



And they will call Him
Immanuel -
"God With Us"
Matthew 1:23

Immanuel Messenger

1 Corinthians 13 for Moms—Author Unknown

May, 2014

Immanuel Lutheran Church

We, the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church, in joyful response to all that our gracious God has done for us, seek to glorify God by bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.

We have GOOD NEWS! Jesus is ALIVE and LOVES YOU!



Immanuel Lutheran School

Where Faith & Education Meet

A **Child** nurtured in a **Christian** Lutheran setting will be **Prepared** to live a **Joyful**, productive, God-pleasing **Life**.

*Quality Christian education open to all children
Preschool through
Grade 8*

Especially for Mother's Day:

- ✦ I can read bedtime stories till the cow jumps over the moon and sing "Ten Little Monkeys" until I want to call the doctor... but if I don't have love, I'm as annoying as a ringing phone.
- ✦ I can chase a naked toddler through the house while cooking dinner and listening to voice mail. I can fix the best cookies and Kool-Aid in the neighborhood and I can tell a sick child's temperature with one touch of my finger... but if I don't have love, I am nothing.
- ✦ Love is patient while watching and praying by the front win-

dow when it's 30 minutes past curfew.

- ✦ Love is kind when my teen says, "I hate you!"
- ✦ Love does not envy the neighbors' swimming pool or their brand-new mini van, but trusts the Lord to provide every need.
- ✦ Love does not brag when other parents share their disappointments and insecurities, and love rejoices when other families succeed.

✦ Love doesn't boast, even when I've multi-tasked all day long and my husband can't do more than one thing at a time.

✦ Love is not rude when my spouse innocently asks, "What have you done today?"

✦ Love does not immediately seek after glory when we see talent in our children, but encourages them to get training and make wise

LOVE
is patient, Love is kind.
it does not boast, it does not envy, it is not proud.

1 Corinthians 13:4

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In case of emergency call Pastor Ed Behling at 218-732-3778 or Head Elder Joel Vinkemeier at 547-6733 or 612-865-1621.

Celebrating Mother's Day

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.— Hebrews 4:15-16

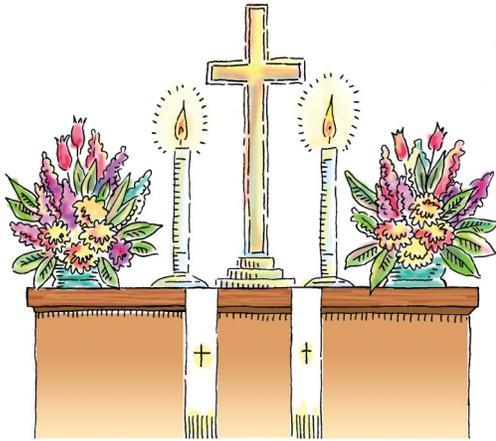


Not everyone is able to joyfully celebrate Mother's Day. Some have recently lost their mothers. Some have had problems carrying their babies to full term. Some have been unable to conceive. Some had less than perfect memories of their mothers. Some may have so wanted to be married and have children, but for reasons have not. Or maybe other painful situations regarding mothering. Some may even prefer not to even come to church on Mother's Day to avoid confronting those unhappy memories.

In the verse above, Jesus reminds us that he understands. And in our weakness he invites us to draw near to him. He wants to comfort us and uphold us with his righteous right hand. We can come to him, and receive grace and peace and rest. He does not turn away from us during our time of need; he wants us to find His grace to help us in our need.

I believe that we can celebrate Mother's Day in the joy of knowing that each of us is here today because God chose to give us life through our mothers—no matter the circumstance! And we all have life through the first mother, Eve. Let's encourage each other to be appreciative of our mothers, while being aware of those beside us who may find it hard to be joyful. Let's be the cheerleader who helps others to find a reason to celebrate, too. And I say, HALLELUJAH to that!

Opportunities For Worship



Sunday Worship—We worship God each Sunday at 9:00 AM and celebrate The Lord’s Supper the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Remember to invite your family member, your new neighbor or a friend to worship with you.

Lutheran Hour Ministries—Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on Sunday mornings at 6:05 AM on WCCO 830, 12:30 PM on KDHL 920, or 5 PM Sundays on KTIG 102.7.

The Lutheran Hour Ministries has expanded into additional markets. The Lutheran Hour is now available: online, MP3, Podcast, Sirius XM Satellite Radio. For local broadcast information visit www.lutheranhour.org

College Students—Students don’t leave home without Him! Connect with your Campus Church now or contact: www.lcmscampus.org.

Opportunity For Bible Study

Sunday Morning Bible Study: Join us for Sunday morning Bible study choices! First—a study on the morning Gospel reading prior to worship at 8:30 am in the back of the church. Then fill up your coffee cup and join a group right after Sunday Worship from 10:30—11:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Your input is valued. You will be blessed and be a blessing to us!

Youth Study: 5th—12th Graders meet by the Church Library after church each Sunday.

Men’s Bible Study each Thursday morning at 8 am in the back of the sanctuary. All men are encouraged and invited to attend.

Women’s Bible Study every Thursday morning at 8 am, meeting now in the pastor’s office. We’re excited to have you join us as we share God’s Word and fellowship with one an-

other.



Crossways??? We are considering a new two-year Crossways “walk through the Bible”. Crossways is a Genesis to Revelation study for adults or mature children. It is basically a seminary or college “101” class. We meet weekly for two school years with the summers off. If you think you may be interested, let the church office or Pam Kruger know. If we get 12 participants, it will be a “GO”. Here is the most recent list of graduates: Angela Bitz, Lou Eckhoff, Lucy Eckhoff, Tim Duin, Meg Duin, Kelly Schmidtke, Mike Schmidtke, Myra Schmidtke, Janna Kietzman, Leroy Strand, Bonnie Hockett, Orlette Gjerde, Darleen Bogue, and Pam Kruger.

Opportunity For Supporting Our Church



Will You Help? Stop by the bulletin board in the entry hall to read ways to help support our church. Immanuel receives many small to medium sized bills during the month. Some larger bills have been divided into smaller amounts in order to encourage members to “chip in”. The Board of Stewardship would like to thank those who have helped already

and would like to ask the rest of the congregation, “Will You Help, too?”

The Endowment Fund for Immanuel Lutheran Church and School has been set up at the First National Bank in Walker. If

you are interested in contributing to this fund, serving on the governing board for this fund, or want more information, stop in the office.

LCEF is a Place to Grow: Have you ever considered how you might help where individuals and ministries come together to grow in the Lord? Lutheran Church Extension Fund makes available resources and services that are used to equip Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS) ministries as they embrace God’s plan. These tools are all made possible through competitive-rate investments.

We always need napkins, paper towels and kleenex.

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choices.

- ✚ Love is not easily angered, even when my 15-year-old acts like the world revolves around her.
- ✚ Love does not delight in evil (is not self-righteous) when I remind my 17-year-old that he's going 83 in a 55-mph zone, but rejoices in the truth.
- ✚ Love does not give up hope. Love always protects our children's self-esteem and spirit, even while doling out discipline.
- ✚ Love always trusts God to protect our children when we cannot.
- ✚ Love always perseveres, through blue nail polish, burps and other bodily functions, rolled eyes and

crossed arms, messy rooms and sleepovers.

- ✚ Love never fails.
- ✚ But where there are memories of thousands of diaper changes and painful labor, they will fade away. Where there is talking back, it will (eventually) cease. Where there is a teenager who thinks she knows everything, there will one day be an adult who knows you did your best.
- ✚ For we know we fail our children, and we pray they don't end up in therapy,

but when we get to heaven, our imperfect parenting will disappear. (Thank you, God!)

“...these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is

- ✚ When we were children, we needed a parent to love and protect us. Now that we're parents ourselves, we have a heavenly Father who adores us, shelters us and holds us when we need to cry.
- ✚ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is LOVE!!

-Author Unknown

LUTHER ON MOTHERS

In commenting on the nature of women, Martin Luther is reported to have said, “When Eve was brought unto Adam, he became filled with the Holy Spirit, and gave her the most sanctified, the most glorious of appellations. He called her Eve, that is to say, the Mother of All. He did not style her wife, but simply mother, mother of all living creatures. In this consists the glory and the most precious ornament of woman.”

Prayer Corner

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.
- 1 Timothy 2:1

Health Concerns & Other Issues:

- ✚ Amelia (infant daughter of friends of Tim & Meg Duin)
- ✚ Andy Arnold
- ✚ Pastor Bitz and Family
- ✚ Gary Carlson (family friend of Joel & Barb Vinkemeier)
- ✚ Floyd & Deanie Caster
- ✚ Linda Daniel (hip replacement)
- ✚ Richard & Marie Donnell,
- ✚ Sharae Hogan (Nancy Albrecht’s sister-in-law)
- ✚ Darrell Iverson (brother of Lavonne Keske)
- ✚ Bruce & Deloris Kastning (parents of Wayne Kastning)
- ✚ Shirley & John Lager (parents of Peggy Schmidtke)
- ✚ Logan Lindahl (Newborn son of Trevor and Stacie)
- ✚ Carla Morgenstern (friend of Darin & Corina Bronczyk)
- ✚ Jean Parsons
- ✚ Deborah Peterson (Mike Keske’s sister)

- ✚ The Salvhus Family
- ✚ Leona Strand
- ✚ Darlene Thue

Prayer of Remembrance: For all our loved ones who have passed away and their families and friends who mourn them.

Deployed Military: Kenneth Schaub (son-in-law of Kathy & Paul Pinsonneault) Operation Noble Eagle, Air Defense Team, Washington, DC

Missions: Immanuel Lutheran School, Missions of the LCMS Church



From our Congregational President

What is the status of our Call Process for a new Pastor for our church? We have narrowed the list of candidates to six and sent their names off to the MN North District office where a background check will be completed. We hope to get an "All Clear" by about 5/15/14. Once we get that, we will have a congregation meeting to review the 6 and select the one man to whom we want to issue a call. Look for a meeting about 6/1/14. The 6 candidates (in alphabetical order) are: Rev. Aaron Bell – St. Cloud; Rev. Gregory Coop – Mora, MN; Rev. Timothy Nerud – South Haven, MN; Rev. Jonathan Vollrath – Dover, MN; Rev. Matthew Vrudny – Finlayson, MN; Rev. Donald Wagner – Paullina, IA.

We had a great Church Council meeting on April 8th. For a long time we have been wanting to upgrade our website on the internet. As we all know, the yellow pages in phone books have almost disappeared. Today, people search the web for information. We wanted to be able to provide the information on the basics: where is the nearest LCMS church, what is the address, when does the Sunday morn-

ing service start and who is the Pastor etc. Our School has had a web site with some of their basic information. They decided to upgrade their site. A church and school committee met with a small company that does that kind of work. The Church Council agreed to partner with our School and hire the Company to take on that project. For less than \$1,000 they will develop our Church web site, improve the School web site, and train several people on how to maintain and make changes to it as the need arises. We hope to have that project completed by late summer.

As our School has been reporting for the last three years, with the increasing enrollment (62 students for the 2013-2014 year), we have literally outgrown our current facilities. A written plan for a building addition to meet our long term needs was put together. The plan drawn up was for 70 feet by 150 feet a total of 10,500 square feet. If we assume that it could be built for \$50 a foot, that would be \$525,000. Further, it would be at least two years before we could conduct the

necessary studies, complete the construction and be able to use it. That doesn't even address the cost and financing issues. The conclusion is that the most effective and efficient way to solve the needs problem is to lease or buy a temporary classroom. Those costs would be substantially less, and if our School continues to grow, the temporary classroom could be utilized for other needs. There are numerous companies that provide these temporary buildings. The Church Council recommended that the School seek information and proposals to see what it all entails. Once sufficient information has been gathered, a proposal will be presented to our congregation to decide what to do about how best to meet the needs of our School.

With the changing needs of our School and the change to a new Pastor, these are exciting times to be a member of Immanuel. Please keep our School, Church and especially our call process in your daily prayers. Fortunately, ultimately, God is in control !

In His and your service, Tim Duin



Thank You Gordy Dahn

A special thanks and acknowledgement to Gordy Dahn for all his years of service on the Board of Elders. His dedication, hard work, and wisdom will be missed. Thank you, Gordy. You have been a blessing to us.

- The Board of Elders

Adult Fellowship Night

If you missed our first attempt at creating an adult fellowship group, here's a chance to find out what you missed.

On Monday, May 5th at 7:00, we will once again meet in the fellowship hall. We're keep the evening's agenda of madness/mayhem a secret. If you're an adult (even if you don't act like one all the time) we'd love to have you join us. Bring a snack to share. We'll see you on Monday, May 5th in the fellowship hall at 7:00!



Once you become a mother, you stop becoming the picture and start becoming the frame.

LWML Update

Baskets of Promise: A big thank you to all who supported us in our collection for Baskets of Promise. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Spring Rally: The Spring Rally will be held Tuesday, April 29 at Lake George. The theme is, "Fully rely on God." There is a list for the in gathering for helping hands on the bulletin board.



Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be May 20 at 1 pm at the home of Phyllis Eklund. All women are invited to join us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Men of Immanuel

Next Breakfast Meeting Date Saturday, May 10, 2014.

Ed Thue & Dick Kruger are the cooks.

All the Men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to come and enjoy the breakfast fellowship.



All mothers are working mothers.



A Good Soldier (Thoughts for Memorial Day) by Tom Walker

2 Timothy 2:3-2:3

2 Tim. 2:3 says, "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." On May 26th in America, we observe a day called "Memorial Day." It is marked by parades, speeches; flags and flowers are placed on the graves of many servicemen. It was first observed on May 30, 1868, for the purpose of decorating the graves of the Civil War Dead. Now, it remembers all of those who died in the wars our nation has fought. I think as well, we would be wise to remember the "good soldiers of Jesus Christ," who paved the way for you and me in our Christian lives. Thank God for the good soldiers of Jesus Christ who have fought well, such as those who are mentioned in Hebrews 11. What are some marks of a good soldier? Let me share a few.

I. He Is A Follower. See Mark 8:34. No one can be a good leader who cannot first be a good follower. In the military there is almost always someone in rank above you, whose orders you must follow. Following Jesus is no option, it is a command. In the military refusal to obey an order is not allowed. Court martial will follow; yet we take obedience to God so very lightly in our daily lives.

II. He Is A Fighter. He is trained and taught to be aggressive

when necessary. He will not cower or retreat in the face of the enemy. He will defend his own honor and that of his country. The Bible tells us to "Fight the good fight of faith" (1 Tim. 6:12). The verb "fight" in the Greek N.T. is present tense (suggesting not letting up) and is in the imperative mode (which means it is a command and not a suggestion).



III. He Is Familiar. First, he is familiar with the strategy of the enemy (compare 2 Cor.2:11). Secondly, he is familiar with the skills concerning his weaponry (Eph.6:10-18). Thirdly, he is familiar with the shadows of his friends (Heb.10:25). The good soldier is not only looking out for himself, but also for his friends—there is a mutual need for being close to other soldiers as you fight the enemy.

IV. He Is Faithful. He remains true even when he must "endure hardness" as a good soldier of Jesus Christ (2 Tim.2:3). That expression means, "to take one's share of rough treatment; to suffer or endure affliction together." It actually means to "suffer hardship in company with"—the good soldier is always true and loyal.

(Good words for our reflection.)

Stewardship

Remember Whose Child You Are

The story is told of a boy who was leaving home for college. His father had included him in the morning prayer at the breakfast table, asking God to protect him and to grant him success in the career which he was undertaking.

Rising from the table, the young man expected to receive some final bit of advice and instruction from his father. But he was surprised when, after a moment's silence, the older man merely placed his hand on his shoulder, looked at him kindly, and said: My boy, remember whose son you are."

Need he have said more than that?

We Christians, too, are children of a Father—temporarily away from the our Father's house. "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God" (1 John 3:1) exclaims the apostle of John. Yes, sons and daughters of God—through Christ!

In his letters to us, the Holy Scriptures, how often has our heavenly Father admonished us to remember whose children we are! "For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in

the Lord. Walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8).

And the Savior Himself has told us: "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

How have we been behaving "away from home," away from our Father house? Have we been reflecting credit upon our family name—"children of God"?

As a rule, men are extremely careful to protect the good name of their family. The Smith children are eager to protect the good name of the Smith parents, and the Smith parents are eager to protect the good name of the Smith children. A deep sense of family loyalty and family pride makes them want to do those things only which will reflect upon the name of Smith. In the measure in which we remember from day to day—in our home, in our shop, and at our play—that we are "the children of God," in that

measure we shall seek to reflect credit upon the name of Him whom we call "Father."

If we are the children of God by faith in Christ, it is inevitable that we shall share in some of the family traits which are common to all His children—love, mercy, forbearance, righteousness, honesty, faithfulness.

I AM
A CHILD
OF GOD

Just as the children of earthly parents frequently "take after their father," so those who have come to faith in Christ Jesus are expected to "take after" their heavenly Father. From day to day, through the power of His Holy Spirit, they are

to become more and more like Him—more loving, more patient, more kindly, more honest, more truthful, more righteous.

Yes, it will pay us to remember whose children we are! -Herman W. Gockel

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

Finances

Church Finances

March Financial Information

General Offerings:

March Offerings = \$9,996.44

Total Expenses = 7,170.20

Overage = \$2,826.24

Building Fund:

March Offerings = \$1,106.00

March Mortgage Payment = 2,227.63

Shortage = \$1,121.63

January through March 2014 Income was \$4200 under budget.

January through March 2014 Expenses were \$7400 under budget.

January through March Building Fund Income (including LCEF rebate of \$847.56) was \$3081.83 less than our mortgage payments made.

School Finances

3/1/14-3/31/14 income = \$12,136.28

3/1/14-3/31/14 expense = \$7,460.68

(Actual income & expense – loan amounts removed)

Lines of credit balance owed

as of 4/7/14 = \$23,530



Immanuel School Principal Janna Kietzman's 30th Anniversary Celebration!



Janna Kietzman with her 30 Years of Teaching recognition award!

Congratulations!

What a wonderful surprise celebration for Janna Kietzman on Sunday, April 27th! She thought she was preparing for an Easter performance, but the school children, her parents, friends and family all kept the secret! It was a church filled with love and praising God for Janna's 30 years of teaching!

Thank you, Ms. Janna. You have been such a blessing to the children, your staff, and to all of us at Immanuel Lutheran Church and school!



Ms. Janna leading the children in singing.



The children lead singing with bell chimes.

Opportunities to Support Our School

RECYCLING: Immanuel School can now recycle your old cell phones. Just drop them at the office or deposit them with the ink jet cartridges.

On-Line Search: Immanuel School has signed up as a charity on www.goodsearch.com. Every time you use this search engine, they donate 1 cent to our school. Please choose Immanuel Lutheran School as your charity when it asks you, "Who do you "Goodsearch" for?"

Scrip Orders: The school's scrip program is a great way for parents, grandparents, family and friends to help pay for tuition! 50% of each scrip order's profit may be designated toward a student's tuition. Many retailers participate in the gift card program and also offer ScripNow, where certificates can be downloaded from your account through orders placed online at www.shopwithscrip.com. Scrip packets are available by the office. New order deadline: 10th of each month. Contact Angela Bitz (547-1330) or Kelly Schmidtke (547-1080) with any questions.



Board of Education

ABC Sale – Our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up in June, dates are June 12th through the 14th. We are looking for one or two people to assist in coordinating the task of picking up items for the ABC Sale, sending out volunteers to pick up these items and generally handle this very important task. We already have volunteer drivers with pickups and trailers in place. Please pray about volunteering for this important job. Contact Angela Bitz if you are interested and she can give you the details regarding this job. Angela would appreciate any assistance given; it would greatly lighten her load!

Mobile Classroom – The Board of Education has been looking into purchasing or leasing a mobile classroom for the upcoming school

year of 2014-2015. This past year Principal Janna Kietzman has been holding classes for 1st through 3rd grades in the entryway to the church. This is definitely not an ideal situation for learning. In order to provide a better classroom atmosphere, the Board feels it is important to investigate going ahead with obtaining a mobile classroom. This is a big step for the school and involves many obstacles including cost, location on the property, as well as accessing electrical, heat and sewer. The Church Council has requested that the congregation be made aware of the possibility of this purchase. The Board requests that you give prayerful consideration of this matter.



Our school continues to grow in students yearly. At present our enrollment is at 46 students, including full enrollment for our preschool and pre-kindergarten. Any additional students will be placed on a waiting list for the addition of afternoon classes as needed. We glorify God that he has increased our enrollment and continues to bless the school so that His Word may be spread to the Walker area.

Thank you all for your continued support for the school through our Annual Fund Drive "Touching Lives Forever" as well as volunteering your time and talents.

Kids Thoughts on Mothers: Why did God make mothers? "Think about it. It was the best way to get more people." Or, "To help us out of there when we were getting born." **How did God make mothers?** "He used dirt, just like for the rest of us." Or, "God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts." **Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?** "God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me."



Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center

LIFE. Join us in building a “wall of hope” in Walker and around the world.

The Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center exists to provide physical and spiritual life affirming choices for women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Thank You for your faithful prayers on behalf of the Center and those we serve! Thanks to you our fundraiser banquet met their goal—and have been offered gifts toward our future sustainability! We had a record number of attendees. God answers prayers!

Please pray for Kirk Walden, our banquet speaker and author as he carries the message of “building a wall of hope” around the globe!

Baby Bottle Campaign: We are again teaming up with area churches to fill up baby bottles with coins (or any donations) between Mother’s Day and Father’ Day! Please pray that many will join in this joyful campaign.

American Airlines Miles: We are looking for anyone who wants to donate “American Airline Miles” for our director and one board member to fly to our Care Net Annual conference in Dallas, TX in September. This would be such a blessing!

Looking for Golfers! We are beginning to look for golfers who might be interested in our Fall Fundraiser Golf Tournament. This event not only raises money for our center, but it is an opportunity to enjoy a day of golfing, and then dinner and prizes! Let the center



know if you may be interested!

Please continue to pray for the center, the volunteers, the clients, board members (they are the backbone of our mission), and for those involved in any way. God hears our prayers!

“LIKE” us on Facebook: Please find us on Facebook for ministry updates and then be sure to “Like” us.

Attention Anyone Who Shops at any Teal’s Market Location!

PLEASE give us your original receipts, we send them in and Teals will make a 1% donation to the Walker Area Pregnancy Support Center. An AMAZING gift to us!!!!

Good Search—Good Shop: This is a very easy way to support the center in everyday life! Just go to their site and select the Walker Area Pregnancy Center and every time you use this search or shop, the center receives support.

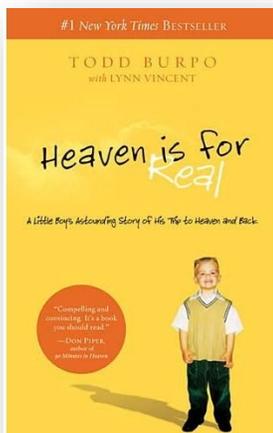
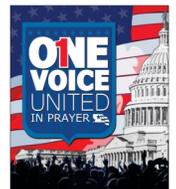
Still praying for Board Members from Longville, Laporte, Onigum, Hackensack, Remer, and Cass Lake. We wish to be represented by all of our service areas.

Location: The pregnancy center is located at 507 Front Street in Walker. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 AM to 4PM. Our phone is: 218-547-LIFE (5433) and our email is: walk-erpssc@arvig.net.

No gift to your mother can ever equal her gift to you - LIFE! CELEBRATING MOTHERS!

National Day of Prayer

Be sure to join in the 63rd National Day of Prayer—always the first Thursday of May. This year that would be Thursday, May 1. Walker meets at Noon in the front of the Cass Country Courthouse. Longville meets at Noon at the flag in front of the Fire Station. The theme this year: One Voice United in Prayer, from Romans 15:16—“So that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”



Book in the Spotlight

The movie “Heaven is for Real” is due to be released this month. It’s based on a book written by Todd Burpo, a Methodist pastor, detailing the things his four-year-old son Colton described to him after he had a ‘near death experience.’ If you’re interested in reading the book, which is an easy and short read, it’s on an easel by our church library. If you decide to take it home with you, would you please leave a note with your name in the church office? There are so many books written on this kind of experience but this one is unique in the fact that it involves a very little boy. Please return it as soon as you’re done so it’s available for someone else.

(After you read it, be sure to see the movie!
I heard from Bear Pause Theater it may be coming SOON!)

May Celebrations

Anniversaries

5/28 Chad & Gina Zubke (3)



Birthdays

5/1 Katie Swanson-Strangel

5/3 Wade Bakker

5/6 Linda Kolar

5/6 Noah Lindahl (3)

5/8 Roy Breitweser (95)

5/8 Kathi Hopen

5/8 Leroy Strand

5/9 Peggy Schmidtke

5/10 Bev Johnson

5/11 Glenn Bakeberg

5/11 Gordy Dahn

5/19 Janna Kietzman

5/19 Jamie Zahn

5/21 Angela Bitz

5/21 Stacie Lindahl

5/22 Cindy Schmidtke

5/23 Mike Keske

5/30 Tanner Kastning



63rd Annual National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1
Walker Courthouse at Noon



Game Night
Monday, May 5
7:00 pm
(See page 4 for details.)

Immanuel School Musical

Thursday, May 15
1:00 pm & 7:00 pm
(See page 10 for details)



Immanuel Lutheran School Graduation

Awards/Picnic
Thursday, May 22 at 5:30
(See page 11 for details)

Ladies Quilting Ministry
Tuesdays, May 13 & 27
at 9:00 am



Crossways???
Possible new class to begin this fall.
2-Year, Genesis—Revelation Study
Interested?
(See page 2 for details.)

Secret Servants

Thank you to Gary & Theresa Bilben at the Village Square for donating a case of the large coffee filters we need for our coffee pot.

Yes, God is keeping track of the “good deeds” you do in private. However, if you see someone doing something “in secret”, let the church office know so we can all say thank you! The smallest thing you do is GREATLY appreciated!



We want to include YOU!
Please let the office know your special days
so we can celebrate with you!

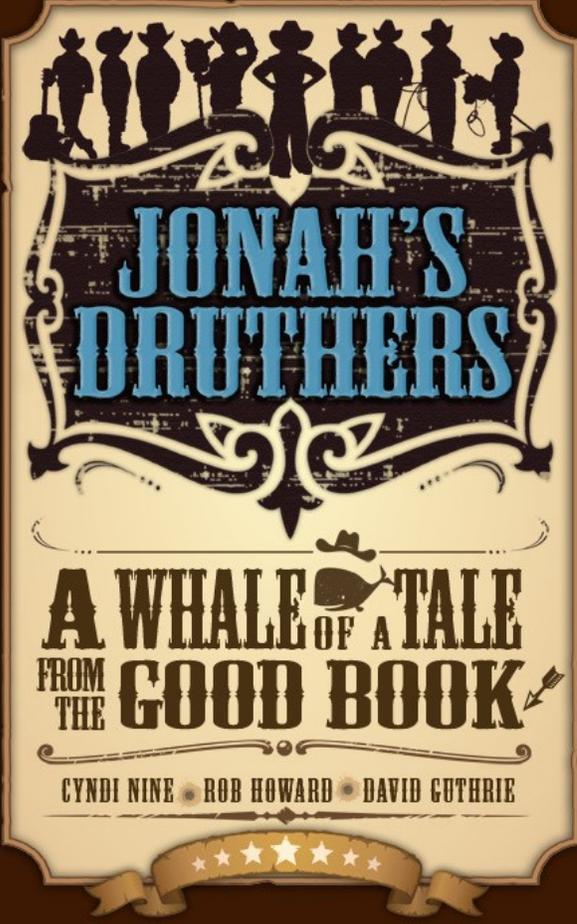
A Special “Thank You” to Peggy Schmidtke

It was Administrative Professional’s Day on April 23. Because of all the wonderful Easter activities, her acknowledgement was delayed a week. However, it behooves each of us to stop in and thank Peggy for all the extra special work she has done in the absence of a full-time pastor. Peggy has worked diligently for the church and school for many years. She has always gone beyond the call of duty to perform her tasks—and so much more! Peggy, you are terrific! Together, we at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School acknowledge you and give thanks to God for you. You are a blessing to us all!



Do you love a good story? How about a whale of a tale beneath the wide prairie sky, with cowboys and heros from old times gone by? 

Then you don't want to miss "Jonah's Druthers". A musical based on the true story of Jonah with a little twist - it's set in the old west. In this fun setting, with country style music and old west charm, you can't miss the Gospel truth that our God is the only one who saves - not because we are worthy to be saved, but because God in His mercy provides salvation.. Through the prophet Jonah we see that God's plan of salvation is not just for the sinners of ancient Ninevah, but for sinners here and now. Jesus, our hero, God's only Son, took on our sins, died the death we should have died, spent three days not in a fish, but in the grave, and rose again so that we can live with Him forever. Yahoo! That's Good news worth celebrating!



JOIN US
THURSDAY, MAY 15
1:00 & 7:00
AT
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL
FOR OUR SPRING MUSICAL
"JONAH'S DRUTHERS"

DATES TO REMEMBER

- MAY 5 PRESCHOOL/PRE-K "MOM'S TEA"
- MAY 15 SPRING MUSICAL 1 & 7
- MAY 16 LUTHERAN SCHOOL TRACK MEET IN PERHAM FOR K-8
- MAY 20 PRESCHOOL/PRE-K AWARDS 6:30
- MAY 22 GRADUATION/AWARDS/PICNIC at 5:30
- MAY 23 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL K-8

HAVE A BLESSED SUMMER!



Mrs. Zubke made a crown of thorns out of a palm branch to teach the children about Holy Week during our weekly chapel service.





Preschool students are focused on their activity and working hard on their letters.



Pre-K working on cutting and painting with water



Kindergarten—3rd grade students are working on math together and watching the elephant toothpaste experiment in science.



Matthew is partner reading with Miss Janna's class.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 8TH GRADE GRADUATES

- NATHANIEL ARMSTRONG**
- MADLINE MCGILL**
- MATTHEW SALVHUS**

The theme for this school year has been, "Witness Always". Our theme song was "Brothers and Sisters In Christ".

Nathaniel, Maddie, and Matthew as you begin this new chapter in your life remember that you are God's child. He has created you, He has redeemed you, and He has called you by name. God placed you here for a purpose and promises to always watch over you. He loves you so much that He died for you so that you may live with Him. He will guard and protect you. He will strengthen you and in Him you will find peace and comfort.

We will miss you at Immanuel. We are proud of all you've accomplished with us, how you've grown and matured both spiritually and intellectually. You have been a blessing to the staff and students at Immanuel. Remember your Christian education, stand firm in your faith and share the love of Christ through example and witness to all that you meet.



Graduation— Awards— Picnic

Friends, family, and members of the congregation, please join us Thursday, May 22 for our end of the year closing worship/graduation service and picnic.

The service begins at 5:30 followed by classroom awards and picnic. There will be hotdogs, baked beans, chips and ice cream sundaes. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

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You are welcome, wanted and needed!

*Love is patient; love is kind.
Love is not jealous; is not
proud; is not conceited; does
not act foolishly; is not
selfish; is not easily provoked
to anger; keeps no record of
wrongs; takes no pleasure in
unrighteousness, but rejoices
in the truth; love bears all
things, believes all things,
hopes all things, and endures
all things.*

- I Corinthians 13:4-7



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Whatever you do, work heartily as for the Lord, and not for man. Colossians 3:23

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Altar Duty: Nancy Albrecht

Elder: Randy Schmidtke

Greeters

5/4 Phyllis Eklund & Myra Schmidtke

5/11 Duane & Phyllis Payne

5/18 Mike & Lavonne Keske

5/24 Glenn & Marilyn Bakeberg

Acolytes

5/4 Jessica Schmidtke

5/11 Andrew Salvhus

5/18 Kristina Harder

5/24 Randi Neilson

Fellowship Servers

5/4 Mary Tetzloff & Marilyn Bakeberg

5/11 Barb Taschner & Marie Bakker

5/18 Phyllis Payne & Barb Vinkemeier

5/25 Clara Gerwick & Joann Loewen

Ushers

5/4 Vern Black & Rick Schmidtke

5/11 Glenn Bakeberg & Neil Butenschoen

5/18 Glenn Bakeberg & Neil Butenschoen

5/24 Duane Paulsen & Duane Payne



A huge **THANK YOU** to all who continue to serve our congregation! Bless you!

Immanuel Lutheran Church			MAY 2014		"God With Us"	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 27nd <i>Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	April 28	April 29	April 30 3:30 pm Confirmation	1 <i>National Day of Prayer</i> 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	2 10 am Elders Meet	3
4 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	5 10:30 am Preschool/Pre-K Mother's Tea Council Agenda Due 7 pm Board of Ed 7 pm Adult Fun Night	6	7 3:30 pm Confirmation	8 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	9	10 Scrip Deadline 8 am Men of Immanuel Breakfast
11 <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	12	13 9 am Quilting  7 pm Council meeting	14	15 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study 1 & 7 pm School Spring Musical	16	17
18 <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am Worship w/Communion 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 1:00 pm LWML (at Eklund's) 6:30 pm Awards for Preschool/Pre-K	21	22 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study 5:30 pm School Closing Graduation/Awards/ Picnic	23 Last Day of School	24
25 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i> 9 am Worship 10 am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Bible Study	26 <i>Memorial Day Observed</i>	27 9 am Quilting 	28	29 <i>The Ascension of Our Lord</i> 8 am Men's Bible Study 8 am Women's Bible Study	30	31