

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MISSION & MINISTRY COUNCIL..  
June 23, 2008

Attendees: Pastor Dan Schneider, Tim Brusseau, Jeff Nelson, John Felton,  
Bob Brunow, Dean Krueger, Kris Kosidowski, Paul Gnan  
Tammy Kuderer, Dick Boeck, Sr.  
Excused: Kim Will  
Absent: Jeff Trettin  
Guest Heather Corn

President Brusseau opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. The president then asked Bob Brunow to have the opening prayer.

Pastor Schneider proceeded with the devotion. He read the first 3 paragraphs on page 190 of "The Church of Irresistible Influence" which stated that every community has a story. A unique story. And that particular context must be thoroughly understood and considered by any church wanting to make an impact on its community in a meaningful way. Pastor stated some members go to other churches to find out. Pastor stated that we belong to different communities such as Brookfield, Butler, and Waukegan. It was also stated that maybe a breakfast meeting with the Chiefs of Police of the communities and other leaders in the above mentioned communities to find out what we can do now to help in any way.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 2008 were approved with proper corrections in place.. Motion carried

**Financial Report- Jeff Nelson**

General Fund.

For the five months ended May 31, 2008, the general Fund recorded a deficit of (\$27,383) compared to a budgeted deficit for the period of (\$14,271). Total receipts from all sources were \$637,082 and expenses were \$664,465. receipts were 92.4% of budget while expenses were at 94.4% of budget. The following summary splits out the results of the General Fund activity from the financial impact of the Child Care Program.

	<u>Church/School</u>	<u>Child Care</u>	<u>Total</u>
Receipts	\$555,861	\$81,221	\$637,082
Expenses	<u>\$586,323</u>	<u>\$78,142</u>	<u>\$664,465</u>
Receipts(><) than Expenses	(\$30,462)	\$ 3,079	(\$27,383)

Debt Retirement and Rental Property Funds

Total receipts from these funds totaled \$53,752 and total cash expenses were \$9,670 resulting in a surplus before mortgage principal payments totaling \$43,082. Below is a summary of the financial activity in each of these funds.

<u>Debt Retirement</u>	<u>Rental Property</u>	<u>Total</u>
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Receipts	\$41,402	\$11,350	\$52,752
Cash expenses	<u>\$719</u>	<u>\$8,951</u>	<u>\$9,670</u>
Net Receipts	<u>\$40,683</u>	<u>\$2,399</u>	<u>\$43,082</u>
Less: Mortgage Princ. Payments	<u>\$69,595</u>	<u>\$7,789</u>	<u>\$77,384</u>
Cash Provided (Used)	(\$28,912)	(\$5,390)	(\$34,302)

On February 29, 2008, the remaining mortgage balance of \$58,155 on the APR was paid off using funds which had been held in a segregated savings account at the LCEF. A balance of \$7,258 remains in this savings account. Additionally, the LCEF rebate of \$2,493 was received during February and is included in the receipts of the debt retirement fund. The combined rental property mortgages had balances of \$101,328 with monthly P&I payments of \$2,038.

A letter also was added to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter statements that went to all members appraising them of the budget and receipt situation.

The suggestion was also made that a verbal presentation is to be made to the congregation and make them aware of our financial situation as a result of the bad weather months

Pastor and Tim will be working on this plan. Pastor Dan stated that a Mission church is being planned for the Richfield area

**YOJ Heather Corn Report** See attached sheet.

Don Rohde provided a detailed written report as to how he was going to reduce school expenses for the 2008-2009 school year.

- a) Elimination of computer resource person \$17,296.72
- b) Reduction of 5% of principal salary due to declining enrollment and 5% due to personal decision to give up A.C.E. Duties \$4,225.10

These actions plus anticipated under-spending in some budget areas should keep us within budget for the second half of 2008. It is also my hope that additional enrollments especially in k-3 and k-4 will improve the bottom line.

Plans are under way to combine grades 1 and 2 during the afternoon. Core subjects will be taught in the morning. Mrs. Lorenz will assume the teaching responsibilities of Mrs. Wolf who taught p.e. and current events three days per week in the afternoon. The plan is to implement a remedial program on the other two days for the lower grades. A similar combining could occur in grades 5 and 6 for a few hours for a couple of days per week for remedial help for upper graders if needed.

The principal will teach classes in grade 8 to allow time for computer coverage in the lab by the eighth grade teacher.

**Pastor Schneider's report**-A couple of highlights.

## **Outreach/Missions/Evangelism**

**Pastor Kosongo Gui Kabeo** continues his work in french African Immigrant ministry. He will have started his 5<sup>th</sup> course on June 4<sup>th</sup>. **Have received the second \$10,000 check from Siebert Foundation**

**Leadership:** Pastor Squires has assumed leadership in this area and is developing a leadership team with Ray Klein to strategize for Evangelism area, implementing programs for outreach.

### **Africa**

Pastor Gillard will be here in July to preach. Jacob and Michelle Gillard serve the Lord in Uganda, where they work with the Lutheran Church Mission Uganda(LCMU)

### **Church Properties**

- 1.Cleaning service. **Jim Radewahn and our new maintenance/janitorial have started**
- 2.**Jim did excellent work along with a number of volunteers during the recent water back up in the school and flooding of the church.**
- 3.**Jim is developing a plan for use of the \$\$ currently allotted from the Auction for building improvements.**
- 4.**Jim will be working within budget to get the carpets cleaned and halls and rooms stripped and waxed for the summer.**
- 5.**Air Conditioner for Office was replaced.**

### **Goals for Pastor Schneider**

.President Tim Brusseau has asked every member of the Council to assist in giving feedback for Pastor Dan's challenge. Job description of a Senior Pastor should be considered as well as the Ends Policy

The meeting closed with prayer by Kris Kosidowski  
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J.Boeck,Sr.  
Secretary

Tim Brusseau  
President

# Mission & Ministry Report - YOJ

## Meetings:

We tried a different meeting structure this year with the grades split up between upper and lower grades. Then once a month we would get the whole group together. When I asked the youth how they liked or disliked that they expressed that they liked the meetings set up that way.

I focused each month with a biblical focus and this year it was connected with the theme of building bridges. We would have various community building activities for the youth or we would have activities that would focus them on the issues facing society and how we address them as Christians to build a bridge to carry Christ.

In addition to the biblical equipping part of the youth program, they youth have participated in several fellowship events in the past 6 months. We went paintballing, we had a kickball fellowship night, and a movie night. These last two months the meetings have been focused on the state youth gathering and the Mexico trip.

The state youth gathering took place this past weekend. We had 21 youth members attend. The Juarez, Mexico mission trip is taking place currently and we have 7 youth members in attendance.

Between the two events we are estimating that we have an active core group of approximately 28 - 30 youth members.

## State Youth Gathering -

The youth that attended the SYG this past weekend were very encouraged to continue to do more work in the church such as help with VBS especially the openings and closings. They are also very eager to build up the youth by inviting more of their friends to youth group. During the SYG many ways to build up the youth group and ways to serve the congregation were discussed.

At the SYG three main presenters were there. They had Micah Parker, Chip and the band Remedy Drive. The youth loved Micah Parker and Remedy Drive.

We have discussed an event in either October or November as a community outreach opportunity. We spoke with the band and we will be booking them for a concert at that time. We would like to invite the community youth and possibly hold it in a location that will be more of a neutral place for youth. One idea is at Cream City Skate Park in Butler. I will need to talk to the owner but we would like to have some Christian pro skaters there as well. I have several youth who would like to be involved in the planning of this community outreach concert. The Youth that had the opportunity to meet the band, hear the band, and talk with the band were extremely excited about this opportunity. We would also look into the opportunity of getting a local radio station to sponsor the event or at least cover the event.

## Service Projects:

Our main youth mission for the past year was the Rescue Mission Dinners. We served at a total of five dinners this past year.

## Fundraising Projects:

Pancake Breakfasts / Easter Breakfast; Auction; Consecration Sunday

## Future Planning

- Fundraising – 4 pancake breakfasts, Consecration Sunday, and the auction
- Meetings – 2 meetings per month – 1 with Freshmen and Sophomores; one with Juniors and Seniors, and one full youth meeting.
- Events – Great America in September or October  
Remedy Drive in October or November
- Missions - Rescue Mission Dinners
- Summer 2009 – I would like to look into doing a week long mission event. There

is a group that does work camps in the summers in the states. The price per youth ranges from \$250 - \$400 for a week long camp.

I would like to do the week long community service camps called a Week of Hope. The price for that in St. Louis, MO would be about \$242 which includes the following: lodging, meals, construction materials and/or project supplies, a theme t-shirt, development of program and devotions, comprehensive project preparation and online leader manual, program supplies, Mission Handbook, Project selection.

We have to provide the transportation and one adult for every 5 youth. I would most likely ask that the adults who go to drive because we need daily transportation. If that is not an option, than we would look into renting vans for the week depending on youth participation levels. This would add an additional \$30 - \$40 putting the cost for the trip at around \$300 total.

I would open this trip up to students graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade through students graduating 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Jr. YOJ –

Fellowship Events: We average about 30 – 45 Youth per event depending on the event.

Taco night and Guitar Hero with open Gym

Ski Event

Country Springs Water Park

Planning for next year –

Four major fellowship activities –

Open Gym

Remedy Drive Concert / Community outreach event

Ski trip

Country Springs water park

Service events –

Condella's Coats for Kids