

## Church Council Update for Inside Immanuel – July 20, 2020

*Council Members: Les Gieselman-President, Barb Schmidt-Vice President, Renee Bergquist-Secretary, Lynn Clark-Treasurer, Pastor Gretchen Bingea, Lynnette Chandler, Tracie Johnson, Richard Keplinger, Jo Stensaas and Andrew White.*

*Guest: Kelly Preboski, Luther Heights Bible Camp Executive Director.*

The Council met Monday, July 20, 2020, at 5:30 PM via online Zoom meeting. Below is a recap of the meeting, pending Council approval:

- Kelly Preboski gave an update on Luther Heights Bible Camp and the accomplishments even though camp is not in session this summer.
- Approved Consent Agenda including Council Meeting Agenda (07/20/20), Council Meeting Minutes (6/15/2020), Electronic Votes (07/14/2020), Pastor's Monthly Report, Committee Reports for Endowment, Governing Documents Task Force, New American Ministry, Property, Finance, **Build Us Up, Lord!** Monthly Report and Church Attendance Report.
- Reviewed and approved June 2020 Financial Reports. ILC is still reasonably financial healthy with gratitude to our generous members and friends. ILC has utilized all of the Paycheck Protection Program loan for payroll and will request loan forgiveness based on a 24-week period. Income will be recognized when the loan is forgiven.
- Discussed Stewardship Committee timing and resources.
- Agreed to extend the exception to the Finance Continuing Resolutions to allow the designated fund for the Food Fellowship Ministry to accept cash donations to assist, augment and defray the costs in the Food Fellowship budget on a trial basis through December 31, 2020, or as determined by Council. The Food Fellowship ministry has grown significantly during the Pandemic and the Finance Committee requested Council to extend the trial basis to allow further analysis with a formal recommendation to follow.
- Discussed Coronavirus Task Force (CVTF) actions:
  - CVTF is meeting every Monday and is focused on and prioritizing near-term actions. Based on feedback from ILC Connect, ILC will offer contemplation time in Augustana and Immanuel starting August 4, 2020. CVTF has created protocols and communication for the contemplation time.
  - ILC received a NWIM Synod *Walking Together Grant* and funds must be used on technology needs by August 15, 2020.
  - Discussed potential outdoor Sunday Worship.
  - CVTF is doing their best to discern what God is asking us to do right now.
- Reviewed COVID-19 Relief Program Fund assistance status.
- Discussed ongoing communications to raise awareness and educate the Congregation on Linden House.
- Discussed and approved the exploration of the Immanuel Organ Fund Matching Gift Proposal as presented. More specific details will follow exploration.
- Next Council meeting is August 17, 2020, 5:30 PM Zoom Online Meeting.