

THE MESSENGER

The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa - July/August 2022

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION Annual Salad Luncheon Friday, July 15, 11am-1pm \$7/person (pay at the door)

Join us for our Annual Salad Luncheon brought to you by the children and families of Immanuel. Delicious homemade salads for you to enjoy eating in the church dining hall, or takeout.

All proceeds support Children's Education and Vacation Bible School programs.

Before the event happens, we are in need of many donated salads, and cookies/bars. Sign up for this through [signupgenius](#) link available from [immanuelfamily.com](#), or call the church office (585-3152).

Connections + Food = Life

Connections Through Food – What You Need to Know

Immanuel has been blessed with a \$20,000 grant from ELCA Domestic Hunger for it's Connections Through Food (CTF) programming. Not only is it exciting to receive funds, but ELCA only funds existing programs which are successful and have potential to grow and meet more needs with additional funds. Immanuel's efforts and current Wednesday Evening Meal team were affirmed by this funding. Immanuel currently serves as many as 150 meals during the school year, this is likely to grow with community needs increasing and the communication team letting more people know about CTF. CTF is not just the Wednesday Evening Meal. Expanding connections with our congregation, community, and the ELCA is all part of the plan.

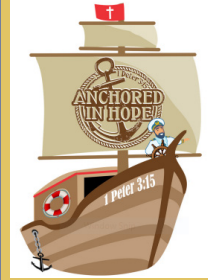
Teams are forming to address the five areas of grant activities:

1. Communication
2. Community Resource Liaison
3. Food Production, Nutrition, and Safety
4. Hospitality and Resource
5. Volunteer Support

There is a place for you at the table! All are welcome!

1. Join a team this summer as plans are readied for fall.
2. Join a team that forms in the fall.
3. Learn more about CTF – information is available and will continue to be update on [immanuelfamily.com](#) (copies available in the church office).
4. Host a Wednesday Evening Meal by providing Thrivent funds, volunteering, or both. If you belong to a group (Sunday school class, small group Bible study, bell choir, card club, coffee friends, family) sign up as a group!
5. Donate towards Immanuel's portion of grant activities.
6. Pray for this ministry!

VBS August 1-4



Calling all children – 3 yrs. olds – going into 6th grade – to come join in the fun of Vacation Bible School at Immanuel. The time will be 9am-12:30pm for all kids, Monday-Thursday. A program will be held on Thursday, Aug. 4, at noon.

Online signup for registering STUDENTS and for VOLUNTEERS (many volunteers are needed in a variety of areas) may be found on a link from the [immanuelfamily.com](#)

home page.

We will be using the same theme and program as the Bible Camps, "ANCHORED IN HOPE" based on 1 Peter 3:15: "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

July 10 Worship & Picnic at The Pond

All are welcome to stay after 9:15 worship on July 10th for an early picnic lunch of Sloppy Joes, chips, cookies/bars. The event is hosted by members of the Parish Life Board.

Bring your lawn chair to the Waldorf University Pond and find either sun or shade on the grass, weather permitting.

Donations of BAGS OF CHIPS, COOKIES, AND BARS are appreciated to help with this meal. These items may be brought to the church kitchen beforehand, or out to the pond on that day.

Note that on this Sunday, a pre-recorded worship service will play online @ 9:15 or following anytime, and on KIOW radio @ 11am.

Missionary Karen Anderson visiting Immanuel July 24

ELCA Global Missionary Karen Anderson will be coming to Immanuel on Sunday, July 24 while on her home assignment from Chile. She will be sharing a message during the worship service and will be showing a PowerPoint presentation during a special brunch hosted by the Mission & Outreach Board in the fellowship hall immediately following worship. The morning will provide a great opportunity to hear firsthand about her work with EPES (Popular Education for Health) that she founded 40 years ago.



Letter from Pastor Rod

What Can I Do? Become a Prophetic Voice!

In 1 Corinthians 13 we read a beautiful poem declaring the nature of Godly love. It is often read at weddings and we even read it occasionally in worship. It is so beautiful we typically stop reading when we reach the end of the chapter. With this article, I invite you to keep reading; slip into chapter fourteen with me.

For a few months now, Immanuel's church council has been discussing strategies for reengaging our church family in worship and in ministry as we emerge from the pandemic. As I read 1 Corinthians 14, I am touched by how it speaks to this issue.



The text reads: Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. 2For those who speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God; for nobody understands them, since they are speaking mysteries in the Spirit. 3On the other hand, those who prophesy speak to other people for their building up and encouragement and consolation. 4Those who speak in a tongue build up themselves, but those who prophesy build up the church.

As Paul closes chapter 13 by stating, "Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is love", he then opens chapter fourteen by imploring the community to "pursue love." This isn't romantic love but Godly love; it is love that never ends, never quits, never gives up, never runs out, and never disconnects.

Paul then couples love with prophesy. People typically think prophesy is predicting future events. That isn't a biblical understanding, instead biblically the word means, "telling the truth." In verses two and three Paul says of prophesy, first it is not self-serving, and it is spoken to other people for three reasons: 1) for building up, 2) for encouragement, and 3) for consolation.

The translation of these nouns into English falls short in their true meaning. Let's take a look at the three reasons in Greek (the original language of the New Testament).

1. Building up: Oikodomha – the act of building up in a way that promotes another's growth in wisdom, piety, happiness, and holiness in God.

2. Encouragement: Paraklesia – a calling or summons for admonition or encouragement. An admonition is a loving rebuke and encouragement is a pat on the back meant to initiate movement.

3. Consolation: Paramuthia – an address whether made for the purpose of persuading, arousing, stimulating, calming, or consoling. In other words, this is an address made to motivate another in the Spirit of and relationship with God.

Prophecy therefore is about speaking in a way that builds up, motivates, and strengthens people to be "the church," which is the called, gathered, and enlightened people of God. In comparing the spiritual gift of speaking in tongues to prophesy, Paul writes in verse four, "speaking in tongues builds up the self, while those who prophesy build up the church."

This brings us back to the reengagement question. How can we as a congregation reengage people? What can you do? First, recognize that God wants the church to be built up and whole and that means gathering

people. Those present can work towards gathering others by prophesying in the spirit of the three movements above.

If you are one who is currently distant from the church or has fallen out of the rhythm to which God has called us, please know that you are loved by God and this community and we long for your return. Let me also say, the church needs you and the gifts you have to share in order to be whole.

The Greek word for "church" is "ekklesia". This word simply means a gathering of people called out of their homes into a public assembly. The word is formed from the words, ek, meaning "out of" and the word "kaleo" meaning called. God called you and me out of darkness through the Spirit into life through Holy Baptism, and God continues to call you and me now, out of ourselves, and into the public gathering to share and to receive love. Let us prophesy to friends, neighbors, and others who are not connected with a church, inviting them to reengage. This, I think is our best strategy for reengagement.

Happy Prophesying,

Pastor Rod Hopp

Immanuel Kids

How does your garden grow?

I had a pastor tell me once that our faith is either growing or it is dying. "There is no such thing as a stagnant faith," he said. Pentecost is the season of the church year promoting growth in our faith.

So.... how does your garden grow? Not your vegetable garden, but your faith garden. Are you reading your Bible? Are you saying your morning and evening prayers this summer? Are you attending worship in-person or online? Are you telling others how much God has done for you? The way you answer these questions may suggest the answer to whether your garden of faith is growing or dying. I pray it's growing.

God wants us to grow in faith, love, and obedience to him. God has given us everything we need to grow in him: his word, his son, his claim on our lives in baptism, etc., etc. God wants us to thrive and flourish in our faith, but God isn't going to sit on us and force us, or stop us from doing the many things that may distract us from him. The door is open for anyone and everyone to come to God and the Spirit will motivate us, but God will never force God's self upon us.

In Luke 14 Jesus tells a parable about this: One of the dinner guests sitting with Jesus, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' 16Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. 17At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." 18But they all alike began to make excuses saying things like, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; and "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come. Please accept my apologies," they all said. Upon hearing their excuses, the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame, and go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. 24For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner."'

God isn't going to force us to come to him for life and nourishment, but God has opened the door and wants us to come to him, to eat his word, his body and blood, and to be nourished for growth. Come to Jesus. Come to worship. Come to life. Grow your life in Him!

Crossed in Christ,
Pastor Rod

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: USHERS & COMMUNION SERVERS

Parish Life board members are responsible for scheduling these 'important jobs' for worship. PLEASE consider serving. Could be a month at a time, one Sunday a month, every few months, holidays...

Leave your name in the church office or contact Parish Life Board Chair, Joyce Kasper (590-6691).

High School Wisconsin Retreat



As summer picks up, our high school youth have found themselves busy with work, sports, and trips, and I am really excited to give them a chance to retreat at the end of July! With the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering being postponed to 2022 and ultimately canceled, we wanted to make sure we found a way to give them a respite from the day to

day for some spiritual growth and fellowship.

We've rented a large cabin in Necedah, Wisconsin that sits along a pond and has a variety of activities to partake in.

There are nearby beaches for swimming, provided kayaks and bikes, close hiking trails, and a large yard that includes a fire pit. There are 12 students and 3 adults planning on attending. Our days will be filled with themed Bible studies, speakers, team building, and spirit time. The theme will be loosely based on the Gathering theme: Boundless. We will be talking about the idea of boundlessness by reflecting what binds us and then exploring how God's boundless nature is present in love, creation, forgiveness, and invitation.

We look forward to sharing more with you and hope you'll pray for safe travels, healthy people, and a good time all around.

Ann Hunhoff

Youth Missionary and Ministry Coordinator

LSI says 'thank you'!

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) expressed a thank you to Immanuel members for generously donating this year's Lenten offerings in the amount of \$1,546.00 to LSI. Especially towards their commitment in many outreach areas. Especially welcoming Afghan refugees and helping them relocate and get settled in Iowa.

Mission Lesson : Missionary Karen's EPES program in Chile turns 40

EPES (Popular Education for Health) was created in 1982 by Karen Anderson. A 40th Anniversary Celebration will be held in Chile, November 19-26, 2022.

EPES promotes health with dignity for the poor through empowerment, mobilization, and collective action. EPES began as a program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile. Now a ministry supported by ELCA Global Mission, it maintains close ties nationally and internationally with the Lutheran Church.

Highlights of EPES' four decades working together for justice, dignity, and health:

1980s Building community capacity in health

1990s Responding to the growing HIV/AIDS pandemic

2000s Building services for women victims of violence

2010s Expanding their impact nationally and internationally

2020s Thriving through the pandemic

Like the EPES Facebook page, learn about the 40th anniversary celebration at actionforhealth.org, and learn much more by attending July 24th worship, brunch, and fellowship/presentation-time with Karen in person at Immanuel!



Krista Hopp (Sunday teacher) and Heather Johnson (Wednesday teacher) were recognized as '2021-2022 Promiseland teachers of the year'. Thank you to these dedicated teachers for sharing the Word of God with our children.

Board notes

Mission & Outreach

Becky Stumme

The Mission & Outreach Board met via Zoom on Wednesday, June 8, at 4:45 p.m. Five members were present including new member, Ruth Melby. Opening devotions were given by Becky Stumme. The Board is continuing to seek additional members.

Our current mission emphasis (thru June) is our ELCA Missionary Karen Anderson. We have a \$5,000 covenant commitment for Karen and as of June 8, we have collected \$829.80. A special noisy offering will be held on Sunday, June 19, for Karen. Ruth shared a couple of ideas to bring in funds to help meet this commitment.

Missionary Karen will be visiting Immanuel on Sunday, July 24. She will deliver a message during the worship service and will show a PowerPoint presentation during a special brunch immediately following worship. Board members will host the brunch—egg bakes, fruit, cinnamon rolls.

The July-September mission emphasis will be the two Bible Camps that Immanuel is a member of—Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp and Ingham/Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp.

Trustees

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met on June 13 at the church. May income was \$38,244.55 and expenses were \$51,567.11 with a negative (\$13,322.56) for the month. YTD is a negative (\$18,500.06) compared to a negative (\$18,988.03) for 2021. Above normal expenses included the quarterly insurance payment of \$5,587.25.

Endowment: Nothing presented. Undesignated disbursements remain at \$15,805.30

Property Committee: Mike Oleson is going to ask Jeff Haugen for a quote to trim the overhanging locust tree limbs or remove the whole trees on the parsonage garage side. The parsonage roof was new in 1998 making it 24 years old.

New Business: Parsonage budget may need to be adjusted up in next year planning. Discussed concern on having small rider mower/bagger for the church lawn.

Personnel Committee: no report.

Old Business: Bethany Lutheran staff sharing and Quarterly vitality group update: Vitality group is in place.

Parish Council

Linda Ferjak

Council met on June 13 with in a In-Person/Hybrid format.

Eleven members and one pastor were in attendance.

Meeting was called to order by President Daryl Krieger and May minutes were approved. Board reports were presented and approved.

Congregational picnic was set for July 10, following the outdoor service.

Discussion concerning a Worship Coordinator was continued with possibilities of involving families with varied age groups as participants in the various aspects of worship. A committee was suggested to meet quarterly to plan the music and participants for both worships.

Discussion continued on the Promiseland Coordinator. The Board of Education is continuing to discuss this situation.

Business Financials were presented by Jennifer Jenkins and can be found elsewhere in the Messenger.

Parish Life

Karen Keller

The Board of Parish Life met on Thursday, June 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Communion servers have been scheduled through August. Melanie will no longer be doing the scheduling so there was discussion as to how to find a replacement for her.

Communion will be served on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. There was a lot of discussion as to who could be asked to take over the scheduling of servers. Look for announcements in bulletins and Messenger on ways to volunteer.

We discussed the Welcome Gifts. It was felt that we have enough at this time.

The Picnic was the main topic of discussion. It will be held after the outdoor service on July 10th, by the pond at Waldorf. We will be doing Sloppy Joes. Asking for contributions of Chips and Cookies from the congregation.

Worship on the Radio

Immanuel's worship is played over KIOU 107.3FM air waves and on the web each Sunday morning at 11:00am. Upcoming dates available to share in our important, radio ministry each Sunday.

Broadcasts cost is \$100.

August 21, 28

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25

Oct. 2, 9, 23

Call or email the office to reserve a date (585-3152, jaci@immanuelfamily.com).



SOAK UP THE SUN!

It's Summer Time! The Summer equinox has just passed which means we are in the heat of Summer or the Dog Days of Summer. The temps are up and the Sun is out the longest during this time of year. It's a season where people head outside, go to the beach, the park, the pool, any where to get out and cool off or explore the world around. There are

plenty of sons that tell us to soak up the Sun, and we are reminded why we too should soak up some Sun. You get some much-needed Vitamin D, and you seem to have an increase in energy. For you superhero fans out there even Superman gained strength from the Sun and could be found soaking it up when weak.

But I'm not here to give you a lesson on the Sun and the benefits of it. Nope! But I do want to talk to you about soaking up some Son, Jesus. How often when we feel run down, lost, worried, maybe excited, uncertain, certain, you name it, do we feel reenergized after reading the Bible or talking about Jesus. I know it doesn't always give a boost to some people, but there is so much so soak up in scripture that can rejuvenate you or feed you through life. This Summer, and I want you to remember it doesn't end after August, soak up the Word, the Son, Jesus. Open up scripture a few minutes a day, attend worship inter-linked, or find a devotion or study group to talk about Jesus and what's going on in your life. It may be a challenge for some, maybe easy for others to do this, but

remember it is indeed life giving so soak it all up.

One opportunity this Summer is a Facebook group with other members at Immanuel. We will explore for 8 weeks a devotional on "Soaking in God's Word". Each week will have a Bible passage, devotion from the Bible App, a time for discussion via postings, occasional video chat options, and a time to share what's on your mind. This is an at your own pace sort of study so if you fall behind that's ok and it won't take long to catch up. Or maybe after a couple weeks you want to explore scripture another way, that's great too, what ever inspires you to soak up some Son of God! The 8 topics include, Jesus comes to restore, Mystery of salvation, Be considerate of the weak in faith, The destruction of the world, You are not going to like what I have to say, Accepting wisdom's invitation, Following after we're found, The fulfillment of God's promises. It can sound like difficult topics but each will help us grow as we soak up God's word.

So, what will you do this Summer to soak up some Son? May need some shades as the Light of Christ is pretty bright and fills you with life! Have a blessed rest of the summer and I hope you enter into the Fall rejuvenated and energized by the Son!

See you in worship one way or another interlinked in Christ.

Pastor Zech Anderson

Synod Assembly Recap

Ruth Melby

The Western Iowa Synod of the ELCA hosted it's 2022 Synod Assembly on Fri.-Sat., April 22-23 at the Sioux City Convention Center. Pastor Rod, Pastor Zech, Ann Hunhoff, and Dave and Ruth Melby represented Immanuel and were part of the approximately 200 voting members at the Assembly. This was the first in-person Assembly since 2019.

The theme for this year's Assembly was "Some Assembly Required". Our tables were decorated with hard hats and construction tape along with Legos and other items with which to create. First Call Pastors in the Synod, including Immanuel's, Matt Poldsifer assembled the worship space in a processional during Opening Worship Friday night. An old door resting on sawhorses became the altar and candle holders were fashioned out of orange pylons, bringing home the theme.

New at this year's Assembly was a time of matching t-shirt clad attendees fanning across the Sioux City area in groups of 15 to

20 to share a light lunch, to learn about a host ministry, and to roll up our sleeves and serve people in the community. Dave and Ruth worked together with others to stock a recently established food pantry which is serving neighbors of a ELCA church in Sioux City. We helped to shelve a ton of food stuffs and noted that issues surrounding food insecurity and the resources through the Iowa Food Bank system mirrored these things in Forest City.

Immanuel is one of the largest congregations of the Synod. Immanuel's delegation also had one of the longest drives to attend the Assembly. Immanuel's Pastor Rod was engaged in the dialog from the floor regarding several resolutions and the budget. While the 2/3 majority vote to restore the current fiscal year budgeted funding to Campus Ministry which was put in play by a motion by Pastor Rod was defeated by only a handful of votes, the assembly benefitted from his reasoned and impassioned effort.

Immanuel was recognized for being one of the two congregations in the Western Iowa Synod who received grant funding from ELCA Domestic Hunger this year for our Connections Through Food ministry. In addition, Pastor Zech was named to the Synod's ABC Committee which is responsible for planning the 2023 Assembly.

Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY May 2022

	May Actual 2022	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 41.67%	May Actual 2021	YTD Actual 2021
Income							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	32,359.64	40,712.50	184,063.24	488,550.00	37.68%	33,535.70	185,199.46
Other Income	5,884.91	10,490.50	57,558.80	125,886.00	45.72%	4,419.48	34,834.74
Total Income	38,244.55	51,203.00	241,622.04	614,436.00	39.32%	37,955.18	220,034.20
Expense							
Staff Support	32,830.63	32,867.58	164,608.31	394,411.00	41.74%	32,784.63	163,737.44
Administration	12,300.18	11,152.67	57,844.70	133,832.00	43.22%	10,486.63	42,085.98
Ministry Areas	6,436.30	7,182.75	37,669.09	86,193.00	43.70%	5,707.57	33,198.81
Loan re-payment/contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	51,567.11	51,203.00	260,122.10	614,436.00	42.34%	48,978.83	239,022.23
Income Less Expense	(\$13,322.56)	\$0.00	(\$18,500.06)	0.00		(\$11,023.65)	(\$18,988.03)

Key Annual Event @ Bible Camps – THE QUILT AUCTION

Camps invite you to join them for this day dedicated to supporting the work God is doing at camp! Choose to enjoy the entire day or just a special event.

Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp, Story City

MONDAY, AUGUST 1: Noon – Online bidding begins for Quilt Auction

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6:

8:30am 5K Walk/Run (7:30-8:15 registration, check-in) (register by July 25 to get t-shirt)

8:30-noon Live viewing of all quilts in the Chapel

9:30-11:30 Pool open for 5K participants

10:30am Outdoor Worship

11:30-12:30 Lunch served in Dining Hall (free will offering)

12:30-3pm Pool open for families

1pm Online auction begins to close and live watch party in the Chapel

Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp, Milford

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

8am Online Quilt Auction open thru Monday, Aug. 8, 6pm (a limited # of quilts)

5:30-7:30pm Scandinavian Feast – get your fill of the Scandinavian fare! (Adults-\$12, children 4-13-\$6) Make a reservation online to help with wait time.

7pm Glenn Henriksen Concert, Camp Amphitheater seating or bring a lawn chair. Glenn is a versatile pianist and organist with lifetime experience in many musical genres. Bad weather location in the Chapel.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6:

8am 5K Fun Run/or Virtual 5K (sign up online by July 22 for t-shirt)

9-11:30am Quilt Preview in Gym

11-12:30 Lunch in Dining Hall

Noon Live Quilt Auction

Immanuel's 3rd quarter Mission Emphasis : Bible Camps

The Mission & Outreach Board has chosen Bible Camps as our 3rd quarter mission emphasis. Your mission gifts throughout this quarter (July-September) will be divided equally between Ingham/Okoboji Lutheran Bible Camp (www.okoboji.org) and Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp (www.riversidelbc.org). Your continued support of the ministry is greatly appreciated by these camps.



Immanuel Confirmation students that recently attended a week at Okoboji Camp: (l to r) Ashlee Aukes, Emerson Moore, Kiara Bina, Avery Jerome, Immanuel's Youth Missionary Ann Hunhoff, Keaton Hansen, and Tyler Niess. Many other Immanuel youth will be attending camp throughout the summer. Ask them about their highlights!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

LWR PACKING DAY RESULTS FROM MAY 13:

137 quilts, 46 school kits, 107 personal care kits, and 16 blankets.

Thanks to the hardworking crew who got it all packed up, and then thanks to those that got it delivered to an Ingathering location in Albert Lea. From there it goes on to a distribution location in the Twin Cities! Thank you to ALL that had a hand in making and/or providing all these items for Lutheran World Relief.

God's work and many dedicated hands!

The whole process immediately repeats for the Oct. Packing Day.

****School supplies will be on sale soon. Consider shopping for LWR School Kit items! (70 sheet notebooks, 16 or 24 crayons, 2" eraser, pencil sharpener, #2 unsharpened pencils, black or blue pens, ruler, blunt scissor - see detailed list at church or LWR kits online.)**



2022 Summer Library News



New DVDs

The Immanuel Library now has 26 new DVDs for your watching enjoyment. A few new children DVDs but most are located in the adult DVD shelves. Here are a few of the new movies ~~

Appalachian Trial

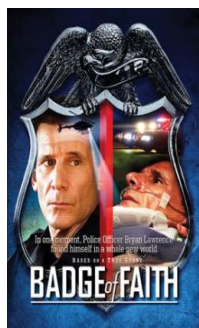


Disobedience turns a pleasant hike into an ordeal. A pleasant hike turns into an ordeal when Jeremy Crandall tempts his brother Brendan, along with Kayla and Zack Hart, to disobey their parents and go past the end of the marked trail. When the kids try to retrace their steps, tempers flare and hardships reveal important needs in both Kayla's and Jeremy's lives. As the dads look for the children, Mr. Crandall gains a new understanding of what it means to walk by faith.



Badge of Faith

One night while chasing two suspects, Officer Bryan Lawrence is kicked in the face and instantly paralyzed. Forced to depend on others for the simplest things, Bryan is determined to keep his promise to walk his son's fiancé down the aisle. The doctors say he'll never walk again. Can his faith sustain him?



The Locket



Academy Award® winner Vanessa Redgrave stars as Esther, a wise woman who teaches a troubled young man the power of love. From her, Michael Keddington (Chad Willett) learns important lessons about faith and forgiveness. Her gift to him of a locket—symbolic of one person's missed opportunities—comes to represent Michael's second chance.

Harvest of Fire

An FBI agent is sent to investigate an arson in a peaceful Amish township, but she must first gain the trust of an Amish widow suspicious of outsiders. Stars Lolita Davidovich and Patty Duke.



Promiseland

We were unable to hold the annual Promiseland reading contest this year but plan to hold it starting in the fall of 2022. The Library Committee does want to acknowledge the Promiseland students who faithfully used the Immanuel Library during the 2021-2022 school year reading books and/or watching DVD's.



Brody Abels
Ellie Abels
Mila Abels
Zoey Anderson
Dax Arentson
Tatum Arentson
Lainey Banta
Clayton Bolie
Emmie Callow
Blakely Clarey
Porter Clarey
Rhett Clarey
Asher Determann
Brantley Determann
MacKenzie Determann
Nevaeh Eastvold
Oliver Farus
Dempsey Frederick
Isaac Gernetzke
Delaney Harriman
Harper Harriman
Lettie Harriman
Ryder Herka
Aiden Henderson
Ellie Holland
Jase Holland
Arthur Hopp

Calla Jensen
Addi Johnson
Jordy Johnson
Silas Johnson
Tate Johnson
Kilar Leilani
Jordan Kingland
Vivian Knudtson
Charley Korth
Elliot Korth
Carson Leber
Marcel Lopes
Michael Lopes
Hayden Porter
Ava Raulie
Maya Sunde
Reid Sunde
Brayden Welp
Brinley Welp
Jaelynn Welp
Makenna Welp
Brantley Willison
Kaden Willison
Jace Wooldridge
Evelyn Wooge
Brinlynn Zrostlik
Elyse Zrostlik

Volunteer

July/August 2022

Assisting Ministers

July 3.....	Kathy McEnelly
July 10.....	Olivia Banta
July 17.....	Cynthia Ryder
July 24.....	Kathy McEnelly
July 31.....	Ken Korth
Aug. 7.....	
Aug. 14.....	Kathy McEnelly
Aug. 21.....	
Aug. 28.....	Olivia Banta

Scripture Readers

July 3.....	Joy Newcom
July 10.....	David Readinger
July 17.....	Steve Olmstead
July 24.....	Connie Johnson
July 31.....	Ray Beebe
Aug. 7.....	Patti Strukel
Aug. 14.....	Ellen Olson
Aug. 21.....	Leah Boyd
Aug. 28.....	Shelby Korth

Altar Care

July 3.....	Julie Damm
July 10.....	Kathy Leuwerke
July 17.....	Mary Lund
July 24.....	Marla Betz
July 31.....	Jean Yeager
Aug. 7.....	Jeanette Neuman
Aug. 14.....	Joan Beebe
Aug. 21.....	Julie Damm
Aug. 28.....	Kathy Leuwerke

Communion Servers

July 3.....	Carolyn Korth, Joy Newcom, Becky Stumme
July 17.....	Mary Kingland, Harlan Rodberg, Ken Korth
July 31.....	Kathy McEnelly, Bink Keller, Laura Winter
Aug. 7.....	Marlene Faircloth, Kathy Jerome, Joan Beebe
Aug. 21.....	Melanie Westerberg, Kay Sorensen, Leah Boyd

Offering Counters

Betty Olson, Mary Farland, Marj Anderson, Ellen Olson

Laundry

July	Mary Kingland
Aug.	Judy Levad

Ushers

July 3	Beenken Family
July 10	Ray & Joan Beebe

July 17	Squier family
July 24	Tina Berg & Mary Kingland
July 31	Ray & Joan Beebe
August	Jim Lund & Gary McCarthy

Sunday Coffee Fellowship

July	Kitchen Service Group (July 3, 17, 31)
Aug.	Connections Through Food Teams



A FREE Community Meals served each Wednesday from 4-6pm in the fellowship hall. Eat in or take out.

All are welcome to enjoy the convenience and fellowship for families and individuals. Invite a friend, neighbor, or a stranger on your schedules!

- Dawn Craig, Hospitality Specialist

July/August Menu:

July 6	tacos, oranges & apples, cookies
July 13	hot dogs, mac & cheese, krispy bars
July 20	sub sandwiches, sweet corn, watermelon
July 27	chicken legs, cheesy hashbrowns, corn, orange fluff Jello
Aug. 3	pizza, lettuce salad, fruit
Aug. 10	pork chops, green beans, mashed potatoes, pudding
Aug. 17	pancakes, sausage, lemon cake
Aug. 24	maidrites, baked beans, chips, ice cream
Aug. 31	grilled cheese sandwiches, cottage cheese, potato salad, brownies

Blessings & Prayers

Baptism

May 8

Coltson Mitchell, son of Mitchell & Rachel (Tuttle) Krieger
Kennady Rae, daughter of Colton & Kristen (McCarthy) Sankey
Aaron Michael, son of Seth & Amy Thorson

June 12

Gehrig Matthew, son of Matt & Abby (Mollenhauer) Harriman

Prayers

Diane & Matt Bronson, Justyn, Dominic, on the loss of Diane's mom/grandma Patricia Dietz of Charles City

Val & Zach Holkesvik, Owen, Aviana, on the loss of Val's mom/grandma Rosalie Stadler of Caledonia, MN

Family & friends of Steve Brackey of Forest City

Family & friends of Lou Ann Van Gerpen of Garner

Pastor Rod & Renae Hopp and family, on the loss of brother-in-law Alan Wingert of Merville

Family and friends of Jackie Fredrickson of Forest City

Jan Buffington and family in the loss of brother-in-law Beryl Buffington of Woden

JULY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 9:15am- Worship, Communion, Holtan family leading/special music 10:15am- Coffee, FH	4 Church closed HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!	5 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (zoom)	6 4-6pm- Meal, FH 7:30pm- HS Youth hangout	7 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge	8	9
10 9:15am- OUTSDOOR Worship @ Waldorf Pond 10:15am- Sloppy Joes Picnic @ Pond	11 2:30pm – Forest Plaza Communion w/pastor 6:30pm- Council, Shalom	12 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (zoom) 4:15pm- Education board, Kitchenette	13 4-6pm- Meal, FH 4:45pm- M&O Board 7:30pm- HS Youth hangout	14 9am—Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom 6:30pm- Parish Life board, Lounge	15 11am-1pm- SALAD LUNCHEON, FH	16
17 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH	18 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom	19 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (zoom)	20 4-6pm- Meal, FH 7:30pm- HS Youth hangout	21 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 10:30am- Good Sam Comm. service (NO CIRCLES IN JULY)	22	23
24 9:15am- Worship, MISSIONARY KAREN'S VISIT & MESSAGE 10:15am- Brunch, EPES/CHILE PRESENTATION BY KAREN, FH	25 HS Youth Trip to Necedah, WI	26 HS Youth Trip to Necedah, WI 1pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (zoom)	27 HS Youth Trip to Necedah, WI 4-6pm- Meal, FH	28 HS Youth Trip to Necedah, WI 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	29 HS Youth Trip to Necedah, WI	30
31 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH	1	2	3	4	5	6

AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 9am-12:30 – VBS 2:30pm – Forest Plaza Communion w/pastor	2 9am-12:30 – VBS 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (zoom)	3 9am-12:30 – VBS 4-6pm- Meal, FH 7:30pm- HS hangout	4 9am-12:30 - VBS 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 12 noon – VBS Program	5	6
7 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH	8 August 8-12- Ann @ ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Columbus, OH 5pm- Trustees, Shalom 6:30pm- Council, Shalom	9 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (zoom)	10 4-6pm- Meal, FH 4:45pm- M&O Board	11 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom 6:30pm- Parish Life board, Lounge	12	13
14 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH	15 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom	16 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (zoom)	17 4-6pm- Meal, FH 7:30pm- HS hangout	18 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 10am – Martha Circle, Shalom 10:30am- Good Sam Comm. 1:30pm- Rachel/Sarah Circle, Lounge	19 SEPTEMBER MESSENGER DEADLINE	20
21 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH	22	23 1pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH 3:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group (zoom)	24 4-6pm- Meal, FH 7:30pm- HS hangout	25 9am -Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	26	27
28 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH	29	30 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group	31 4-6pm- Meal, FH TBD- Confirmation Orientations	1	2	3



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