

April Voters Meeting Minutes

A. Meeting called to order.

Time 10:27 am

Roll Call	Present (P)	Absent (A)	Excused (E)
<u>P</u> Pastor Sullivan			
<u>P</u> Glenn Brunner	President		
<u>P</u> Paul Jerabek	Secretary		
<u>E</u> Dan Fager	Elders		
<u>P</u> Scott Kieckbusch	Elders		
<u>P</u> Jack Novak	Treasurer		
<u>P</u> Greg Hlinak	Property		
<u>P</u> Jake Hlinak	Evangelism		
<u>P</u> Jason Belter	Youth Christian Education		

30 Members present, 20 voters.

B. Opening Devotion.

C. Reading of previous meeting minutes.

1. If no additions or corrections, they stand approved as distributed.
Motion: Approve as distributed and waive the reading of the previous minutes.
MM and 2nd. Motion carried.
2. Agenda Additions:
Motion: Approve agenda. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

D. Membership Changes

1. Baptism: Paxton Chaudoir 23FEB2014
2. Transfer In:
3. Affirmation of Faith: Keith Schmeling
4. Confirmation: Adult – Reuben Stuebs and Scott Fenendael. Youth-Mason Stauber, Haylie Novak, and Andrew Richard.
5. Transfer Out:
6. Loss to Eternal Life: Lorna Habeck 20APR2014
7. Members Released:

Motion: Approve all membership changes. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

E. Reports

1. Pastor

Membership Changes:

Lorna Habeck passed away on Easter Sunday (20APR). Her funeral was Saturday 26APR. Youth Confirmation: Mason Stauber, Haylie Novak, and Andrew Richard. Adult Confirmation: Reuben Stuebs and Scott Fenendael. Profession of Faith: Keith Schmeling. Holy Baptism: Paxton Chaudoir.

Christian Education:

Sunday School-First year of Christ Light 2. Attendance was very good this year.

Confirmation-Went well this year. Confirmands already passed the practice exam last Wednesday. Examination will be Monday 28APR. Confirmation will be 4MAY.

The AAT Catechism that I used this year was not as “simple” as I thought. I am in the process of reviewing another “Luther’s Catechism” which seems to be laid out

better. If, after a full read through, this one proves to be better, I might switch over to using it.

Bible classes-Sunday: attendance was about 4-8 before service. We have been studying one of the Sunday lessons before worship. Our after worship Bible Class had been converted into a "Communicating Christ" Bible Information Class. Tuesday Bible Class- attendance 4-8. We are studying the "Picture Catechism".

Bible Information Class (BIC)-We finished our Sunday, after Church BIC. Both Reuben Stuebs and Scott Fenendael have verbally said they would like to become members of the congregation-Reuben on 27APR, and Scott TBD. Jamie Garcia and Brent Reimer will finish the course in May (Brent's work schedule has prevented him from finishing with the rest of the class.

Nursing Home:

Kewaunee Care Center-Average attendance for March was 15. We have 3 members in the home. There are also 2 from St. Paul's, Algoma.

Miscellaneous:

The congregation can nominate someone to serve as circuit pastor (but does not have to). Your choices are pastors: Peter Lindemann (current circuit pastor), Joel Sauer, Rick Kolterjahn, Ben Enstad, Larry Zessin, John Seelman, John Moll, Tom Moldenauer, and myself. Glenn Brunner emphasized that the Council did not recommend a choice in the circuit pastor.

Non-Member Baptism: Kayla and Owen Stege; Stacie. Logan and Sarah Joachim. Kayla and Stacie were attending Bible Information Class, but Kayla has since moved to Georgia, and her sister decided to find a church closer to home (in Algoma).

Bible Translation:

A group of WELS and ELS pastor and professors are working on a new Lutheran translation of the Bible. It is called: "The Wartburg Project". Electronic samples of the Gospel of Matthew and the book of Psalms can be purchased on Amazon. Please keep this project in your prayers.

Upcoming Events:

28APR-MLHS Devotion, 28APR-Examination, 4MAY-Confirmation, 6MAY-Spring Pastor's Conference in Fremont, 10MAY-Friendship Evangelism Seminar, 13MAY-Circuit Meeting, 17-18JUN-District Convention in Appleton, and 20-30JUN-"Sullivan Family Reunion" in Seattle.

2. Elders

A lot of effort was made to reach "inactive members." We sent out a lot of mailed invitations. We made a lot of contacts. We have recently finished up our Lent and Holy Week schedule of services. It is important to thank the many people that helped in many ways to make this a very special time of worship and praise during the services. And of course to God be the Glory. If anyone has comments on the worship services for this year and ideas to be considered for next year, please bring these to the attention of the Elders Board, that's one of our duties.

Under membership, we recently reviewed a list of less-that-active members and will be contacting them, to encourage and support our fellow Christians. Anyone wishing to help in this effort should also contact the Elders. Don't forget to sign the pew register, so you don't get on the list.

The Greeters Program- those friendly faces that pass out bulletins and give us all a "Good Morning" before services, is in need of volunteers to fill vacant Sundays. Watch for a sign-up program at church.

We will also be addressing the altar flower list for signups, watch for that also.

The Elders are in charge of the Planned Giving List, posted on the Narthex bulletin board of church. It will always have the current list of items that can be considered, along with planned projects.

As stated in the recent Newsletter, in March, several members attended the Seminars in Appleton for Christian Service. The Elders Board will be working with members that attended the "Empowering Women in the Congregation", to explore how we can define and encourage women to serve in different types of congregational service in light of God's Word.

Question: "How much will the organ repair be?" Answer: This is covered under new business.

3. Youth Christian Education

St. Paul's: 4MAR was their social studies fair at the school. 6APR they held their pine car derby. We had a good turn out from our church. 15APR was their musical. It was the story of David & Goliath. They had placed a call out for a principle and it was returned. Please keep them in your prayers.

VBS: Will be 11-15AUG this year. (From Raindrops to Rainbows) is the program this year. Works with stories about how God works with weather. We have reserved the Church Fellowship Hall and the Family Life Center for those dates. 17AUG we would like to have the children sing in church. Down in the Fellowship Hall we will have desserts and snacks with all the crafts on display to show off. 24AUG we have them come back for the outdoor service to sing. 7SEP, first day of Sunday School we will invite them to an open house. We would meet for muffins and milk where Pastor would say devotion. Jack would give his presentation. Parents would be invited to go through the classrooms and see the whole school.

YPS: David Chaudoir will be restarting this program. At our last meeting, we discussed new ideas that he could use.

Question: What are the ages for YPS and VBS? Answer: YPS is High School ages. VBS is for ages 4 – 8. Any younger and we ask the parent to stay with the child.

4. Property

Your hard working board has used several meetings on planning our repair project needs for this year. They include the restroom remodeling, stained glass window repair, the church lighting upgrade, tree removal, all of which are ready to begin. However, due to financial condition of the church, your property board has been notified to place those projects on hold until finances allow. The board will continue with any spending as on a needed basis. For example, should something break, get it fixed!

The property board will continue with a program called "Focus on Energy". This program provides a free assessment to identify opportunities to improve energy efficiency here at Immanuel. Experts involved with the program will point out outdated lighting, unwrapped pipes and install free energy saving products. The energy evaluation can bring information on energy saving tips as well as savings to our electric bill.

The parsonage sewage system has backed up for the third time within the same numbers of months. The first two blockages, Rollie's Router Service were summoned and the last call for help went out to Ihlenfeldt Plumbing. All three times the line was freed by using the sewer line equipment with no explanation of the cause for the backup. The backup cause continues to be a mystery and Steve Ihlenfeldt has an action plan in place should the situation happen again.

Conditions involving operations of the church organ have warranted the exploration of a tune up of the musical instrument. Our organist has reported that some of the keys notes that do not work and some of the "stops" do not operate as they should. The organ needs

to be brought up to ready to serve standards especially with the 150th celebration due next year. A price quote has been obtained and a copy is available.

5. Evangelism

Pastor Ken Kratz was a new face this year at the evangelism meetings. After Pastor Sullivan had asked if he could attend our meeting after expressing his interest, we accepted him as a board member.

With Easter quickly approaching we had some information come in from Door County Daily News. They were offering to local clergy an opportunity to share their thoughts on The True Meaning of Easter in a 60 second sermonette. We went ahead and chose the middle option for \$375 which was 20 sermonettes played on their four stations for a total of 80 plays. They were here to record on 20MAR and began playing them the week of Easter.

An idea was expressed to also multiply the effectiveness of the radio ads, by preparing an Easter invite. Pastor Kratz took the idea and ran with it. The invites turned out beautiful and were gone before you knew it. After being handed out to the congregation they were then mailed out. A lot of people were there on Easter.

After hearing the service today on evangelism, we are also pairing this with an Evangelism Seminar on 10MAY between 9 and 12. Pastor Kratz will also be holding this seminar. Many questions were brought up about doing door to door evangelism, inviting guests to church, or just expressing your faith to non-members or non-believers. We have opportunities on a day to day basis. I look forward to having a better feeling on doing evangelism walking out of there than when I walked in.

6. Committees

150th Anniversary Committee

Wayne Kittel placed the Anniversary logos on our website and on Facebook for our review. Thank you.

On Sunday, the Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held, and the logos will be presented for review by the voters present to select the best representation for our anniversary observance. During the Easter breakfast at church, several members of our committee reviewed the four, and a general feeling was that all are excellent artistically; however, one must become a favorite. Now, with the help of the congregational members we can select a single candidate and move forward. This is not to say the other three cannot be used in a minor role to beautify the anniversary elements.

My encouragement is that we all should try to attend the Voter's Meeting on Sunday, as church members and committee members. However, I will be a poor example having a commitment to my grandson's birthday and special church event in Appleton. The alternative is to review the logos and voice a proxy vote to a fellow member, and then we can move on with planning. Results of the poll: #4 will be our new logo.

Question: Will the word Kewaunee be on the logo? Answer: It will involve resubmitting to Voters. The logo will be on other documents that will have the address on it.

The information before the Voters will include the firm dates we have decided on for 2015. 19APR-Bono Concert Sunday Service. 19JUL-Anniversary Sunday (Immanuel became an official entity in JUL 1865). Guest speaker will be President Mark Schroeder. 1AUG-Church Anniversary Picnic- Saturday, held at the church grounds. The Koine Band will perform. Additional dates being considered- a March Dinner by the Men's Club and the October Anniversary of the present church building.

The next item is to schedule the next committee meeting dates and place. Looking at the calendar, May is busy with our church activities, and family events, for a Sunday after service time. Does anyone have a good idea? There are plenty of details to be worked on for the planned events and other possibilities per other emails, so maybe a June time frame is as soon as we need to meet.

7. Treasurer

Reviewed the Treasurer's Report

Question: "Is the Scrip Program going to continue after the Family Life Center is paid off? Answer: Probably, it was there before, so it will continue.

Motion: To approve all reports. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

F. Unfinished Business

1. Organ Repairs/Upgrades. Council recommends we start an Organ Fund. Start collecting money for organ repairs. Start an Organ Fund Drive. Motion: Get the money first, establish a fund drive. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

Comment: We may have to do a combination of a drive and then get a loan. But we have to get this done.

Comment: Needs to be repaired for the Bono Concert in APR15

Comment: "It is a good idea, you get what you pay for; however, and it is a good idea to get a second quote."

Motion: To get a second quote. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

Greg on the Property Board will take the lead. All quotes will go to him.

G. Recommendations of the Church Council and New Business

1. Review and approve update to Planned Giving Table. Motion: Approve the Planned Giving Table with the change "\$80,000 for Organ Repair." MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

2. "Come Follow Me" - WELS Walking Together Sunday. Recommended by Council for Father's Day Service on 15JUN. Show movie during service to whole congregation.

Motion: To show "Come Follow Me" on 15JUN. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

3. Greeter Program. Not enough people signing up. Relies on volunteers. Need a print out sent out ahead of time. Much discussion. Comment: "This is a very important program."

4. Altar Flowers. Ladies Aid has a budget to purchase flowers. Policy-if Altar Guild needed money for flowers, they could go to Ladies Aid. The communication between the Guild and Ladies Aid is broke. Recommendation to let Altar Guild and Ladies Aid handle this.

H. Elections/Ratification of Appointments

Motion: To appoint Pastor Kratz to serve on the Evangelism Board. MM and 2nd. Motion carried.

I. Adjournment with Prayer

Time 11:50 am