

# THE MESSENGER

*The monthly newsletter for members of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Forest City, Iowa - May/June 2022*

## Congratulations to the Graduates!

Blessings to this group of graduating Seniors who were confirmed here at Immanuel, as well as the whole Forest City Class of 2022.

Haley Droessler  
Drew Greenwood  
Will Heidemann  
Keevan Jones

Brooke Kingland  
Tessa Kozitza  
Molly Miller

Ethan Ochoa  
Ethan Sesker  
Zachary Welton



We will be recognizing them in person on Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30pm worship. They will each receive a red/white prayer shawl from the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team. Each in the class is also submitting photos/videos that will be shown during worship. Sunday, May 15 worshippers will get to see the recording of this recognition as well.

Immanuel is the 2022 host of the Baccalaureate service scheduled for Sunday, May 15 @ 3:00pm

*"May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." Psalm 20:4*

## How Does Your Garden Grow?



During the first three Wednesdays and three of the first four Sundays following Easter we will be focusing on our lives as a garden and God as the Gardener. This is a stewardship series that will culminate in encouragement for each of us to consider the gifts we've received from God and how God is calling us to care for and manage those gifts and ultimately how we will invest ourselves in the various callings upon our lives to bear fruit for God's mission. On Wednesday May 4 and Sunday May 15 we will hold an ingathering of time, talents and treasure cards in the prayerful hope that this time of study and contemplation will help each of us grow in faith love and obedience to God's will.

Wednesday Worship will conclude for the program year on May 11.

Sunday Worship remains at 9:15am every week.

**\*\*2nd Sundays of the months of June (12th) & July (10th) will be held out by Waldorf Pond (weather permitting).**

## ELCA Missionary Karen Anderson, Santiago, Chile

**May-June mission emphasis @ Immanuel**

Missionary Karen is the leader of an organization named

EPES (Popular Education in Health) which she founded in 1982. She and her staff work on this international training program to help people to learn a better, healthier lifestyle. This program trains and educates people (mainly women) to be able to provide a healthier life for their families and themselves. EPES is dedicated to promoting health, dignity, and rights of the poor in Chile.

Gardening has been the healthy focus as they learn to raise and harvest acelga, ciboulette, arucula, kale and celery, in addition to basil and tomatoes, and other produce to feed their families and preserve for their upcoming winter months (which is our summer months).

Gardening and eating healthy is also important to us as we plan our gardens that will be planted this month! Thank you for your upcoming mission gifts to help support Karen and her EPES Foundation as we have a yearly commitment gift of \$5,000 towards their important work. (Find their Facebook page and 'like' so you can follow their work!) printed in the Messenger as an inspiration for the whole congregation. Contact Pastor Rod or be ready to say 'yes' if asked.



Get to know the Immanuel Lutheran Church 2022 Leadership Council and thank them for serving! Front l to r: Linda Ferjak-secretary, Pastor Zech Anderson, Laura Winter, Joyce Kasper, Dave Melby-vice-president, Danielle Niess. Back: Chad Kozitza, Marcy Hanson, Lisa Chisholm, Daryl Krieger-president, Ben Arentson, Jennifer Jenkins-treasurer, Pastor Rod Hopp.

# Letter from Pastor Rod

## Now That's Something:

I've been asked by several members for the list of scripture texts quoted on Easter Sunday as part of the "Now that's something....The darkness should have known" call and response. (If you missed it, you can find the sermon at [Immanuelfamily.com](http://Immanuelfamily.com).) Because of that I will share it with all of you in hopes that you might use the list for a self-guided summer Bible study or a survey of scriptures that give us hope and light in dark times. So, enjoy and use as is fitting for you.



The scriptures are full of promises that buoy our hearts and remind us that God is still rolling stones! God is still breaking the power of darkness and thwarting its claim of victory.

Deuteronomy 31: It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.

Isaiah 43: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Psalms 23: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; God restores my soul. 4: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you/GOD are with me.

Psalms 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Isaiah 41: Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.... 13 For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

Luke 3: And a voice came from heaven saying, "You are my Son/Child, my Beloved; in you I take delight."

John 8: Jesus says, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

Acts 2: ... it was impossible for death to hold Jesus in its power.

Lamentations 3: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. 24 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'

Psalms 30: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. 5 For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Sorrow may last for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

Romans 8: If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?... 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, (including the darkness) will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A Blessed Easter to you all!

Pastor Rod Hopp

# Immanuel Kids

## Sum, Sum, Summertime

The following are the lyrics from an old song titled, Summertime. The lyrics and tune are upbeat and fun.

(Chorus) It's summertime summertime sum sum summertime  
Summertime summertime sum sum summertime  
Summertime summertime sum sum summertime  
Summertime summertime sum sum summertime summertime...

Well shut them books and throw 'em away  
And say goodbye to dull school days  
Look alive and change your ways  
It's summertime...

Well no more studying history  
And no more reading geography  
And no more dull geometry  
Because it's summertime

(Chorus)

It's time to head straight for them hills  
It's time to live and have some thrills  
Come along and have a ball  
A regular free-for-all

Well are you comin' or are you ain't  
You slow poke are my one complaint  
Hurry up before I faint  
It's summertime

Well I'm so happy that I could flip  
Oh how I'd love to take a trip  
I'm sorry teacher but zip your lip  
Because it's summertime

There are two more verses to this song, but for the sake of space and time I'll let you look them up yourself. The reason that I'm sharing this song with you is twofold. First, we all need a change of pace sometimes and that is one theme of this song. I hope you all get a change of pace and enjoy your summertime activities. We can at times however take things to the extreme. We should never want a break or a change of pace from the rhythm of life God gave us. God gave us six days in which to do our work and then God rested on day seven and told us to do the same. Worship God, rest, and play on the Sabbath day. Sabbath means "rest". The Sabbath is meant to be a change of pace that is built-in to our God-given rhythm of life. Enjoy your summer but stay connect to God in worship and rest and I'll hope to see you in worship this summer.

Crossed in Christ,  
Pastor Rod

## 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.

May 29 June 12 July 17

Aug. 21, 28 Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25

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

## Blessings & Prayers

### Baptism

April 24 Parker David Dakken, son of Joseph & Danielle Dakken

### Prayers

Cherrice & Loren Ehrich and family in the loss of Cherrice's brother, Gerald Tokheim of Alcester, SD



## FAITH-FORMATION SUMMER TRIP TO WISCONSIN



I am very excited to announce that the High School Youth Group will still be able to have a faith-formation trip this summer in lieu of the cancelled ELCA Youth Gathering. We have booked a beautiful cabin in Necedah, Wisconsin that will be able to house all of us and meet all kinds of "musts" for a camp-style retreat. Our trip is July 25-29 and will include speakers, themed Bible studies, campfires, kayaking, group activities, and much more. This will be a great opportunity for students to relax, learn, and play together. We are very grateful for those who have supported us in any way and ask that you continue to keep all of these wonderful young people in your prayers. I am personally thankful for anyone who has reached out with resources from past Gatherings that will help me program our experience in a meaningful way. We cannot wait to share more about our experience with you!

### Summer Office Hours

This summer, I want to offer some office hours that would be a great time to come see me for anyone but especially students. These designated times will be on Tuesdays from 1-4pm and Wednesdays from 1-6pm. I also have 7:30-9pm on Wednesdays designated for high schoolers to come spend time together. Thursdays I will not be in-office for the summer months, but I would love to hear from you during office hours!

Ann Hunhoff

Youth Missionary and Ministry Coordinator



## GOOD GRIEF GROUP

Are you or someone you know grieving over the loss of a loved one? It can be a wife or husband, child or parent whom you miss so much that it is affecting you deeply. We are here to help you cope, listen to you, and wipe your tears for you. We use the Grief Share material which is Christian based. We show a DVD from that program at each meeting and then discuss how that is or has affected our lives. The group gives support and caring to one another as they discuss the events that have brought them to this group of grieving people.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the Shalom Room on the lower level at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Forest City. All are welcome even if you do not belong to Immanuel. For more information call the church at 641-585-3152 or Anna Harringa at 641-585-3879. These meetings are coordinated by Phyllis Disque and Anna Harringa.

## JOB POSTING

Immanuel is seeking a Children's Education Coordinator to plan and implement programming for children 3 years through 5th grade including Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School. This is a quarter time position with a lot of flexibility for the stay-at-home parent or the working person who wants to add meaningful work to their life. Qualifications include exceptional organization skills, and great love for Jesus, children, and the church. Salary is negotiable. Contact the church office for an application @ 641-585-3152 or jaci@immanuelfamily.com.



## Promiseland

Tasha Banta

As summer approaches and the end of our Promiseland year draws near, I want to thank you all. Thank you to the families who come to Immanuel and fill our church with life. Thank

you to the members of our Board of Education for supporting me, for caring for the children that fill our classrooms and programs, for dedicating time and attention to our children's programming. Thank you to everyone who has taken on the role as a teacher throughout the past 5 years. Thank you for being flexible, for taking every change in stride, for being patient with me. Thank you to the staff at Immanuel, I am grateful and blessed to have had your leadership, mentoring, and friendship in my life - personal and work.

I have been blessed beyond what I can fully express in words. I didn't know coming into this position how much my faith life would be impacted. It has been impacted by pushing me into God's Word in the Bible and devotionals. It has pushed me in the time I spend talking to God, listening for His voice to guide me. It has impacted me by getting to know all of the awesome children that attend Promiseland and worship. Children who sing their hearts out to God, who ask questions and share thoughts that blow my mind, theologically. Their smiles and hugs and even their fits of tears have brought me so much joy, just being able to get to know them.

Working at Immanuel has opened my eyes to the inner workings of a church. I have realized how much it takes to put together services and programs that benefit people in the way of building relationship with Christ and community. It has shown me just how important people are - people like you and me - in making a church a Church. Somewhere to gather with those alike and unlike ourselves to give thanks and praise to our Savior, to love and be loved by each other and to feel and experience the love of Jesus. It takes all of us, as big or little as you think the service or time you are giving is, I can tell you, it's more than you might believe. Every one of us makes a difference, and I know firsthand that you make a difference not only at Immanuel, but in our community and the world by being the faithful, loving people you are.

I will truly miss so much about being the Children's Education Director and I trust that God has a plan for the future of this position. Thank you for trusting me with sharing Christ's love with your children!!

My time is not yet over! We still have some exciting events coming up this summer. Vacation Bible School will be held August 1-4, so mark your calendars! We will be using the Okoboji curriculum, but with them being short-staffed, we will be putting on the program ourselves. Please consider volunteering that week. We will need crafts, snacks, Bible time and games leaders as well as teen crew leaders. Watch for signups as summer approaches!!

As a staff, we are also looking at doing some fun family events throughout the summer, so stay tuned to Immanuel's FB page for information on that!

Thank you again for being a part of my time here at Immanuel!!!

# Board notes

## Mission & Outreach

Sharon Rieffer

The members of the board met via ZOOM on April 13 at 4:45 p.m. Those present were: Becky Stumme, Ken Korth, Jaci Thorson, Ben Arentson, Larry and Sharen Rieffer. For devotions Sharen read from "Christ in Our Home" based on John 19:41 about Christ's life-giving presence.

The board received an update on a fellow board member, Pøtt Van Auken. Our thoughts and prayers go towards a speedy recovery for her.

Our first quarter mission emphasis for 2022 was Hunger Issues where any mission monies would go towards these three causes—in equal amounts: FC Neighborhood Food Bank, Immanuel's Wednesday night meals and Lutheran World Hunger relief. Our final total was \$1,243-- \$414 each cause.

Lenten Offerings will be going to Lutheran Services in Iowa, which among many other services help to settle the Afghan refugees in various areas in Iowa. Lenten gifts came to \$1,546 for LSI. We are blessed with such a caring congregation.

April's mission emphasis will be for the needs of the Ukrainian people. We direct our mission monies to Lutheran Disaster Response-Eastern Europe Crisis.

May and June mission monies will be designated toward our missionary, Karen Anderson, in Santiago, Chile. We have a \$5,000 covenant commitment again this year for Karen. We ask for continued support for her EPES ministry.

Thanks to some folks that donated various kitchen items for the Waldorf International Students. With these various items the "cupboard" for them is in good shape for now.

The board received word that Larry and Sharen Rieffer are resigning after seven plus years of service. There is a need for replacements so if anyone knows someone who has a heart for missions, it would be great if they would join our board. If ANYONE is interested, please contact Jaci, in the front office. Obligations as a member would be to attend the monthly meeting (2nd Wednesday of the month at 4:45—it's been via ZOOM lately) and help with some fundraising efforts—like coffees.

## Trustees' Notes

Bink Keller

The Board of Trustees met on April 11 at the church and by zoom. March income was \$63,581.08 and expenses were \$57,541.71 with a positive \$6,039.37 for the month. YTD is a negative (\$10,215.40) compared to a negative (\$11,966.86) for 2021.

**Endowment:** \$55,000 is available with \$33,000 designated withdrawal leaving \$22,000 for the year.

**Property Committee:** Both elevators were inspected and licensed for annual updates. Fire extinguishers were checked and recharged by Federal Fire in Mason City. Mike Oleson will buy 2 fire extinguishers for the parsonage, one for each floor. Omega Organ and Audio to install two TVs in the sanctuary and wire a distribution amplifier to send digital signals to multiple locations, main screen, live stream, basement, and back TV. The maximum quote of \$8,344.40 quote to be paid half from Firm Foundation and half from endowment.

**Personnel Committee:** Policy handbook item #1250 Sexual Harassment is still being worked on.

**New Business:** The board toured the unused Sunday school rooms. Pastor Rod led thoughts of using some of the rooms for 1. Apartments for Waldorf students or church involved Waldorf students. 2. Apartments for Widows. 3. Childcare rooms. This will lead to more investigation in costs to meet code requirements for fire code, access, bathroom requirement, possible kitchen allowances. Summer outside services were discussed with the second Sunday of June, July, and possibly August will be outside by Waldorf Pond.

**Old Business:** a.) Bethany Lutheran Staff sharing and Quarterly vitality group update: One Bethany member is going off. They meet quarterly.

## Parish Council

Linda Ferjak

Council met on April 11 with an In Person/Zoom Hybrid format. Ten members and both Pastors were in attendance. Meeting was called to order by President Daryl Krieger and March minutes were approved.

Pastor Zech reported on the progress of the transept set-up with Omega Audio and Organ. He has been working on Holy Week planning, specifically the tech needs as well as the Good Friday dramatic reading put together with Joy Newcom. His work with the Interlinked Ministry has been going well with Facebook participation this season commenting that is it something to look into periodically through the year.

Pastor Rod reported on funerals and baptisms as well as the increase of hospital and care center visits. The Fifth Grade Communion classes were scheduled and conclude with foot washing on Maundy Thursday. The Lenten journey continues with Sundays focusing on Full to the Brim, and Wednesday's worship on "Awake O Sleeper, Christ is calling your name." The Children's Education position has been advertised and he would like to close the application process near the end of April. Reports from Board of Education, Trustees, Mission & Outreach and Parish Life were approved. The Financial report was given by Jennifer Jenkins and is published in the Messenger.

The Bethany/Immanuel Health & Vitality Team (HVT) was discussed, as one member leaving the team will need to be replaced.

Discussion continued from the Council Retreat concerning Immanuel's Core Values as well as the Reengagement & Invitation discussion.

Summer OUTDOOR worship for June and July will be on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

## Parish Life

Karen Keller

The Board of Parish Life met on Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. The main item on the agenda was the Spring Block Party scheduled for Thursday, April 21 by the pond at Waldorf or in the Atrium, depending on the weather. Planned for serving 200 students and faculty. The menu is Walking Tacos and bars and cookies with lemonade or water to drink. Joyce and Eric from Waldorf Campus Ministry, discussed set up details, and the board members determined meat and all items needed. All Board Members are asked to bring bars or cookies as well as anyone in the congregation willing to furnish also. All board members willing to help cook the meat will meet at 1:00 and we will start serving at 5:30.

The only other items discussed were scheduling of ushers and communion servers. Ushers are scheduled through April and communion servers are scheduled through May.

The board meeting day will be held on the second Thursday of each month.



## Steward the Ship

Let me talk to you about Stewardship... Ok now I know some of you are panicking, abandoned ship, and have stopped reading at this point. I get it that's sometimes what I think when I hear that very word and I'm a Pastor. But that's not what I'm talking about at this moment. No, I want to tell you a story about Steward.

Steward was a ship, the newest one on the sea. Steward had been given all the upgrades, best looking rooms, fastest engines, a hull that could withstand hurricanes, and a crew unlike any other. Steward would sit near the shore every day, all day, but was feeling unfulfilled. I have all these wonderful gifts, and yet all I do is sit near the shore every day. I don't go out to sea and use my engines and my rooms are all empty. There must be more I have to offer otherwise why would I have these gifts? He continued to ponder what to do next, but Steward was also comfortable where he was, his engines never got tired, the crew was always happy, and his room always looked brand new. Then one day a storm blew into the area and the seas became wild and fierce. No ship was able to go out to sea to help find a lost group. Steward realized I have all these gifts and now is the time to share them and not keep them to myself. So off Steward went into the wild sea, roaring waves, rooms ready to go, and engines that could cut through any wave and move with power. Steward arrived at the scene and the crew unlike any other began to save those on the sinking ship. Once all were aboard safe and sound Steward again started up those engines and brought them all to safety on the land. After this event Steward felt fulfilled, he loved sharing his gifts he'd been given, and instead of sitting near shore waiting for a storm, he began to invite others on to the boat and gave back in ways that didn't need large waves,

but was always there ready for the next big storm. Steward the ship finally realized what stewardship could look like.

Now this story was completely made up, but it was inspired by one of the stewardship messages I heard growing up, where someone came out wearing a boat called Steward, and they explored what stewardship is. I'm not the expert of experts on this but I do know the definition of stewardship is, "the job of supervising or taking care of something." Taking care of something, maybe even someone? But how can we do that? 1 Peter 4:10 says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Each of us has a gift, most likely gifts. They could be financial, physical, relational, spiritual, talents, you name it. I bet we can think of something. That's why the old offertory prayer says we give ourselves, our time and our possessions which are signs of your gracious love, use us. Maybe that's a prayer we can offer up today? Maybe someone is feeling unfulfilled or burned out in one area but has other gifts to give in different ways that bring life again. I'm not going to ramble on any longer today because I'm sure you've heard this before.

But as we head into Summer and a season of growth, I invite you to take time to pray, look at who you are, what is God calling me to do, maybe even to stop, and to help steward. It may be financial, it may be with time, it may be with talent, it may be something else, who knows what seas you're being called into today. Pray about it and listen to where Steward the ship is being called into next. I pray it brings you new growth as you watch things grow around you this summer.

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

Pastor Zech Anderson

## Henri Nouwen Book Study Series #5

### Making all Things New: An invitation to the Spiritual Life

Making All Things New, by Henri Nouwen, is a short, clean, clear book about how to begin finding the peace of mind to hear the voice of God. The book's epigraph, from Mark, is anchored in Jesus' words: "Do not worry." Nouwen acknowledges that worry is so ingrained in many people's daily lives that it seems to be an integral part of positive achievement and self-protection. Yet he explains, with devastating directness, the destructive effects of busy-ness and its attendant habit of worrying, then shows how Jesus responds to these worries, and finally describes some disciplines that "can cause our worries slowly to lose their grip on us, and which can thus allow the Spirit of God to do his recreating work." [Amazon.com review]

Get your book ordered, read, and join in the Book Study scheduled for June 12, 19, & 26. Three Sunday mornings at 10:30 gathering in the church lounge/Zoom/recorded. Cindi Lehmann will be leading this study.

### Treasury's Report | Immanuel Lutheran Church FY March 2022

	March Actual 2022	Monthly Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Percent of YTD Budget 25.00%	March Actual 2021	YTD Actual 2021
<b>Income</b>							
Regular Offerings & Envelopes	45,617.21	40,712.50	113,382.85	488,550.00	23.21%	46,572.24	108,050.94
Other Income	17,963.87	10,490.50	30,215.95	125,886.00	24.00%	10,040.94	22,264.03
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>63,581.08</b>	<b>51,203.00</b>	<b>143,598.80</b>	<b>614,436.00</b>	<b>23.37%</b>	<b>56,613.18</b>	<b>130,314.97</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
Staff Support	32,800.03	32,867.58	98,684.18	394,411.00	25.02%	32,708.30	98,015.50
Administration	14,553.18	11,152.67	33,737.94	133,832.00	25.21%	6,209.52	24,583.24
Ministry Areas	10,188.50	7,182.75	21,392.08	86,193.00	24.82%	6,450.20	19,683.09
Loan re-payment/contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>57,541.71</b>	<b>51,203.00</b>	<b>153,814.20</b>	<b>614,436.00</b>	<b>25.03%</b>	<b>45,368.02</b>	<b>142,281.83</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>\$6,039.37</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$10,215.40)</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>\$11,245.16</b>	<b>(\$11,966.86)</b>



# Volunteer May/June 2022

## Assisting Ministers

May 1.....	Ken Korth
May 8.....	Ann Hunhoff
May 15.....	Olivia Banta
May 22.....	Kathy McEnelly
May 29.....	Kathy McEnelly
June 5.....	Ann Hunhoff
June 12.....	Kathy McEnelly
June 19.....	Kathy McEnelly
June 26.....	Ken Korth

## Scripture Readers

May 1.....	Patti Strukel
May 8.....	Julie Damm
May 15.....	Ken Korth
May 22.....	Mary Kingland
May 29.....	Scott Bertelsen
June 5.....	Shelby Korth
June 12.....	John Chisholm
June 19.....	Sam Hernes
June 26.....	Joan Beebe

## Altar Care

May 1.....	Jeanette Neuman
May 8.....	Joan Beebe
May 15.....	Julie Damm
May 22.....	Kathy Leuwerke
May 29.....	Marla Betz
June 5.....	Mary Lund
June 12.....	Jean Yeager
June 19.....	Jeanette Neuman
June 26.....	Joan Beebe

## Communion Servers

May 1.....	Joan Beebe, TBD
May 15.....	Laura Winter, Marlene Faircloth, Kathy Jerome
May 29.....	Kay Sorensen, Leah Boyd, Julie Damm
June 5.....	TBD
June 19.....	TBD

## Sound/Video Techs

May Sundays	Bruce Mielke/Dave Midtgaard
May Wednesdays	Daryl Krieger/Tammy Krieger
June Sundays	

## Offering Counters

Marj Anderson, Ellen Olson, Kathy Bendickson, Diane Lovick, Anna Harringa

## Laundry

May	Joanne Bartleson
June	Laurel Erickson

## Ushers

May 1	Squier Family
May 8, 15	Denny Jerome, Josh & Silas Banta
May 22	Jacob Beenken, Katelyn Beenken
May 29	Marv & Mary Kingland
June	Jim Lund, Gary McCarthy

## Sunday Coffee Fellowship

May-June Karen Gustafson  
Contact Karen or the church office if you would like to volunteer or furnish any Sunday; OR TO HELP COORDINATE FUTURE MONTHS.

## MONEY FOR COLLEGE!

Immanuel offers a scholarship of \$100 from the church and then \$100 matched by the college, for those who are planning to attend or are currently attending any of the following ELCA schools:

- Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Their scholarship program is called PACT (Parish and College Together)
- Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota  
Congregational Scholarship
- Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota  
Congregational Scholarship
- Luther College in Decorah, Iowa  
EPIC (Education Partners in Covenant) Matching Grant Program
- St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota  
STEP (St. Olaf Education Partnership) Grant Program
- Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa  
EPIC

To take advantage of this scholarship, an application needs to be filled out annually and returned by May 30th. To fill out the application, go to Immanuel's website: [www.immanuelfamily.com](http://www.immanuelfamily.com), scroll down and look for the EPIC Scholarship Application Button on the bottom right side to apply.

Please make sure to fill out not only Immanuel's form, but also your school's form!



Pictured following the assembly: Cindy Korth, Liz Wilson, & Mary Kingland.

-Immanuel Lutheran Church Women

## LWR Care Kits

Thanks for all the donations given for LWR Personal Care Kits.

Your donations and a generous Thrivent Grant allowed us to assemble 100 kits for distribution to areas in need.



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

**LWR  
PACKING  
DAY**

Friday the 13th of May  
8:30am, Fellowship Hall

A time where many come together to count, box, label, weigh, and load all the meaningful work put into making quilts, collecting soap and blankets, and assembling school and personal care kits. Anyone is welcome to come join in the fun! (Donuts & coffee to follow) God's work our many hands gets the job done quickly!

## MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Promiseland/ Coffee, FH	<b>2</b> 2:30pm – Forest Plaza Communion w/pastor	<b>3</b> 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 4:30pm- Board of Ed 5:30pm- Bell Choir	<b>4</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 5:30pm- Whirl Wed./ MS Youth 6:30pm- Worship, communion 7:30pm- HS Youth / Choir	<b>5</b> 9am—Women's Bible Study, Lounge 5:30pm- Personnel	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Promiseland/ Coffee, FH  HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	<b>9</b> 5pm- Trustees 6:30pm- Council	<b>10</b> 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 5:30pm- Bell Choir	<b>11</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 4:45pm- M&O Board 5:30pm- last Whirl Wed./ MS Youth 6:30pm- Last Worship, recognizing seniors 7:30pm- HS Youth / Choir	<b>12</b> 9am—Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Parish Life board 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	<b>13</b> 8:30am- LWR Packing Day, FH	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Last Promiseland/Coffee, FH 3pm- FC HS Baccalaureate, ILC	<b>16</b> 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom	<b>17</b> 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group 5:30pm- Bell Choir	<b>18</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 7:30pm- HS Youth	<b>19</b> 9am - Women's Bible Study, Lounge 10am – Martha Circle, Shalom 10:30am- Good Sam Comm. 1:30pm- Rachel/Sarah Circle, Lounge	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Coffee, FH	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH 5:30pm- Bell Choir	<b>25</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 7:30pm- HS Youth	<b>26</b> 9am—Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH	<b>30</b> MEMORIAL DAY - Church closed	<b>31</b> 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

## JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 7:30pm- HS Youth	<b>2</b> 9am—Women's Bible Study, Lounge	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH	<b>6</b> 2:30pm – Forest Plaza Communion w/pastor	<b>7</b> 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group	<b>8</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 4:45pm- M&O Board 7:30pm- HS Youth	<b>9</b> 9am—Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom 6:30pm- Parish Life board	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:15am- OUTSIDE Worship @ Waldorf Pond 10:30am- Nouwen Book Study, Lounge	<b>13</b> 5pm- Trustees 6:30pm- Council	<b>14</b> 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group	<b>15</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 7:30pm- HS Youth	<b>16</b> 9am - Women's Bible Study, Lounge 10am – Martha Circle, Shalom 10:30am- Good Sam Comm. 1:30pm- Rachel/Sarah Circle, Lounge	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:15am- Worship, Communion 10:15am- Coffee, FH 10:30am- Nouwen Book Study, Lounge HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!	<b>20</b> 2-4pm- Prayer Shawl Ministry, Shalom JULY/AUGUST MESSENGER DEADLINE	<b>21</b> 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group	<b>22</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 7:30pm- HS Youth	<b>23</b> 9am - Women's Bible Study, Lounge 6:30pm- Good Grief Group, Shalom	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:15am- Worship 10:15am- Coffee, FH 10:30am- Nouwen Book Study, Lounge	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 1pm- LWR Quilting Do Day, FH 2:30pm- Intercessor Prayer Group	<b>29</b> 4-6pm- Meal, FH 7:30pm- HS Youth	<b>30</b> 9am - Women's Bible Study, Lounge	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>



All are welcome to these FREE COMMUNITY MEALS served each Wednesday from 4-6pm in the fellowship hall. Eat in or take out. Happy Mother's Day to all our moms, and congratulations to the upcoming graduates! Enjoy the summer months coming soon and be sure to include 'Wednesday Night Meal' on your schedules!  
- Dawn Craig, Hospitality Specialist

## May/June Menu:

May 4	Tater tot hotdish, coleslaw, mixed vegetables, lemon dessert
May 11	Baked pork chops, mashed potatoes, carrots/peas, krispy bar w/M&M's
May 18	Ham hotdish w/cheesy hashbrowns, green beans, peaches
May 25	Chicken fajitas, rice, ice cream
June 1	Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, peas, pudding
June 8	Tuna hotdish, lettuce salad, green beans, cake
June 15	Ham sandwiches, tater tots, corn, Jello
June 22	Chicken noodle hotdish, coleslaw, carrots, brownies
June 29	Hamburgers, baked beans, chips, peaches/pears



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#### MISSION STATEMENT

Building community in the  
Name and likeness of  
Jesus Christ.

#### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays – 9:15am  
Wednesdays 6:30pm  
\*Last Wednesday -  
May 11\*  
In Person & Livestream

#### Office Hours

May : M-F 8am – 5pm  
June : M-F 8am - 4:30pm

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