



July 10, 2020

Dear Members of Immanuel Bible Church,

Our 2nd quarter Meeting & Ice Cream Social is scheduled for Sunday, **July 26, at 6:00 PM**. We will meet in the IBC auditorium.

MEAL:

The hospitality team will provide individually wrapped ice cream.

PACKET:

Attached you will find (1) the minutes from the 1st quarter meeting; (2) the the 2nd quarter reports from the Servant Administration Team; and (3) the finance reports.

BALLOT ITEM: None for this quarter

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Schwannecke, Church Clerk
ES/MS

Please bring this packet with you to the JULY 26 meeting.

AGENDA

2nd Quarter Member Meeting
Immanuel Bible Church
July 26, 2020 (6:00 PM)

- I. Ice cream & Fellowship
- II. Scripture and Prayer
- III. Establish Quorum
- IV. Review/Approve Clerk's Minutes
- V. Review/Approve Treasurer's Report
- VI. Review/Approve Ballot Items
 - a. None for this quarter
- VIII. Review/Approve Servant Administration Team Annual Reports
 - a. Benevolence
 - b. Building and Grounds
 - c. Christian Education
 - d. Elders
 - e. Hospitality/Fellowship
 - f. Missions
 - g. Music/Worship
 - h. Women's Ministries

SAVE THE DATE:

The next Member Meeting and Meal is scheduled for Sunday, **October 28,** at 6:00 PM.

CHURCH CLERK Minutes

Immanuel Bible Church Annual Church Business Meeting

1st Quarter Church Business Meeting of 2020

The IBC 1st quarter Member Meeting and Meal was scheduled for April 26, 2020. However, this meeting was not able to take place due to the gathering restrictions put in place because of COVID-19.

On May 11, 2020, Members were provided for review with (1) the minutes from the annual meeting on January 29, 2020; (2) the 1st quarter reports from the Servant Administration Team; and (3) the finance reports from the Treasurer.

The Elders recommendation for church membership of Niki Treinen took place with a vote of Membership affirmation via the online ballot provided. Affirmed.

Elizabeth Schwannecke

Church Clerk

Administration Team Reports

BENEVOLENCE submitted by Ken Streeter

Your Benevolence Committee probably mirrors the rest of the congregation as we consider the impact of Covid-19. We had a live monthly meeting in June for the first time since February and we had a member who felt most comfortable keeping a distance with a mask and another who was not ready to participate live. I'm not going to identify who they were; you can simply determine that for yourself when the ones who did not take such precautions end up in the hospital. Nevertheless, the meeting was an opportunity to recognize that you, as contributing members of Immanuel, prepared us to assist with all requests that have come before us during the last few months.

The composition of the Benevolence Committee is Ken Streeter-chair, Dr. Mike Gebler, Linda Drude, Amer Mall, Tom Peck and Phil Luter. We all remain attentive to needs that become known to us, and we continue to encourage the congregation to direct knowledge of need our way. The Mission of the Benevolence Committee is: "To glorify God by following principles of scripture to share the charitable interests of the church with those in need."

The current balance of the Benevolence and Scholarship account is \$9,816. This balance is a little lower than normal, but the fund does fluctuate as opportunities for assisting, and offerings, can vary throughout the year. If the Lord leads you to assist a little extra to make up for the time we did not have communion offerings it is possible to designate part of your on-line giving for benevolence needs or to include a separate check if you mail in your Church offerings.

Finally, let me remind you once again that the Benevolence Committee does their best work as you help make us aware of congregational needs. Please contact any member of the committee as you become aware of such needs.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS submitted by Peter Kunz

The sound team has made some improvements during the shutdown period. One of the 4 speakers was bad which caused a dead spot where sound quality was poor. The remaining 3 speakers have been repositioned and there are no longer any dead spots. Various other improvements have been made to the sound system and we appreciate those who labor in this important ministry.

We plan to crack-fill and sealcoat the North parking lot sometime this summer and then new lines will be painted for the parking spots. The cost for this project is approximately \$5,000 and this is the only large maintenance expense planned for this year.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION {CHILDREN/TEENS}

Children's Ministries Sunday AM submitted by Hannah Koch

This quarter has looked very different than the many before. The pandemic has certainly made things unusual, but God has still been working in the children's hearts and lives. During the pandemic, children had access to video lessons that would have been taught at church had we been there. They were (and are still) accessible through the church's YouTube channel. If you haven't already watched, definitely check them out and continue to use them as a resources for your children! The lessons continued to teach about God's character and important biblical truths. Pastor Matt also created videos called, "Key Words for Kids." These videos were great at helping kids think about important words used in the Bible.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue meeting together safely. We have put some precautions into place to try and keep the children and workers safe as we continue to navigate through this pandemic. These precautions include parents answering health questions prior to putting their kids in the classrooms, temperature checks, and no snack for the time being. Classrooms are being cleaned and tables wiped down frequently.

Volunteers are absolutely essential for Children's Church. Without you, we cannot operate. We need your help. These volunteer positions are extremely important and valuable, but don't let inexperience stop you. We will mentor you and train you so that you feel confident teaching and working in the rooms. Again, we cannot operate without you. We want to continue offering all of the classes that we currently offer, but without your help, that will not be possible. We are looking for volunteers for our Preschool and Kindergarten classroom, as well as volunteers that would be willing to sub occasionally as the need arises. Please consider praying about this opportunity. Contact Hannah Koch at 810-922-3202 or hannah.wittock@gmail.com if God is prompting you to consider this!

Children's Ministries Sunday PM (Training in Truth - TNT) submitted by Pastor Matt Beery

- Thank you to our teachers and helpers! We are grateful for their investment in the lives of our IBC students! Our Sunday evening discipleship classes for the 2019/20 ended a little early due to Covid-19, but we look forward to beginning these again in the fall.
Our Teachers during 2019-2020:
Donna Moore (PreK), Traig and Meganne Savage (K-2nd), and Dale Sieggreen (3rd-5th) Helper:
Chad Koch (3rd-5th)
Snacks: Jenna Beery
- We hope to have the same teaching staff next year!
- As always, the scope and sequence of the curriculum for each class can be found on our website (immanuelbiblechurchsaginaw.org).

Youth Ministries submitted by Pastor Matt Beery

- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Pastor Matt and Amber have recently (June) resumed meeting with some of the

high school students during the week in their home. These are refreshingly encouraging after a season of Zoom meetings!

- **MIDDLE SCHOOL:** David and Jessie Mullet and Cheyenne and Megan Perry led the middle school students (6th-8th) on Sunday nights and planned various activities for the students. They continue to minister to students in various ways, including writing letters and other correspondence through mail and online. We appreciate the relationships they have built and continue to invest in!
- **SERVICE PROJECTS:** We desire for our students to participate in service projects as a means for them to grow in community with each other and for them to participate in the joy of giving and serving as members of the body of Christ. If you have recommendations for future service projects, please contact Pastor Matt. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, our students have been limited in ways to serve, but several students did help out with recent flood victims in Midland and Saginaw.
- **Pray** that Christ may dwell in the hearts of our students through faith and that they will comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ and grow in unity through the power of the Spirit.

Nursery Ministry (Sunday AM and PM) submitted by Kate Kawiecki

When our church resumed in-person gatherings in June, the nursery was able to open at that time as well. Various policies have been implemented to ensure we are doing the best we can to maintain a safe environment for both our children and our volunteers. I realize some of these policies create inconvenience at times but as a whole, our church body has been patient and understanding. Thank you to all of our current volunteers who ensured a smooth transition as we re-opened. They have been flexible, generous with their time, and eager to serve our church.

Due to COVID-19, the nursery has lost a significant number of volunteers. Currently, we are able to remain open but we only have enough volunteers to partially staff two of the three nursery rooms. Since approximately 50% of our children are currently using the nursery, there are enough volunteers to maintain a safe environment at this time. However, as we move forward and more children begin to utilize the nursery, we will not have enough volunteers to meet that demand. If our volunteer numbers remain the same as our attendance numbers increase, we will either have to turn away children each Sunday or close the nursery 1-2 weeks per month. We have great need for individuals who are willing to be on a regular rotation (no more than once per month), especially for our 10:30 service. Please prayerfully consider if this is a ministry in which God can use you to serve our church body.

ELDERS submitted by Pastor Mark Hazen

The 2nd quarter of 2020 will be remembered as one of the most unusual, memorial and challenging quarters of ministry in recent IBC history. The majority of the second quarter of 2020 found the formal ministries of IBC moved to an online format or temporarily suspended. The Elders, and then the Elders with an expanded Servant Administration Team, meet numerous times over the quarter to pray and plan for the resuming of our ministries onsite. Our in-person Sunday morning services resumed on June 14th. The information regarding our return to in-person gatherings remains posted on the front page of our website. The online streaming of the Sunday services continues even as onsite ministry has recommenced.

In April and the beginning of May we participated together in the completion of a series of messages centered on the words of Jesus spoken from the cross. The balance of May and June have been focused on a study through the short Old Testament book of Ruth.

The Office Administrator/Communications Coordinator, Amber Beery, resigned her position in June. Melodie Shakshaug immediately began training with Amber to see that ministry position continue uninterrupted. We are grateful for Amber's exceptional service for the past several years and appreciative of Melodie's willingness to serve in this capacity.

At the conclusion of the 2nd Quarter, the Elders are now prayerfully planning the way forward as we seek to be faithful to the LORD in these unusual times. We are grateful for your prayer for the Elders. The Elders pray for you and pray for the advancement of God's fame through the people and ministries of Immanuel Bible Church.

Blessings & peace,
Pastor Mark Hazen

HOSPITALITY/FELLOWSHIP submitted by Debby Glupker

Committee Members: Stephanie Armstrong, Ana Brazalovich, Philis Brown, Debby Glupker, Karen Kunz, Kathleen Martin

This quarter has been fairly quiet. We have arranged meals for a family with a new baby and provided a luncheon for a family after a funeral. Thank you to all those who helped with these. We try to keep up with cards or calls to people or those with needs. Thanks for caring for others.

MISSIONS submitted by Grant Schutte

This quarter the Missions team has been active in supporting the needs of our current missionaries while still looking to the future to consider future potential additions to our missionary roster. One of our larger projects has been to network with the individual and church supporters of the Lenz's in order to help provide financial support to cover the travel costs of their return to PNG later this year. On behalf of IBC, the Missions team is contributing budgeted funds to this effort. The missions team has also been active in discussing the most efficient and effective path forward for adding an additional missionary to our support roster in 2020. Very high level initial discussions have begun with a variety of different churches and individuals identified as potential partners in our searches. Lastly the Missions team has made the purchase of an interactive missions display board (think of the smart touchscreen displays seen at many museums and exhibits) that will be installed in the foyer in the coming weeks. Our vision is to make this a dynamic hub of information on our missions efforts with interactive features that make this an attractive display for our members and guests to get to know our missionaries, where they work, and how we can best be supporting them.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP submitted by Sarah Mitchell

With the resumption of in-person services this Quarter at Immanuel, the four individuals who lead worship for these services (S. Mitchell; S. Cissell; K. Cissell; T. Peck) have begun once again to plan and practice for, and then lead our congregational singing. Speaking on behalf of those four individuals, we consider it a joy to serve the Body in this way! I would also like to thank M. Socier, D. Borowiak, and S. Delong for their ongoing service in recording the AM service so that it can be watched by individuals who are currently unable to attend; they are doing a wonderful job.

David Mullett has volunteered to coordinate the Visual Projection ministry for the morning services. This is an answer to prayer, a burden lifted off the Sound technicians, and an important role to all of us! Thank you, David!

For any individuals who desire to serve within the various ministries involved in Sunday morning services, please connect with the following individuals:

Sarah Mitchell—Music

Tom Peck—Sound

David Mullett—Visual Projection

Kurt Schwannecke—Adult Choir (Sept-May)

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES submitted by Tracey DeLong

MOMS The MOMS Ministry of IBC, Pre-K and K-12, is a targeted outreach ministry to Mothers and their pre-school/school aged children. As an outreach it seeks to attract, minister to and bless mothers who are in this demographic with the ultimate goal of making disciples of Jesus who bring God pleasure by believing Him and glorifying Him through their faith-obedience. As an outreach it seeks to be an entry point to the ministries of IBC and create relational connections with IBC members, and additional IBC ministries, where the truth of God's Word is shared. As a ministry of IBC, its leadership, communications and ministry structure must be in-line with our mission, vision, values and statement of faith for its purpose to be fulfilled and for its perpetuation as a ministry.

We have three MOMS groups at Immanuel. These groups meet September-May.

*Pre-K MOMS AM Day group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 9:15-11:15 with childcare provided by Immanuel volunteer.

*Pre-K MOMS PM group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month 6:30-8:30 PM, no childcare provided.

*K-12 MOMS group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month 9:30-11:00 AM, no childcare provided.

*Pre-K MOMS AM

2018/2019 Leadership Team: Coordinator- Kathleen Martin, Team members: Sonja Cissell, Alexis Modlin, and Liz Schulz. The Mentor Moms: Debby Glupker, Jami Kinzer, and Liz Schwannecke. Childcare coordinator is Tracey DeLong.

*Pre-K MOMS PM

2018/2019 Leadership Team: Coordinator- Heather Masters , Mentor Mom-Jami Kinzer,

Titus 2 Mom- Marlene Murschel

*K-12 MOMS Coordinator - Stephanie Armstrong, Mentor Mom - Kelly Sams

Our three coordinators have submitted the following:

Please be in prayer for our MOMS ministries as we plan for our fall start up and encounter the challenges that will inevitably affect every aspect of our meeting due to COVID-19.

Thank you from our Pre-K AM, Pre-K PM and K-12 MOMS leadership teams.

-Kathleen Martin, Heather Masters and Stephanie Armstrong

WOMEN TO WOMEN Submitted by Cathy Luter

Women2Women - A ministry for and about the ladies of Immanuel and our missionaries.

We meet the first Monday of each month unless it's a holiday then we meet the second Monday.

No meetings June - August.

Women2Women...Sharing, Caring, Supporting and Praying for the Women of Immanuel and our Missionaries

We did not meet April and May. Jami and I met to plan for speakers in September but will have to put it on hold until we know if we are meeting. -Cathy

Financial Report

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