



July 25, 2021

Dear Members of Immanuel Bible Church,

Our Second Quarter Member Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **July 25, at 6:00 PM**. We will meet in the auditorium.

SNACK:

Light refreshments and drinks will be provided.

PACKET:

Attached you will find (1) the agenda for this meeting, (2) the minutes from our first quarter member meeting, (3) the second quarter reports from the Servant Administration Team.

BALLOT ITEMS:

Approval of Membership for:

- Dave Pickering
- Jennifer Pickering
- Landon Teall
- Aubrey Teall
- Joseph Hansen
- Kelly Hansen
- Julie VanHolstyn

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Schwannecke, Church Clerk
ES/MS

***Please bring this packet with you to the July 25 meeting. ***

AGENDA

First Quarter Member Meeting
Immanuel Bible Church
July 25, 2021 (6:00 PM)

- I. Snack & Fellowship
- II. Scripture and Prayer
- III. Establish Quorum
- IV. Review/Approve Church Clerk's Minutes
- V. Review/Approve Treasurer's Report
- VI. Ballot Items
 - a. Membership approval for:
 - i. Dave Pickering
 - ii. Jennifer Pickering
 - iii. Landon Teall
 - iv. Aubrey Teall
 - v. Joseph Hansen
 - vi. Kelly Hansen
 - vii. Julie VanHolstyn
- VII. Servant Administration Team 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 is
scheduled for
Wednesday,
October 27 at 6:00
PM.

CHURCH CLERK Report

Immanuel Bible Church / First Quarter Member Meeting
Sunday, April 25, 2021

6:04pm **Snacks & Fellowship** Pastor Mark encouraged us to read our Bible for 1 hour or put an APP on your phone and have it read to us.

Scripture & Prayer

Colossians 1:1-14 Read by Pastor Mark then he prayed

Establish Quorum: Need 72 We had more than that!

Review/Approve Church Clerk's Report Motion Passed

One change: Date should read January 24, 2021 (not November 11, 2020) Motion to approve: Tom Peck
Seconded: Dennis Tacey

Review/Approve Treasurer's Report Motion Passed

(Note: Jim Vietti was not present; Pastor Mark presented the report)

- Stage curtain was installed
- Fireplace has been paid for - still waiting delivery and installation

Motion to approve: Ken Streeter Seconded: Tracey DeLong

Ballot Item Votes

[Member approval, Pastoral Candidate, Missionary Candidates, Elder]

Ballots were distributed and explained

Watched Aaron, Rachel & Juniper Video - Central Asia

Watched John, Anna & Johnny Video - N. Africa Pursuing self-replicating indigenous home churches

Grant Schutte explained the Missionary Candidate selection process.

SAT - Servant Administration Team Reports

We were encouraged to review the reports on our own. There were no questions at this time.

Announcements

- Open Door - Kevin & Lisa Lewis - Kevin has now retired; pray for this next chapter in their lives. He was training Mexican Pastors residing in the United States.
- Pastor Mark shared about the Reader's Bible - christianbook.com On Sale Now!

100% ballots were counted and all voted - **100% Positive Votes ALL PASSED**

Motion to End Meeting: David Mullet Seconded: Kaylee Schutte

6:57pm **Prayer and Close** Pastor Mark

Respectfully Submitted by Jami Kinzer F
or Elizabeth Schwannecke, Church Clerk (unable to attend meeting)

Financial Report

As I take on this new interim role of Finance Deacon, I have many reasons to **give thanks**.

Thank you to Jim Vietti for his many years of service and valuable assistance in the transition. We are all praying for the Vietti family as they move on to God's next adventure.

I am very **thankful** that Donna Moore has agreed to dedicate her gifts as interim Treasurer. We will be working to move everything over to QuickBooks in the coming months. This should prove beneficial for future financial planning and decisions.

Many thanks to the Servant Administration Team (SAT) for their heart and dedication, as well as entrusting us in these interim roles.

I am also **thankful** for the healthy financial condition of IBC. God is good and His people have been generous. I apologize, in advance, for not having a full quarterly financial report as we get oriented to the books. I look forward to providing more detail in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
James Wickman

Servant Administration Team Reports

BENEVOLENCE submitted by Ken Streeter

Your Benevolence Committee has not been very active during the first half of this year. That is actually a good thing because it means there have not been challenging times reported by our Church family. We have had the opportunity to be of assistance with the unemployed, a family in need of assistance with utilities, a family that needed to isolate due to Covid, and a family in need of a water heater.

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 \$11,558. This balance is about normal, but the fund does fluctuate as opportunities for assisting and offerings can vary throughout the year.

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 Ryan Tausch

Preparing for summer picnics in the pavilion has been our main focus this quarter. We ordered new picnic tables and the pavilion is scheduled to get updated this summer. We purchased a new mower to assist with maintaining the lawn.

We are still in need of people to help out with lawncare. Anyone who is interested in serving in this way, please contact me (tausch.ryan@gmail.com or 989-860-8990).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION {NURSERY-ADULTS} submitted by Pastor Jonathan Baldwin

Nursery and Toddlers: No major updates to report, but steadiness and consistency is the name of the game when it comes to childcare for the youngest here at Immanuel. Thank you once again to all of you who faithfully serve our families by watching over the little ones in the nursery. Thank you to those of you who are new to the team! Thank you Crystal Sanders for all your efforts to coordinate with everyone during the summer months when schedules are shifting around. We appreciate you all so much. I may also note here for the parents that a compatibility issues was discovered in our check-in process that was causing headaches with the printing of stickers. We are hoping to have that problem fixed by the time of this member meeting, and hopefully those printing issues will be a thing of the past!

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry: In the time since our last member report, Hannah and Chad Koch were blessed with the birth of their firstborn, little baby girl Meredith! We have been glad to pray for them and support them as they make the adjustment to a new family dynamic. Thank you to all of our Sunday morning children's teachers for holding down the fort and continuing classes while Hannah and Chad have been away. Summer schedule is holding steady for those classes. Hannah and I will be meeting together regularly through the rest of the summer to discuss plans for the fall. With the launch of Awana on Sunday evenings coming in September, we will need to confirm and solidify our Sunday morning teaching team. Any church members interested in being involved with that team, we would love to talk with you! You can reach out to Hannah by phone or e-mail.

Awana will provide a different kind of Christian education than our classroom setting on Sunday mornings, and that's a good thing, but we're really excited about brainstorming more ways to make our Sunday morning classes a place where kids are spiritually fed and presented with a comprehensive, cohesive teaching of the scripture leading to a good understanding of the full arc of God's story from creation to Revelation by the time they age out of the Sunday morning children's ministry. We desire for them to have a firm foundation built on Christ the Rock which they will find they can build on solidly for eternity!

Sunday Evening Children's Ministry: Sunday evening will be changing dramatically this fall with the launch of Awana for our kids age 3 through 5th grade! (must be 3 by September 12 and be fully potty trained) I want to thank Chris and Linda Pityer, as well as Melodie Sakshaug, who have been doing a lot of work behind the scenes with me to make this ministry a reality. We have had a wonderful response from many of you, and I want to thank you for your enthusiasm and encouragement as we make this move as a church. Many of you have already volunteered to get involved, and we are just praising God for the team that He is putting together!

This ministry is all about getting God's word into the hearts of kids, giving them an opportunity to learn about Him and His ways in an active environment where they will be able to build friendships with one another and also relationships with adults who will pour love and care and support into their lives. This is a big opportunity for us to make a huge impact on the trajectories of our children's lives, our families' lives, and on the lives of people in the community who get invited in to hear the gospel! Lord willing, our engagement here will have an eternal effect as God does His amazing work!

If you would like to be a part of this, or if you have children whom you would like to participate, the Immanuel Bible Church website now has a page for children registration and volunteer registration. Click the "Ministries" tab on the homepage → Children → Awana and scroll down the page for information and sign up links. There is no direct registration cost; however, Awana uniforms cost \$15, and there will be \$.50 club dues per week (can be paid weekly with no up front cost, or as a \$15 one time payment up front to cover the entire year) to offset the cost of books, awards, materials, etc... and to give parents an opportunity to encourage children to have personal "buy in", recognizing that something providing them with good value is worth investing in and sacrificing for. Financial assistance is available if the cost is a barrier. One other thing to note is that Awana will take place from 6:00 – 7:30 each Sunday night. Doors will open at 5:45 to begin check-in and any new registrations. Please reach out to Chris and Linda Pityer with any and all of your Awana questions. Their contact information is available in the church bulletin, and they are always happy to talk about Awana!

Middle School and High School Ministry: As of the end of May, Middle School and High School weekly gatherings on Sunday nights ended for the summer. At that time, we were glad to publicly recognize three of our graduating seniors on a Sunday morning and pray for them as they transitioned to a new stage in their lives. Seniors who have graduated from highschool and are still living in the area are invited to join our Wednesday night young adult group! (More information down below in the next section) We hope to organize some summertime events for middle schoolers and high schoolers before resuming our normal Sunday night gatherings in the fall. One thing to note, starting this Fall, our Sunday night timeframe will change from what it was in the past. We anticipate that these two groups will be meeting from 6:00-7:30 at the church building alongside of our Awana program.

Young Adult Ministry: After completing a study of 1 & 2 Timothy and then Galatians during the school year, the young adults are enjoying summertime by meeting weekly on Wednesdays in each others' homes, planning backyard campfires, and going through The Truth Project DVD series put out by Focus on the Family and taught by Del Tackett. The group meets at 6:30 (some people come at 6:00 to pray together before group starts), and goes until 8:30. People will often stay late to continue talking and enjoy some games or a campfire. We always have dinner together to start the evening.

Because the location for the meeting changes each week as we take turns hosting, anyone looking to join the group for the first time just needs to reach out to Amy Peck, Sydney Bryant, or myself to get plugged into our communication network so that they will be informed. For anyone wondering, we don't have a formal age range for the group other than that it is post high school, but our current group makeup ranges from late teens to early thirties. In the Fall we anticipate moving our weekly gatherings back to the church building and studying through other books of the Bible.

ELDERS submitted by Pastor Mark Hazen

The second quarter of 2021 has been full of ministry activity for the Elder Team. The bullet-points below give a broad overview of the ministry that has been carried on during this time:

- The preaching ministry has consisted of a series of expository messages through the book of ***Colossians***. The congregational engagement in Bible reading, along with the on-going Bible study groups that press further into study and personal application of the Sunday message has been a great encouragement. Plans and preparations for the forthcoming sermon series are underway. The congregation also heard messages from Pastor Ian Newberry and from Missionaries to North Africa, John and Anna. Missionaries Ben Layer and Greg and Julianne Allen were able to be in attendance during this past quarter.
- The Elder's rejoice that several individuals were baptized this past quarter: Makenzy Chislea, Brandon Petter, Joseph Taylor and Avery Wilson. Another baptismal service is scheduled for later this year
- A Starting Point class was conducted this quarter (May 2, 13) . Several people who were interested in learning more about IBC were in attendance. To date, 10 membership applications have been received following that seminar. Another Starting Point session has been scheduled for the next quarter (September 12, 18).
- Pastor Ian Newberry joined the Pastoral staff in June. We welcome Pastor Ian and Whitney to IBC.
- John and Anna, Aaron and Rachel have been supported as Missionaries and have been sent to their respective fields of service (Central Asia and North Africa). We are enthusiastic about beginning our partnership in the gospel ministry with them.
- A job transition resulting in the departure of Treasurer Jim Vietti propelled the Elder's to take mid-year action addressing our finance ministry. James Wickman was selected to serve as an interim Finance Deacon. Donna Moore was selected to serve as an interim Treasurer. These two will serve immediately through the end of the 3rd quarter. Based on their desire, ability and availability to serve in this capacity for 2022, they will be on the

ballot for affirmation for Finance Deacon and Treasurer in October.

- The Elders meet monthly with the Servant Administration Team to both participate and keep abreast to the ongoing ministries happening at IBC. Beginning now, and through this next quarter, the Elders will be working on establishing the schedule of Deacon and Deaconess positions for next year.
- The second round of Community Gathering took place during the second quarter of 2021. These assemblies took place as a fellowship meal following the second Sunday service. Plans for forthcoming gatherings are underway.

The Elders meet regularly to pray and provide oversight to the on-going ministries of IBC. They willingly serve as overseers of the church. They serve as servants and as examples. Their primary role is to keep the church biblically straight and theologically sound. The 2021 Elder Team consists of: Pastor Mark Hazen, Pastor Jonathan Baldwin, Pastor Ian Newberry, Kyle Cissell, Steve DeLong, John Glupker, Jon Hartwick, and Phil Luter. The 2021 Elder protégés consist of: Rick Sommer, Steve Thomas and Ben Modlin.

The Mission, Vision, Values, Statement of Faith and Priorities of Immanuel Bible Church remain unchanged. The Elders serve the church to keep these foundations firmly established for the church.

HOSPITALITY/FELLOWSHIP submitted by Debby Glupker

This quarter has been relatively quiet for us. We have arranged meals for 3 new babies families, 2 people who were ill, held a baby shower and provided food for the Starting Point luncheon Also a baptism was held in late April. We continue to help with communion and send cards. Thank you to everyone who helps in this ministry.

MISSIONS submitted by Grant Schutte

This quarter the Missions team has been active in supporting the needs of our current missionaries including onboarding our two newest missionaries. We had the opportunity to have J&A (serving in North Africa) with us for an evening Q&A/meet & greet prior to their departure which was a blessing to all who attended. With the addition of new members to the missions team (Morgan Wesson & Steven Rutkowski) the team has begun to look forward to the next 6-12 months and has excitedly started planning for upcoming opportunities to engage our congregation with global missions including a trip to Wayumi in the fall and the hosting of a Perspectives on the World Christian Movement course in early 2022. We are also continuously evaluating our effectiveness at supporting our missionaries and working to determine how we can better serve them based on their diverse situations and circumstances.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP submitted by Sarah Mitchell

The ongoing upgrades to the Sound system within the Auditorium will be further addressed in August. The company House Right will be performing the Sound upgrades and addressing equipment needs within the Streaming service offered on Sunday mornings. We are grateful that funds are available to finish these building projects! To reiterate what was stated in my April report: I would love to dialogue with any individuals who are competent musicians, looking for a way to serve the Lord and the Church body. Any interest in serving within the Sound team can be addressed with Tom Peck, and Steve DeLong can be approached for serving within the Streaming team.

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 two MOMS groups at Immanuel. These groups meet September-May.

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

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

***Pre-K MOMS—Submitted by Kathleen Martin**

2020/2021 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.

2021/2022 Leadership Team: Coordinator Liz Schulz, Team Members: Jennifer Baldwin, Sonja Cissell, Heather Masters, Kathleen Martin and Alexis Modlin. Mentor Moms: Debby Glupker, Lynn Hazen, Jami Kinzer and Liz Schwannecke. Childcare Coordinator: Pam Wickman

The PreK MOMS had our last meeting for the 2020/21 year on May 25. Following that meeting, the leadership team met to plan our 2021/2022 year. It was a great time of fellowship and planning, and we are very much looking forward to the fall. We have also organized park play dates twice a month throughout the summer. This will be a great way for the ladies in the group to stay connected while not meeting corporately. There have been some changes and additions to the leadership team. We welcome Jennifer Baldwin to the team, and Liz Schulz will now be the groups Coordinator. Lynn Hazen will also be joining our Mentor Moms this year. Pam Wickman will be joining the team as the Childcare Coordinator. We are so thankful for this ministry and all those that give some much to make it happen!

***K-12 MOMS—Submitted by Stephanie Armstrong**

2020/2021 Leadership Team: Coordinator - Stephanie Armstrong, Mentor Mom – Sherry Ledtke

K12 moms ended our year with a wonderful breakfast at the Ledtke home. Thank you to Sherry for opening up her families home to us.

We had time of sharing & talking about this past year and anticipate some family adventures and little slower pace of the summer months. A wonderful end to our year!

Our first meeting is already circled on calendars and we all look forward to the 3rd Tuesday in September.

As always we are ever so grateful for the prayers given for the K12 moms & leaders as we continue to dig deeper, love our families stronger and build a greater relationship with Jesus.

WOMEN TO WOMEN—Subitted by Cathy Luter

Leadership Team: Cathy Luter and Jami Kinzer

Women2Women - A ministry for and about the ladies of Immanuel and our missionaries. We meet the first Monday of each month.

In April our Immanuelite speaker was Janet House. And in May it was Jenny Deweese from the Rescue Ministries of Saginaw. Both were such an encouragement and blessing to our ladies.

We ended our year in May and W2W will resume on September 13, 2021. It will be the second Monday that month because of Labor Day the first Monday. After that we go back to the first Monday of the month.

Jami and I are planning for our upcoming meetings. We are waiting on a response for our first speaker. These are not taken lightly and much prayer goes into each meeting and speaker.

If you are a member or attender of Immanuel you are welcome to attend our monthly meetings. You will definitely get to know the women of Immanuel. Lord willing, you will be encouraged, supported and loved.