

2023 IMMANUEL STAFF AND COUNCIL

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 Financial Secretary.....Gail Klueenberg
 Financial Vice-Secretary.....Sue Johnson
 Congregational Life.....Peggy Larson
 Education.....vacant
 Finance.....Bryan Greenwaldt
 Outreach.....Rick Johnson
 Property Management.....Sam Sundby
 Worship and Music.....Pam Nelson
 Youth.....Sara Ross

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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.*

June - July 2023

From the Desk of Pastor Nate...

Nearly Summer greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. After a long, snowy winter, it is such a delight to greet you in the June & July Newsletter.

In our Church Year, the Sunday after Pentecost is called Holy Trinity Sunday. This year, Holy Trinity Sunday is on June 4. The Gospel reading assigned for that Sunday is Matthew 28:16-20:



Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

What a beautiful text for us as we launch into June and the rest of summer. These words call Jesus' first Disciples and transform them into Apostles, those sent to proclaim, teach, and baptize. As Disciples of Christ, we too are called to proclaim, teach, and baptize. And into what name shall we baptize? In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God in three persons, yet one God. The specifics about how God can be three persons and yet remain only one God is a mystery, of course. But on Holy Trinity Sunday we remember that God comes to us in three distinct expressions: A God who creates and continues to create; A God who rescues us from sin and death; and a God who coaxes forth faith, forgiveness, and hope in us and the whole church day after day.

Holy Trinity Sunday can also remind us of the nature of God. God is so committed to relationship that God even has a relationship with God's Self! God the Father sends His Son. God the Son is that very Word which co-creates with God the Father. The embodied form of God Word (Jesus) prays to the Father and sends God the Holy Spirit to support and nurture the church.

And this God has a relationship with us, too. And wants us to not only be in relationship with Him, but with one another and the whole creation, too. What a fantastic and challenging calling!

God's blessing on you these summer months, my friends. May you be more deeply rooted in Almighty God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And may your relationship with God's church and God's people be deepened day after day, too.

Humbly in Christ,

Pastor Nate

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

The council met on May 17, 2023. President Jennifer Brunsberg called the meeting to order.

Congregational Life: *Peggy Larson—Did not meet*

Last Wednesday night meal was well attended, about 70. Lots of younger families. We will provide support for VBS meals.

Outreach Evangelism: *Rick Johnson—Met April 25, 2023*

Discussed a Welcome handout. Greeting people after church, seeking out new faces. At the next meeting will be continued conversations with Indonesian penpal.

Parish Education: *Vacant—Did not meet.*

Property Management: *Sam Sundby—Did not meet*

Working on the remote button on handicap door, sanctuary lights

Worship and Music: *Pam Nelson—Met May 15, 2023*

Services: Wednesdays: We will be working on the format for next seasons format for Wednesday evening services. Wednesday night services will resume either September 6th or 13th. Taggart Siblings Concert: The refurbished Steinway piano service was held on April 23, 2023 with the Taggart Siblings performing. The concert was AMAZING, and the attendance was a little over 100. Coffee and treats were served following the concert. The free will offering will go to the Lutheran Disaster Response for U.S Tornado Relief. Live Stream Team: Bryan Greenwaldt has been added to the live streaming team. They now have three people on this team. They are working on a summer schedule. Communion Servers Needed: We need additional Communion servers for the summer months when we don't have acolytes. We would like to have three additional Communion Servers during this time. The sign-up sheet will be revamped to reflect this. Please sign up if you can help. Organ Anniversary Concert: Our organ is 10 years old this fall. We are working on having a concert in the fall (possibly October or November) in recognition of this and possibly in conjunction of our 75th anniversary. Vacation for Pastor Nate: Pastor Nate has targeted 3 Sundays to be gone this summer: We are working on getting these services covered in his absence. Plaque in memory of Midge Forsness: Pastor Nate has received a plaque from the school in memory of Midge. The plaque has a memorial written by Diana Olson. It will be displayed along with a photo album summarizing the restoration of the Steinway piano and the Taggart Siblings concert. Later, it will be displayed directly behind the Steinway in the Sanctuary. Bells: The bells have quit working. They are nearly 20 years old. The original company doesn't service the equipment anymore. The speakers still work fine. This will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

Youth Leadership: *Sara Ross—Met May 3, 2023*

Youth led service was May 7th. 2024 Youth Gathering meeting after service on the 7th. Nerf Wars on May 7th was well attended. Nooma night May 7th at the Loer's. Senior Recognition was April 30th. Thank you to the ICW Looking ahead - VBS July 16-20. Pie & Ice Cream Social August 10th.

Immanuel Church Women: *Diane Teigland - Nothing to report.*

Lead Pastor: *Pastor Nate Loer—* **April/Early May Highlights:** Our visit from Pastor Pimpinan Sijabat was very nice. We're hoping to put together a group of prayer partners who can support his emerging work - and learn from him and his ministry as well. Piano concert on April 23 was astounding. So great to be able to share wonderful live music in our community. We wrapped up our Wednesday Discipleship on April 26. It was a successful year. And we hope to build on that success next year. Our work with the Weekend Feeding Backpacks program continues. I have great volunteers who help. I'm organizing a golf tournament to raise \$10,000+ for the program June 8. Let me know if you'd like to help. **Looking Ahead:** Baccalaureate is May 24. I will be participating in that. I will be attending Synod Assembly June 3 in Fergus Falls. Endowment committee will be meeting June 6. If your committee has ideas on projects they can help fund (especially those that impact outreach), be sure to share those ideas with me or Luther Nervig. VBS is scheduled for the week of July 16-20. We hope to engage lots of kids. I know Elana is looking for help. Let's make it a great week. I plan to be off July 2 & 9, as well as August 13. Working to arrange pulpit supply for those days.

Financial Secretary Report: *Gail Klueenberg* - Total of Sunday general offerings counted and Deposited in April 2023: \$31,879.65. This does not include direct deposits. (However, it does include \$1,293 in donations from the piano concert and CD sales).

Treasurers Report: *Jena Osberg* - General Fund Register: Balance as of 04/30/23 \$82,392.00

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

Our Vision and Mission - Other Business: Directory committee looking to meet in the near future Church Bells have not been working, looking into some options for updating -Rick Johnson makes a motion to purchase laptop equipment needed to play music and bells on a schedule. Pam Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



GENERAL FUND	
4/2/2023	9580
4/9/2023	6359
4/16/2023	3093
4/23/2023	2678
4/30/2023	5854
Electronic Giving	410
Direct Deposit	9387
TOTAL GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	37360
EXPENSES	
Benevolences	3099
Programs	679
Staff including taxes and benefits	28918
Operations	2,884
Building Expenses	5517
TOTAL EXPENSES	41097
Gain/Loss	-3737
General Fund Register Balance as of 04/30/2023	82392

RESTRICTED				
	Balance 04/1/2023	Gifts & Additions	Payments	Balance 04/30/2023
Backpacks for Kids	1,021.00			1,021.00
Bell/Carillon	250.00			250.00
Community Dinner	1,595.00			1,595.00
Cooking Matters (Ministerial Association)	506.00			506.00
Easter Giving Blitz	0.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
Good Samaritan	2,949.00			2,949.00
General Reserve Funds	10,849.00			10,849.00
Giving Tree	3,954.00			3,954.00
Global Mission	205.00	30.00		235.00
God's Work Our Hands	100.00			100.00
Infant Care Kits	50.00			50.00
Lenten Supper	327.18	223.00		550.18
Library Fund	125.00			125.00
Luther Crest Scholarships	472.00			472.00
Lutheran World Relief	150.00	100.00		250.00
Medical Mission	5,000.00			5,000.00
Ministerial Fund	800.00	100.00		900.00
Organ Fund	537.00			537.00
Parish Nursing	487.00			487.00
Piano Fund	2,280.00	2,063.00	2,625.00	1,718.00
Puppet Ministry	396.00			396.00
Scholarship Fund	8,070.00		5,000.00	3,070.00
Soup Tuesday	2,087.00			2,087.00
Sunday School	292.00			292.00
Ukraine	100.00			100.00
VBS	468.00			468.00
Wadena Food Shelf/Food Shelf	682.00			682.00
Wed. Night Faith Formation Supper	(8.00)	15.00		7.00
Worship and Music	2,514.00			2,514.00
YAGM	6,866.00			6,866.00
Restricted Fund Register Balance	53,124.18	4,031.00	7,625.00	49,530.18

BUILDING FUND	
Building Fund Balance 4/1/2023	18247
Deposits & Interest	359
Payments	
Building Fund Register Balance 4/30/2023	18606

Immanuel is in the process of updating the church membership directory. Please remember to fill out the contact update form, which can be found on the table by the resource rack. The updated form can be placed in the offering plates or returned to the church office.

Immanuel Directory Committee:

Jennifer Brunsberg (218-639-1080)
 Pam Nelson (218-522-0393)
 Shaneen Schmidt (218-631-3019)



Happy Birthday



Everyone is welcome to join Jan Hillesland & family for light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall following worship on Sunday, June 4th to celebrate Jan's 90th birthday!! (No gifts please.)

Vacation Bible School
 July 16-20 5:30-7:30 pm
 Ages 3-Grade 5



Registration forms are available in the concourse or register at www.wadenaimmanuel.org

Volunteers Needed!
 Youth grade 6 through adult contact Elana to help!

SUMMER WORSHIP MINISTRY
 Sign up outside the church office to usher, lector, assist with communion, and/or provide special music for our summer Sunday worship services!



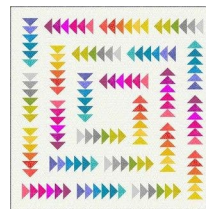
We are partnering with United Way of Ottertail and Wadena Counties to raise money for the WDC Weekend Backpacks Program. Put a team together and join us for a fun day of golf for a great cause!

Register:
<https://uwotw.org>



Join us on Tuesday, June 20th at 5:30 pm at Four Seas Buffet.

Join us in July with a date, time, and place to be determined at a later time.



Tend to Immanuel's Garden of Geraniums this summer! A sign-up to water our geraniums will be located by the church office. Feel free to sign up for more than one week starting the second week in June 😊

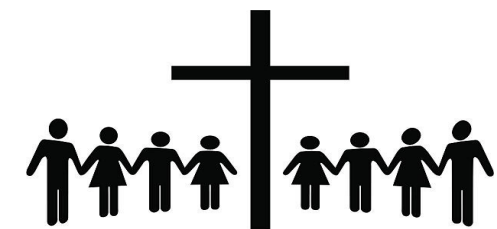


What's Happening

- June 4**
 Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)
 Celebrate Jan Hillesland's 90th birthday in the Fellowship Hall following worship
- June 6**
 9 am - Staff Meeting
- June 8**
 1 pm - MAC/NAPS
- June 11**
 Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)
 4:30 pm - ILC Council Meeting
- June 12**
 9 am - ICW Block-cutting
- June 13**
 9 am - Staff Meeting
- June 14**
 12 pm - Rotary (#1 G.Kluenenberg)
- June 18**
 Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)
 3 pm - Cub Scouts
- June 20**
 9 am - Staff Meeting
 5:30 pm - Dinner Club (Four Seas Buffet)
- June 21**
 12 pm - Rotary (catered)
- June 22**
 5 pm - Knute Nelson Grief Support (Open to all - Friendship Room)
- June 25**
 Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)
- June 27**
 9 am - Staff Meeting
 11:00 am - Dementia Support Group (Open to all - Friendship Room)
- June 28**
 12 pm - Rotary (#2 D. Haraldson)
- July 2**
 Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)

Sunday Worship Schedule

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



- July 4**
 Office Closed
- July 5**
 12 pm - Rotary (catered)
- July 6**
 1 pm - MAC/NAPS
- July 7**
 1 pm - Catholic Charities Frozen Meals Distribution
- July 9**
 Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)
- July 11**
 9 am - Staff Meeting
- July 12**
 12 pm - Rotary (#3 N.Overland)
- July 16**
 Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)
 3 pm - Cub Scouts
 5:30 - 7:30 pm - VBS - Operation Restoration
- July 17**
 5:30 - 7:30 pm - VBS - Operation Restoration
- July 18**
 9 am - Staff Meeting
 5:30 - 7:30 pm - VBS - Operation Restoration
 5:30 - Dinner Club (TBD)
- July 19**
 12 pm - Rotary (catered)
 5:30 - 7:30 pm - VBS - Operation Restoration
- July 20**
 5:30 - 7:30 pm - VBS - Operation Restoration
- July 23**
 Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)
- July 25**
 9 am - Staff Meeting
 11:00 am - Dementia Support Group (Open to all - Friendship Room)
- July 26**
 12 pm - Rotary (#1 G.Kluenenberg)
- July 27**
 5 pm - Knute Nelson Grief Support (Open to all - Friendship Room)
- July 30**
 Sunday Worship Schedule (see below)



JUNE 12TH
 BLOCK CUTTING @ 9:00 AM
 PIZZA @ 12:00 PM
 STITCHING BAGS FOR BEADS OF COURAGE @ 1:00 PM

JULY 10TH
 BLOCK CUTTING @ 9:00 AM

~NOT MEETING THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH~

If you would like to donate fabric for the bags for Beads of Courage, we are looking for bright colors or child/teen themes. Fabric needs to be at least 1/2 yard.

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered this year packing and organizing for the WDC Weekend Backpacks Program! Each week we put a bag of weekend food in about 100 lockers of local students in need to make sure they had enough food to eat over the weekend. We look forward to your continued support in the fall!



Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
 8:30am - 3:30pm
 Friday
 8:30am - 12:00pm