

IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS JUNE 2022



Vacation Bible School – July 25 to 29

Plans are underway for Immanuel's VBS 2022: The Kingdom of God is a Party! Children ages 4 through 12 are invited to join us for a week of celebrating the church year from Advent to Pentecost. Fun and friendship, crafts and games, songs and stories, puppets and laughs, snacks and surprises. VBS will be July 25 to 29, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to noon. We are looking for adults and teens to serve as helpers during the week. Contact the church office if you are interested.

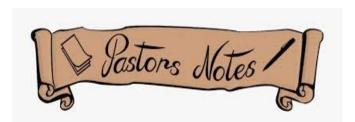
Registration forms are available at the church.

Worship in June

Date	Message	
June 4-5 Pentecost	Guest preacher	Communion
June 11-12 Trinity Sunday	"The Only Gospel" (Galatians 1:1-12)	
June 18-19 Pentecost 2	"Called by Grace" (Galatians 1:11-24)	Communion
June 25-26 Pentecost 3	"The Unity of the Gospel" (Galatians 2:1-10)	



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Dear Friends in Christ,

What does it mean to join as members of a congregation? When people inquire about joining a congregation, that want to know what is expected of them as members. Every congregation has expectations of its members. What do we expect of our members? We ask new members of Immanuel to sign a covenant of membership that includes the following expectations.

- 1. We commit to participation and serving in the public worship of God for 3 reasons. God is worthy. We need God's grace in Word and Sacrament. And we are a family. (John 4:23, Acts 2:46-47, Hebrews 10:24-25)
- 2. We commit to loving and caring for each other as family in Christ regardless of race, gender, age, or social status. (John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 12:26, 1 John 4:7)
- 3. We commit to daily prayer and study of the Scriptures so that we may grow through daily repentance and forgiveness. (Romans 12:1-2, Colossians 3:16, 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- We commit to being good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us and generous givers to the work of God's mission in the world. (Luke 12:32-34, 2 Corinthians 9:7-15)
- 5. We commit to live lives of compassion and kindness, honesty and humility, generosity and gentleness, mercy and self-control so that we may bear witness to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus. (Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 4:1-3, 1 Peter 2:12)
- 6. We commit to honoring marriage by abstaining from relationships and behaviors that corrupt and adulterate marriage. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, Hebrews 13:4)
- 7. We commit to honoring life by defending all who are vulnerable including the preborn, the young, the disabled, the poor, the foreigner, and the elderly. (Matthew 25:31-46, Luke 10:30-37)



Pastors notes continued.....

- 8. We commit to honoring God by serving our neighbor in the faithful living out of our daily callings in family, work, and community. (Colossians 3:17)
- 9. We commit to sharing the good news of Jesus in word and deed and to invite others to participation in the life of the Church. (Matthew 28:19-20, 1 Peter 3:15-16)

We certainly are not perfect in any of this. But we agree that these are the commitments that we make as members of this church.

Yours in Christ,

Phil Nielsen



WORSHIP & GIVING

	<u>Attendance</u>			<u>General</u>		<u>Building</u>		<u>Total</u>			
April 30-May 1	23	+	81	=	104	\$	6,135.10	\$	70.00	\$	6,205.10
May 7-8	23	+	149	=	172	\$	5,460.00	\$	50.00	\$	5,510.00
May 14-15	17	+	93	=	110	\$	1,162.95	\$		\$	1,162.95
May 21-22	22	+	73	=	95	\$	2,748.50	\$		\$	2,748.50

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Happy Birthday to the following:

Angie Wittrup will be 87 on June 13.
Sandy Stormer who will be 81 on June 14.
Lorene Thiede will be 94 on June 21.
Karen Brasch who will be 81 on June 29.
Barbara Sorensen will be 82 on June 29.

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Mert & Diane Kastens who will be celebrating their 58th anniversary on June 5. David & Kay Koos who will be celebrating their 61st anniversary on June 10. Arthur & Linda Andersen who will be celebrating their 56th anniversary on June 24.

WE OFFER SYMPATHY to the family of Loretta Baughman, Loretta died April 30 at Elm Crest Retirement Community.



Immanuel has a nice fenced-in garden on the east side of the church. Anyone who would like to plant veggies or flowers in it is most welcome. Just let Connie know in the office at 755-5207.



ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Doris Towne, Carolyn Hursey, Nancy Gessmann, Donna Hansen, Lois Troll, Connie Schwieso, Judi Pedersen, Twyla Grabill, Jeanette Kroger, Harry Priest, Nancy Christensen, Connie Benson, Sandra Farr (mother of Cora Chapman), Bill Broveak (son-in-law of Ed & Shelia Mills and brother in law of Gaige & Sherry Lytle).



Heartland District Gathering – July 29 and 30

The Heartland District has an annual gathering of leaders from the 50 plus congregations in the Heartland District in Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and South Dakota. This year we will meet July 29-30 in Ceresco, Nebraska. Our guest presenter, Pastor Dave Drum, will speak on working for the unity of the Church in spite of our differences. The gathering is a good time to encourage and uplift one another as neighbors in LCMC. If you are interested in attending with Pastor Phil, let him know so that we can make reservations.

WORSHIP SERVICES at Immanuel are recorded for viewing on HMU channel 15 (9:30 a.m. Sunday and 6:00 p.m. Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday) and on FMCTC channel 48 (Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.). Our worship services are also posted on our website (www.harlanimmanuel.org/ <a href=



SHOES NEEDED! If you have gently worn, used or new shoes taking up space in your closet, those shoes can be re-purposed and shipped to developing nations where many cannot find jobs. Micro-entrepreneurs can be supplied with merchandise to sell in their local market places, creating small self-sustaining businesses. Re-purposing the shoes also reduces our carbon footprint, reduces the need for raw materials, and consequently helps protect our environment. If you have any type/size of shoes that you are willing to donate, they can be placed in the donation box. What an easy way to help others and protect the environment!

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WOMEN OF THE WORD EXEC BOARD May 17, 2022

The WOW Exec Board met Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in the narthex with Sandy Nelsen, Kathy Block, Janet Johannsen and Sharon Daberkow present. Chair Sandy called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

Sandy to approve. Sharon seconded. The April 13 minutes were reviewed. Motion by

TREASURER'S REPORT: A bill of \$149 from Julie Vorm for quilt batting was moved by Janet and seconded by Sharon to approve. Income received of \$145 was received from Lorene Thiede and the Jacobsen funeral. End of April balance is \$1997.04. Kathy also reported the books were audited and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank You cards were received from John Haas and Doris Rasmussen for the May Goodie Bags. These are posted on the bulletin board.

HOSPITALITY AND KITCHEN: No reports

COMMUNITY: Sharon reported 20 May Goodie Bags were prepared and delivered May 11. Thanks to all who donated items and made deliveries.

<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> <u>Camp Registrations</u> - There have been no more camp registrations which are due <u>June 1.</u>

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> May Blood Drive – Thank you to Marge Ahrenholtz, Patty Allen, Deb Schechinger and Sandy for baking cookies. Thank You card from the Red Cross is on the bulletin board for their donations.

HEARTLAND DISTRICT LCMC RETREAT: MARK YOUR CALENDARS – SEPTEMBER 17, 2022. Sandy had a zoom meeting with the District Board regarding plans underway for this meeting to be held at our church. We discussed food, worship, program and entertainment. More info to follow as plans are finalized. For now—MARK YOUR CALENDARS – SEPTEMBER 17, 2022.

WOW GATHERING

Women of the Word met May 11, 2022 with 12 attending. Sharon shared humorous readings before presenting an excellent program on the Bible. She asked several questions: What is the middle chapter of the whole Bible? What is the shortest chapter? What is the longest chapter? There are the same number of chapters before and after the middle chapter. The middle chapter is Psalms 118. If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118 you get a total of 1188 chapters. 1188 or Psalm 118 verse 8 is the exact middle verse of the entire Bible. Should the central verse not have a fairly important message? "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man." Is this central verse not also the central theme of the entire Bible? This is not a coincidence—God is in complete control. Myrna served a variety of great sweet treats. The May Goodie Bags were then filled and several people delivered them.

Next Board Meeting and WOW is June 8 with Linda having the program.

Mission Quilters is May 23rd at 9 AM.

NO MEETING IN JULY

August WOW Gathering is an evening meeting at 5:15.

Janet Johannsen, Secretary

TANZANIA HAPPENINGS

Wells - Wells - Wells

Imagine not being able to turn on your faucet to get clean drinking water. Next, imagine not even having a well to go to for <u>any</u> water, but instead you must walk to the nearest "watering hole' and bucket it back to your home. (Also keep in mind that this water is probably not "clean" drinking water.)

With this in mind, members of our congregation have recently been led to generously contribute to a NEW well project.

It takes \$10,000 to dig a well. To date, donations for a <u>new</u> well stands at \$6,520.



If you would like to advance the drill further please mark funds to "Tanzania Well Project".

Thank you to all who have already contributed.



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JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Bible Class	MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	9:00 CF Quilters		10:30 Westridge		5:00 Communion
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 Communion No Adult Bible Class		9:00 CF Quilters				5:00 Worship
12	13	14	15	_	17	18
9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Bible Class		9:00 CF Quilters 6:30 Executive 7:00 Church Council		9:30 Salem Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Ladies Homestead		5:00 Communion
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 Communion 10:15 Adult Bible Class		9:00 CF Quilters 10:00 Hansen House		Assemble Newsletter		5:00 Worship
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Bible Class	9:00 Mission Quilters	9:00 CF Quilters 10:00 Elm Crest 1-3 4-H Cooking		1-3 4-H Cooking		5:00 Communion

Worship and Fellowship Servants Schedule

	June 18-19	June 25-26	July 2-3	July 9-10	July 16-17
Acolytes	Mikayla Jensen Harrison Kjergaard	Grant Petersen Jonas Reynolds	Baleigh Sette Emeri Smith	Kori Smith Angel Stern	Carly Torneten Jolie Nielsen
Saturday Greeter/Usher	Terry & Shelly Saunders	Jennifer Plumb	Orvetta Priest	Deb Stendrup	Allan & Myrna Andersen
Saturday Altar Guild	DeAnn Nielsen		Sandy Nelson		Maggie Hatcher
Sunday Greeters/Ushers	Rich & Cheryl Chipman Dave & Dianna Greve	Ty & Amy Haas Joey & Jennifer Hansen	Carmen Hosack Kirk & Pam Jacobsen	Terry & Karlene Jacobsen Brian & Paula Kjergaard	Zach & Kelli Klaassen Dallas & Kendra Klindt
Sunday Altar Guild	Becky Brelje Kathy Block		Janet Johansen Erin Hastert		Donna Nelson Stacey Torneton
Scripture Reader (Sunday)	Dave Pedersen	Terry Torneten	Jan Applegate	Vicki Carstens	Becky Chipman
Communion Servers (Sunday)	Judi Olson Kari Palmer		Megan Shannon Lindsey Vorm		George & Jan Applegate
Coffee Hosts (Sunday)	Larry & Peg Haas	Lois Hansen Karen Plewes	Jeff Hastert Galen Johansen	Derald & Patti Kumm	Elaine & Jill Miller
Sound	Eric Torneton	Eric Torneton	Alan Ahrenholtz	Alan Ahrenholtz	Alan Ahrenholtz
Video	Eric Torneton	Eric Torneton	Alan Ahrenholtz	Alan Ahrenholtz	Alan Ahrenholtz
Projection	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)			
Council Person	Derek Chapman				