



IMMANUEL'S INSIGHTS May 2022



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



On Sunday, May 8, Immanuel will celebrate our members who are graduating from high school. They will be recognized during the 9:00 a.m. service. Before the service, the seniors and their families are invited to a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the junior class. If you are interested in giving a card or gift to any of the senior students, gift/card bags for each senior will be at the church for the first 3 weeks in May. Our graduating seniors are:

- Katie Burchett, daughter of Ross and Lee Burchett*
- Kira Griffin, daughter of Jesse and Jeanna Rudolph*
- Kelsi Hoffman, daughter of Jerry and Robin Hoffman*
- Ania Kaster, daughter of Bryan and Amy Kaster*
- Brynn Klaassen, daughter of Zach and Kelli Klaassen*
- Emily Koesters, daughter of Michael and Malissa Koesters*
- Mackenzie Livingston, daughter of Steve and Julie Livingston*
- Nicholas Livingston, son of Steve and Julie Livingston*
- Alex Monson, son of Dave and Angie Monson*
- Kyra Rudolph, daughter of Jesse and Jeanna Rudolph*
- Vanessa Schechinger, daughter of Kenny and Kate Schechinger*
- Shelby Sisson, daughter of Craig and Sandy Sisson*

BEGINNING OF SUMMER SUNDAY – MAY 22

Our worship service on Sunday, May 22, will be an outdoor worship service on the east lawn of the church. You are invited to bring lawn or camp chairs. Folding chairs will also be available. Following the worship service there will be potluck brunch hosted by the Fellowship and Education Team. Meat and drinks and plates and cups will be provided. Members are invited to bring side dishes to share. Tables will be available indoors or outdoors. Come enjoy worship in God's cathedral. We will move worship indoors if the weather isn't cooperating. Saturday evening worship will be indoors.

Worship in May 2022

April 30 - May 1 Easter 3	The Lamb and the Scroll (Revelation 5)	Communion
May 7-8 Easter 4	Sealed for Salvation (Revelation 7)	Graduate Recognition
May 14-15 Easter 5	The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon (Revelation 12)	Communion Recognition of New Members
May 21-22 Easter 6	A New Heaven and a New Earth (Revelation 21)	Sunday outdoors
May 28-29 Easter 7	They Will See God's Face (Revelation 22)	

May 2022



Dear Friends in Christ,

Just as I expected, as soon as we printed last month's newsletter, I thought of people I forgot to thank. That will probably always be the case. But I do want to say a word of thanks to Peg Haas and Karma Petersen who record all the offerings for Immanuel. Thanks also to the crew that assembles our newsletters each month. And I want to give a big thank to the crew that helped to put on the Passion Drama for Good Friday. The crew included Cheryl Nielsen, Evan Nielsen, Eric Chipman, Grant Chipman, Will Chipman, Amy Kaster, Ania Kaster, Daylon & Addy Klindt, Jason & Kayla Weis, Robyn Pieken, Jared Walters, Anyston Henning, Robyn Pieken, Larry Haas, Derek Chapman, and Victoria Chapman. And thanks to all who invited friends to come witness the Passion drama. It was a powerful way for all of us to reflect on the Passion of Jesus.

I love the Easter season. The texts for the Easter season include a series of readings from the book of Revelation. Through the 5 Sundays of May, I would like to focus our attention in worship on these texts and on the message of the book of the Revelation. No book in the New Testament is more misunderstood than the Revelation. Some think the key to understanding it is in the news of the day. That would be wrong. The key to understanding the Revelation is the other 65 books of the Bible.

Meanwhile, I am also enjoying a study in the first book of the Bible in our Sunday morning Adult Bible Class. Every time I read Genesis, I learn new things. We will be reading Genesis 18 through 27 during May. All are welcome to come try it out with us.

Yours in Christ, Phil Nielsen

WORSHIP & GIVING

	<u>Attendance</u>				<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mar. 23 Lent			52	= 52	\$ 490.00	\$	\$ 490.00
March 26-27	35	+	108	= 143	\$ 4,047.50	\$	\$ 4,047.50
Mar. 30 Lent			58	= 58	\$ 980.00	\$	\$ 980.00
April 2-3	23	+	104	= 127	\$ 7,349.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 7,429.50
April 6 Lent			67	= 67	\$ 847.00	\$	\$ 847.00
April 9-10	29	+	119	= 148	\$ 5,295.50	\$ 265.00	\$ 5,560.50
April 14 M. Thurs.			90	= 90	\$ 640.05	\$	\$ 640.05
April 15 G. Fri.			153	= 153	\$ 930.00	\$	\$ 930.00
April 17 Easter	36	+	241	= 277	\$ 5,139.50	\$ 75.00	\$ 5,214.50
April 23-24	19	+	117	= 136	\$ 2,577.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,627.50

EDUCATION PROGRAM



JAM time has been a hit with kids and with parents. 12 preschoolers and 1st and 2nd graders have enjoyed the first half of the worship service up through the children's message. Then they go have music time with Ivy Nielsen and a lesson with Ken, Andrea, and Jolie Nielsen. They have been learning all about the love of God with stories, crafts, and games.



GROW has met from 3:20 to 5:00 on Wednesdays with 12 students in grades 3 through 5. We have learned about the books of the Bible, told stories from the Bible, played great games like "Stump the Pastor", sang songs, and of course enjoyed snacks. The students have gotten more acquainted with their new Bibles.



CONFIRMATION met from 5:15 to 6:30 on Wednesdays with 19 students in grades 6 through 8. 6th graders were led by Craig Olson in an overview of the Bible. 7th and 8th graders were led by Phil Nielsen in a study of the Apostles Creed and the Sacraments. 10 students are currently preparing for their confirmation of faith in October. **LYO** met from 6:30 to 8:30 on Wednesdays with 6 students and friends. They have enjoyed a variety of games and fellowship activities. A highlight was a trip to the House of Conundrum escape room "Night in the Museum" where we escaped with seconds to spare. That was followed by an overnight lock-in.



Happy Birthday to the following:

Lynette Miller will be 82 on May 1.
 Loyal Moore who will be 96 on May 1.
 Verna Christensen will be 84 on May 6.
 Donna Hansen who will be 88 on May 10.
 Bert Hillers will be 82 on May 12.
 Shirley Knudtson who will be 96 on May 16.
 Bonnie Grabill will be 86 on May 20.
 Lois Sick who will be 90 on May 22.

Happy Anniversary to the following:

Harry & Orvetta Priest who will be celebrating their 57th anniversary on May 16.
 Ken & Shirley Olson who will be celebrating their 52nd anniversary on May 23.
 Bruce & Kay Havick who will be celebrating their 61st anniversary on May 27.
 Pat & Ruthe Pattison who will be celebrating their 66th anniversary on May 27.

WE OFFER SYMPATHY to family & friends of Faye Jacobsen who died April 13 and to Hope Chipman and family at the death of Hope's grandmother, Betty Bergemann.

CAMPS: Any member of ILC who will be attending either Riverside or Ingham-Okobojo camps is eligible for financial assistance from WOW/ILCW and from ILC. Applications are available in the church office for \$300 per child for individual campers or up to \$600 for a family with two or more children. Applications are due June 1, 2022 and money will be paid directly to the camp.



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.

The WOW group is gathering things for May baskets for the "Super Seniors" of Immanuel. A basket will be in the narthex marked "May Baskets". If you would like to help on this, items such as fruit snacks, crackers, chips, candies and cards etc. would be wonderful. They will be assembled May 11th at 9:30. Thank you.



ON OUR PRAYER LIST: 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 (brother in law of Gaige & Sherry Lytle).

Please Pray for:



APRIL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

The Immanuel Church Council met April 19 with 7 of 12 members present. John Taggs shared devotions from 1 Peter 5. May devotions will be led by Phil Nielsen.

John Taggs, George Applegate, Peg Haas, and Derek Chapman volunteered for Sunday council member duties.

Treasurer's Report- March income was \$23,114 and expenses were \$24,652. General fund is at \$52,869 plus \$25,989.67 in Ted Williams funds. Capital projects savings account is at \$56286.46.

Worship/Evangelism – Continuing research into organ options.

Fellowship/Education – Discussed January Talent Show and Lenten suppers. Planned calendar for JAM, GROW, Confirmation, and LYO. Senior Recognition Sunday plans include a breakfast hosted by junior class. Planned for a May 22 outdoor worship service and a picnic brunch to follow. New Member meeting will be April 20. Brainstorming ideas for young adult fellowship activities. VBS is being planned for some time in the last 2 weeks of July. Camps teams are unavailable. Discussed need to update and reorganize educational rooms. JAM may need a bigger room.

Outreach/Stewardship - 374.4 pounds for the food pantry so far. April Mission Partner was LCMC Lutheran Asian Ministries. TZ Soup Supper/Auction was well attended and raised \$12,252.67. TZ committee sent \$20,500 in April for Bibles for confirmation students, orphan education, and well projects. We are completing 2 good wells and a 3rd small well. Seed money has been given for another well and it will begin when funds are donated. No team traveling to Kidugala in 2022. Schedules look better for 2023.

Property – Washed street signs. 4 or 5 people are lined up to take turns mowing this summer. Back hallway tile project is planned for this summer.

Executive Committee - Discussed thoughts about the front of the sanctuary: moisture issues, platform redesign. This project will wait until the organ rebuild is finished.

Pastor's Report - Baptism of Collin Winn. Transfer of membership from Our Savior's LCMS in Denison for Pat Schug. Monthly chapel duties at Elm Crest, Salem, and Hansen House have increased because other pastors are unavailable. Vacation times are planned for April, May, June, July, and August.

Question about Facebook livestream. The livestream can only be found on our public Facebook page. We will put a notice on our private Facebook page to direct people to the public page.

Correspondence - Thank you note received from the Tri-County Music Teachers who paid for piano tuning and gave a donation to ILC.



WOMEN OF THE WORD EXEC BOARD

April 13, 2022

The WOW Executive Board met April 13, 2022 in the All-Purpose room with Sandy Nelsen, Kathy Block, Janet Johannsen, Judi Olsen, Julie Vorm and sister Jeanne Nelson present. Chair Sandy called meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The March 9 minutes were reviewed, approved and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kathy reported income donations from Carolyn Hursey and Kathy Voge and from the funeral of Charles Grabill totaling \$225. Income from sales of 22 lilies @\$10 each was \$220. Bill presented for \$15.94 from funeral of Charles Grabill for sandwich condiments was presented. Motion to approve and seconded. Ending March balance is \$2001.04.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank You's were received from Lyndsey Vorm for shelving put up in the Foster Care Closet and from the Charles Grabill family for serving funeral lunch. Thank You's posted on the narthex bulletin board.

HOSPITALITY: Jonelle has mailed 30 Easter cards.

COMMUNITY: May baskets will be filled and delivered at the May WOW Gathering.

KITCHEN: Three folding stools were purchased and donated by Kathy Block. Thank You.

MISSION QUILTERS: No report

OLD BUSINESS: Easter Lilies: Twenty-two lilies were ordered. Sanctuary will be decorated Sat. April 16 @10:00 AM.

Audit of Treasurer's Books: Audit will be done soon.

NEW BUSINESS: Summer Camp: Camp financial help requests due **June 1**. Info will be in the Insights and bulletins.

Harvest Bazaar: Date will be October 12.

Funeral luncheons: We can no longer find Idahoan scalloped potatoes in bulk. Discussed alternatives. No decisions made at this time.

WOW GATHERING

Women of the Word met with 17 attending. Linda shared Ole and Lena humor. Sally S served a delicious Spring time dessert. Sharon reported the May baskets will be filled at the May meeting. Donation baskets of items to include in the baskets will be in the narthex until then.

The program was by Jeanne Nelson on Bible Journaling. In 2016 her faith was challenged by the unexpected death of her husband. She was introduced by friends to Bible Journaling as a tool for healing. God works through her by her journaling making her happy and calm and "finds herself" during this time of drawing and painting. Her incredible artistic talent was shared through the paintings and artwork in her Bible. Many questions were asked about the process of painting on the paper or where she gets her inspiration for what she puts on the pages. Many things come from family events or whatever comes to mind in that moment. One or two coats of gesso is added to the paper to eliminate bleeding through of paints or markers. She's only been doing this about 5 years. Her advice is whenever having a bad day, "Leave it to Jesus". All agreed she should expand her artistic talents beyond journaling. She shared Lamentations 3:22-23 and also a quote from Billy Graham "I read the last page of the Bible and it's going to turn out alright." Thank you to Jeanne for such an inspiring program. Julie led us in a closing prayer. **Upcoming Events:** May 11 Board meets @9 AM--Gathering at 9:30. Sharon will do program--Myrna refreshments.

Janet Johannsen, Secretary

TANZANIA HAPPENINGS

The Soup Supper and Auction was held on Saturday, March 26. It was a wonderful evening of food, fun and fellowship. The turnout was fantastic. Thank you to everyone that helped make this Fundraiser a success for the orphans of Kidugala, Tanzania. Because of your generosity, Immanuel is providing uniforms, school fees and school supplies to over 200 orphans in primary and secondary school. This helps to ensure that these children are getting an education for a bright future. Totals for the evening: Door/donations \$2,395, Jars \$370.67, Auction \$9,487, Total \$12,252.67



The winners of the night were:

Judges Choice, Groovy Stew, made by LaVera Stern, People's Choice, Famous Bowtie, made by Immanuel's Praise Band, Best Decorated Table, Chicken Noodle, decorated by Pam and Roger Rust. We would also like to thank the young men for the impromptu clean up music. That was an unexpected treat. Please continue to pray for this mission.

God Bless, The Tanzania Team

Winner of best soup, Groovy Stew By LaVera Stern

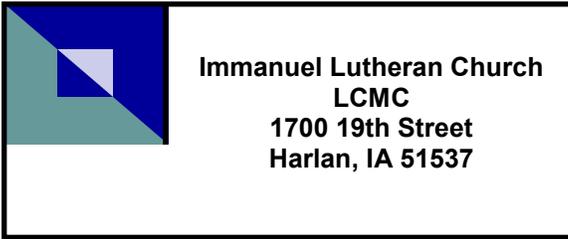
1# hamburger 1# Italian sausage 1 Kielbasa link, diced
 1 Onion, diced, 1/2 stalk celery (use leafy parts too)
 1 Zucchini, diced, 1 Red bell pepper, diced,
 2 bags frozen mixed veggies, 1 bag frozen cauliflower,
 1 (14 Oz) can kidney beans, drained and rinsed,
 1 (14 Oz) can northern beans, drained and rinsed,
 2 (14 Oz) cans diced tomatoes, 1 Tablespoon minced garlic,
 5 cups beef broth, 2 cups chicken broth,
 1 small can of tomato paste, 2 Tablespoons basil leaf (dry),
 1 tsp oregano, 1/2 tsp pepper, 1/2 tsp salt,
 1/4 tsp rosemary, 2 cups baby spinach,
 Brown hamburger, sausage and kielbasa. Drain, add broth, veggies and seasonings, boil until veggies are tender. Add tomato paste and beans. Simmer until tomato paste dissolves.



Well Drilling Update

The 2022 well projects in the Kidugala region are moving along. The water towers are built for two of them and the last draft of funds are being sent to finalize the pumps, tower tanks, etc. We hope to be able to report that they are all complete in a few months.

After a couple more families asked how they could contribute funds for more well drilling in the region, the Tanzanian Committee set up a line item to handle those funds that these families donated. With these contributions we have funds for another partial well. Each deep well takes about \$8000 to \$10,000 to drill and case depending on the depth. The installation of a good pump and tank for a tower adds another roughly \$4000, but can vary quite a bit. **If you wish to be involved in this project**, simply make a donation to the Tanzania Committee and earmark it "new well" and it will be used for the next well. Whenever funds are secured for a well the Tanzanian Committee will put the wheels in motion. A graph will be placed in the narthex to keep Immanuel informed of the progress. The Tanzanian Committee sincerely wishes to thank all the members of Immanuel and any nonmembers that have supported the ongoing and new projects in the Kidugala region. Mungu Akubaricki (God be with you all) The Tanzania Team



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MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:00 Choir 9:00 Communion/JAM 10:15 Adult Bible Class 7:00 Boy Scouts	2 6:00 Garden Club	3 9:00 CF Quilters 6:00 Boy Scout Leaders	4 4:00 Women's Bible 5:30 Bells 6:30 LYO	5	6	7 5:00 Worship
8 8:00 Choir 9:00 Worship/JAM 10:15 Adult Bible Class 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 3:15 Girl Scouts	10 9:00 CF Quilters 6:30 Exec. Board 7:00 Church Council	11 9:00 WOW BD MTG 9:30 WOW Gathering 4:00 Women's Bible 5:30 Bells 6:30 LYO	12	13	14 11:00 Metsker Grad. 5:00 Communion
15 8:00 Choir 9:00 Communion/JAM 10:15 Adult Bible Class 11:00 Kaster Grad. 7:00 Boy Scouts	16	17 9:00 CF Quilters 5:00 Boy Scouts	18 4:00 Women's Bible 6:30 LYO	19 Newsletter Deadline 3:00 4-H 6:30 Ladies Homestead	20	21 5:00 Worship
22 9:00 Worship/JAM 10:30 Brunch 7:00 Boy Scouts	23 9:00 Mission Quilters	24 9:00 CF Quilters	25 4:00 Women's Bible 6:30 LYO	26 Assemble Newsletter	27 9-4 Head Start Staff Training	28 5:00 Worship
29 9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Bible Class	30 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	31 9:00 CF Quilters	1	2	3	4 5:00 Communion

Worship and Fellowship Servants Schedule

	May 14-15	May 21-22	May 28-29	June 4-5	June 11-12
Acolytes	Katie Stern Carly Torneten		Angel Stern Jolie Nielsen	Gabe Arkfeld Grant Chipman	Caden Herbst Trevor Herbst
Saturday Greeter/Usher	Kurt & Janelle Musfeldt	Jeff & Penny Nelson	Dory Nielsen	Sharon Oman	Karma Petersen
Saturday Altar Guild	Maggie Hatcher			Sandy Nelsen	
Sunday Greeters/Ushers	Matt & Michelle Bruck Ross \ Lee Burchett	Linda Christensen Lori Christensen	Charlie & Jonelle Conrad	John & Judy Davis Theresa Doerr	James & Joyce Folley Galen & Donna Grabill
Sunday Altar Guild	Mary Petersen Mary Taggs			Jan Applegate Stacy Torneten	
Scripture Reader (Sunday)	Donna Nelson	Sandy Nelsen	Verne Nelson	Craig Olson	Judi Olson
Communion Servers (Sunday)	Donna Nelson DeAnn Nielsen			Sandy Nelsen Vern Nelson Craig Olson	
Coffee Hosts (Sunday)	Art & Linda Andersen	Ken & Vicki Carstens	Rick & Cheryl Chipman	Richard & Sharon Daberkow	Duane & Vicki Errett
Sound	Seth Johannsen	Seth Johannsen	Seth Johannsen	Eric Torneton	Eric Torneton
Video	Rick Chipman	Rick Chipman	Rick Chipman	Eric Torneton	Eric Torneton
Projection	Cheryl Nielsen (Sat.) Teri Johnson (Sun.)				
Council Person	John Taggs	Scott Shannon	John Taggs	George Applegate	Peg Haas