

2024 IMMANUEL STAFF AND COUNCIL

Staff

Lead Pastor.....Nate Loer
 Youth & Family
 Spiritual Gifts Coordinator.....Elana Seibert
 Administrative Secretary.....Tracy Church
 Custodian.....Ellen & Doug Carlstrom
 Bookkeeper.....Jil Fiemeyer
 Choir Director.....Deb Haraldson

Council

President.....Mike Brunsberg
 Vice President.....Margie Anderson
 Secretary.....Jeanne Olson
 Treasurer.....Jena Osberg
 Financial Secretary.....Sue Johnson
 Financial Vice-Secretary.....Jane Bagstad
 Congregational Life.....Peggy Larson
 Education.....vacant
 Finance.....Bryan Greenwaldt
 Outreach.....Rick Johnson
 Property Management.....Steph Drange
 Worship and Music.....Anne Oldakowski
 Youth.....Katie Johnson

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Immanuel Lutheran News

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*Called and united through the Gospel of
 Jesus Christ, our mission is to proclaim
 and respond to God's presence among us.*

August 2024

From the Desk of Pastor Nate...

Late-summer greetings to you in the name of our generous and faithful God, ruler of heaven and earth! I hope you can savor these beautiful days of growth and warmth as we transition from summer toward fall. And as you savor this final month of summer, I hope you can continue to engage with the gospel of Mark (or take up reading for the first time – it isn't too late!). This month's installment of Mark focuses on Mark 6:6b-8:26 as Jesus continues to preach throughout Galilee. Here are a few insights on those teachings to guide your reading.



In Mark 6:6b-13, Jesus reacts to his hometown rejection by sending his disciples to other places. He sends them with his power and authority, but he also sends them prepared to be rejected. This is an important theme in the chapters ahead. Some will believe. Others will reject.

Then the story flashes back to a gruesome story about the death of John the Baptist. And why would Mark tell such a story? Because it foreshadows Jesus' rejection and death, too. And the suffering and rejection that us as his followers will face, too.

Meanwhile, back to the main story, we see a series of miracles from Jesus in chapters 6-8. And yet, even as Jesus feeds and heals, people continually fail to understand who he is. The Pharisees see him as a threat to their power. The disciples don't fully understand the purpose of his ministry. Even those who receive his miracles don't understand the deeper meaning of his abilities – they simply want more food and more healing. But Jesus has come to do more than just multiply food and cast our demons. He has come to suffer and die and conquer death by rising again.

Finally, it will take both seeing AND understanding to get this. And the moment that captures this reality in this section of Mark comes in 8:22-26. Jesus opened the eyes of a blind man, and at first he can only see what seems to be trees walking around. So, Jesus touches him a second time and he can both see and understand.

So it is with us. We know that he is the Lord of all things, including our physical needs. But we need more than that. We need someone to forgive our sin, promise us life beyond this earthly life, someone to journey with us through all things. This is who Jesus is most of all – and he is more clearly revealed not in multiplying food and healing disease. He is more clearly revealed in the cross.

Keep reading Mark's gospel, my friends! May we see in this Jesus one who tends to all our needs, including the need for forgiveness and eternal life.

Humbly in Christ,

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

The council met on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. President Mike Brunsberg called the meeting to order.

Congregational Life: *Peggy Larson– Did not meet.*

Outreach Evangelism: *Rick Johnson– Will meet on Tuesday, June 21, 2024* The committee discussed the possibility of a visit to Immanuel by a missionary who is in the area, the possibility of someone from Immanuel traveling to Indonesia, the backpack for kids program for the fall, Tess Jones' trip to France and the New Membership cards for visitors to Immanuel.

Parish Education: *Vacant–Did not meet* – VBS will be August 4–8

Property Management: *Steph Drange – Did not meet*

Worship and Music: *Anne Oldakowski– Did not meet*

Youth Leadership: *Katie Johnson–Did not meet*

Immanuel Church Women: *Diane Teigland–* Quilting and Circle have been discontinued until fall.

122 quilts have been shipped; 50+ baby care kits have been put together.

Lead Pastor: *Pastor Nate Loer—*May/Early June Highlights: 1. Attended Synod Assembly with Peggy Larson and Margie Anderson May 17–18. Always a good time of worship and connections. The church is alive and vibrant, even as we enter a new era. 2. We had so many people come to Teshe's grad party on May 25th here at Immanuel. It was such a blessing to see so many from the congregation and community. Immanuel has a fantastic facility for grad parties!! 3. Rev. Dr. George Martins visit here on May 19 was well received. I purchased 3 copies of his book for the church library. Perhaps we can do a book study later? 4. Summer worship attendance remains quite strong even as many of our people are finding much needed time away. **Coming Up:** I plan to be gone 2–3 Sundays this summer, including July 7th and other Sundays TBA. Let me know if you are willing to be a host on the days I am away. 2. I've already begun doing lots of fall planning. 3. A new Cozy ad is ready for filming which will start by the end of June. Let me know if you'd like to be in it.

Financial Secretary Report: *Given by Jane Bagstad* – Deposits for April \$23,251,14; May deposits: \$25,115.00. Deposits do not include direct deposits.

Treasurers Report: *Jena Osberg*

GENERAL FUND

Total General Contributions: May 2024	\$33,924.00
Total Expenses:	\$29,850.00
General Fund Register: Balance as of May 31, 2024	\$119,943.00
Building Fund:	\$24,148.00
Restricted Fund Balance:	\$51,305.00

Finance Committee: *Bryan Greenwaldt – Did not meet.*

Other Business – The council discussed the work left to be completed on the new Immanuel directory which included how to organize and complete picture taking and updating address/ phone information for Immanuel members. August 18th and 25th were selected as dates to obtain more photos/information.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Motion made by Steph Drange to adjourn. Katie Johnson seconded.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



GENERAL FUND	
5/5/2024	3924
5/12/2024	14417
5/19/2024	4172
5/26/2024	2502
Electronic Giving	420
Direct Deposit	8489
TOTAL GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	33924
EXPENSES	
Benevolences	440
Programs	3279
Staff including taxes and benefits	23640
Operations	655
Building Expenses	1837
TOTAL EXPENSES	29850
Gain/Loss	4074
General Fund Register Balance as of 05/31/2024	119943

	RESTRICTED			
	Balance 5/1/2024	Gifts & Additions	Payments	Balance 5/31/2024
Backpacks for Kids	\$8,334			\$8,334
Bell/Carillon	\$250			\$250
Cooking Matters (Ministerial Association)	\$1,094			\$1,094
Congregational Life	\$2,000			\$2,000
Easter Giving Blitz	\$100			\$100
Good Samaritan	\$2,814			\$2,814
General Reserve Funds	\$10,849			\$10,849
Giving Tree	\$1,718			\$1,718
Global Mission	\$1,615			\$1,615
Infant Care Kits	\$50			\$50
Library Fund	\$125			\$125
Luther Crest Scholarships	\$472			\$472
Lutheran World Relief	\$250			\$250
Medical Mission	\$5,000			\$5,000
Ministerial Fund	\$200	\$100		\$300
Organ Fund	\$537			\$537
Parish Nursing	\$487			\$487
Piano Fund	\$413			\$413
Soup Tuesday	\$620			\$620
Scholarship Fund	\$570			\$570
School Kits	\$15			\$15
Sunday School	\$292			\$292
Thrivent Micro Grant	\$1,750		\$250	\$1,500
VBS	\$377			\$377
Wadena Food Shelf/Food Shelf	\$1,612			\$1,612
Wed. Night Faith Formation Supper	-\$92	\$92		\$0
Wednesday Offering	\$669		\$388	\$281
Worship and Music	\$2,514			\$2,514
YAGM	\$7,116			\$7,116
Restricted Fund Register Balance	\$51,751	192.00	638.30	\$51,305

BUILDING FUND	
Building Fund Balance 5/1/2024	23743
Deposits & Interest	405
Payments	
Building Fund Register Balance 5/31/2024	24148



ILC Youth Pie & Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 15 Serving 11am - 7pm

Youth & parent help needed!
Sign up on the bulletin board outside
Elana's office!



Dinner Club will meet
Tuesday, August 20
@ 5:30 pm
Wet Woody's Pub & Grub
Deer Creek



We Need Your Pictures for the Church Directory!
After a LOT of work from our directory team (Thank you Pam Nelson, Jennifer Brunsberg, and Shaneen Schmidt!), we have made LOTS of updates to our church roster. Now it's time to get current pictures of everyone so we can print and distribute church directories! Yay!! There are several ways we can get a picture of you and your family:

- 1) If you haven't already, show up with your family on one of our **candid picture days**. We will have volunteers available during coffee hour and immediately after worship in the fellowship hall on October 18 and 25, and also on Wednesday, September 11. This is also a great time to make sure we have all your contact info 100% correct.
- 2) **Submit a recent photo** of you and your family. You can email pictures to: church@wadenaimmanuel.org
- 3) **Have a professional picture taken in mid to late September.** We are working to secure a couple of days in September when you and your family can sit for a professional photo. There is no obligation to purchase, but you would have the option to order pictures if you'd like. Watch for more info in our bulletins and September newsletter.
- 4) If you or a member of your household is homebound, **we can come to your home to take a picture** if you don't have another family member who could do this for you. Again, contact the church office if you would like us to come and take your picture at home.

Our goal is to have picture directories available by November 1!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

CREATED TO BE VBS

August 4-8
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Wednesday Discipleship Begins September 4!!

- ~ Dinner at 5:15pm in the Fellowship Hall
- ~ Worship at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary
- ~ Education at 6:45-7:30 pm
- ~ Sanctuary Choir at 7:00pm



Thank You!

Please stop by the bulletin board between Pastor Nate's and Elana's offices to see the many pictures of the activities we enjoyed on our trip to New Orleans!! We appreciate you, Immanuel!

Women's Discipleship

- Block Cutting - Monday, August 5 @ 9:00 am
Monday, September 9 @ 9:00 am
- Bible Study - Tuesday, September 10 @ 1:30 pm
(July/August Gather Study)
- Quilting - September 16 & 17 @ 9:00 - 2:00 pm

What's Happening

August 4

- Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)
- 5 pm - VBS Meal
- 5:30 - 7:30 - VBS (Begin in Sanctuary)

August 5

- 9 am - ICW Block Cutting
- 5 pm - VBS Meal
- 5:30 - 7:30 pm - VBS (Begin in Sanctuary)

August 6

- 9:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 5 pm - VBS Meal
- 5:30 - 7:30 pm - VBS (Begin in Sanctuary)

August 7

- 12 pm - Rotary (Catered)
- 5 pm - VBS Meal
- 5:30 - 7:30 pm - VBS (Begin in Sanctuary)

August 8

- 1 pm - MAC/NAPS
- 5 pm - VBS Meal
- 5:30 - 7:30 pm - VBS (Begin in Sanctuary)

August 11

- Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)

August 13

- 9:00 am - Staff Meeting

August 14

- 5:45 pm - ILC Council Meeting

August 15

- 10:30 am - Catholic Charities Frozen Meal Distribution
- 11-7pm - Rotary Corn and Chicken Feed
Pie & Ice Cream Social by Immanuel Youth

August 18

- Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)

August 19

- 6 pm - Fellowship Hall in Use

August 20

- 9:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm - Dinner Club @ Wet Woody's Pub & Grub (Deer Creek)

August 21

- 12 pm - Rotary (#2 D.Haraldson)

August 22

- 10:30-12pm - Knute Nelson Grief Support Group
(Friendship Room - all are welcome!)

August 25

- Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)

August 27

- 9:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 11 am - Dementia Support Group
(Friendship Room)

August 28

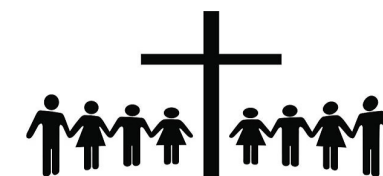
- 12 pm - Rotary (Catered)

Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8:30 - Coffee Fellowship
- 9:30 - Worship (LIVE on YouTube)
- 9:30 - Radio Broadcast 920 AM
or 101.7 FM

Summer Office Hours

- M - 8:30-3:30
- T - 8:30-3:30
- W - 8:30-3:30
- TH - 8:30-3:30
- F - 8:30-12:00



WORSHIP MINISTRY

Sign up outside the church office to usher, lector, assist with communion, and/or provide special music.



BOOKCLUB

Bookclub will start up again in September with some changes!

The group will meet on the 4th Monday of each month (Sept-May) in the Friendship Room @ 2:00 pm!
Anyone is welcome to attend!!

