

Bethesda & Immanuel Lutheran Joint council October minutes
October 8, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:08 by Immanuel council president Al Reedy
Present: Yvonne Cox, Paul Lundberg, Sharon Bestul, Ed Metelica, Mary Meierotto,
Jane Hauser, Lynette Benzschawel
Ed gave devotions from Psalm 27 – Just say “NO” to fear
Mary led in prayer

Secretary’s Report (September minutes): Sharon made a motion to accept this report; Paul 2nded the motion. All were in favor

Pastor’s Report: Native American worship is receiving favorable comments.
Carolyn Gouge will be our next speaker on Sunday October 11.
Joy (Just Older Youth) group continues to meet monthly
Mutual Ministry is planning this year’s Trunk or Treat. Prebagged candy will be handed out to trick or treaters
Advent & Christmas worship volunteers are Yvonne, Al, & Ed
The decorating committee is in the planning stages
The Northwest synod’s Walking Together will be held on February 20, 2021 via ZOOM. More info coming
Mary will offer the synod resolutions regarding racial justice as part of the council’s monthly devotion

Old Business: Online book/Bible studies continue. Immanuel’s outside worship services will stop for the season and Mary will alternate between the two churches for Sunday MEVO services. Engagement is the term assigned to how many viewers tune into the Facebook services each Sunday. Our monthly average is about 50 viewers per week. The Immanuel women are asked to join the Bethesda women’s “Gather” the second Wednesday of the month.
Salt Shaker Meals have stopped for the season
AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) is a commitment that a welcoming congregation (or community) makes to be a church home for migrant families.
Paul made a motion for Bethesda & Immanuel to become an AMMPARO congregation and Al seconded. All were in favor.

New Business: Budget for 2021 meeting for each congregation needs to be scheduled
Next meeting on Thursday, November 12 @ 6:00pm. Paul made a motion to adjourn and Yvonne 2nded

Bethesda Council Meeting 10/8/2020

Meeting called to order at 6:48pm with Jane, Paul, Ed, Mary, Yvonne, Mark, & Lynette present

Secretary's Report: Jane made a motion to accept the report with a 2nd by Paul

Treasurer's Report: Our giving numbers are in the black! *Thank you all*

The Pastor's report will be the same as what Mary shared in the Joint Council meeting

Old Business: Ed has installed our new defibrillator in the narthex. It is mostly automatic so training & testing not needed. *Thank you Ed.*

Mark is looking into a carpet cleaner. The signup sheet included in newsletter

New Business: Snowplowing discussion ensued. With the church building being closed to the public, the council discussed if the parking lot on Manypenny needed plowing at this time. The front walkway would need to be shoveled. We will have the alleyway side parking lot plowed.

Paul & Ashley will set a date for the Budget meeting

Basement usage and improvements were discussed. Mark made a motion to table this topic of using the basement be tabled until the church building has opened back up. Yvonne 2nded and all were in favor.

The Annual meeting will be a ZOOM meeting and a meeting date will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Jane made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Paul 2nding. Adjourned at 7:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Benzschawel