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November Newsletter

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DO YOU...

want to put something in the bulletin or newsletter?

Have a prayer request? Birth/Anniversary/Graduation announcements?

If so, please submit the information as you want it to appear in the bulletin or newsletter by the deadlines listed below to the church secretary at immanuellutheran@iowatelecom.net.

Deadline for submitting in the weekly bulletin is Thursdays by noon.

Deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15th of each month.

For those of you without email access, please call or submit your written request to the church secretary.

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HELLO
NOVEMBER!

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A Message From Our Pastor



“For What Do You Hunger?”

As you read this, I would guess that Halloween is over. As we end October and begin November, food seems to be the focus. It's funny at times that we begin this season with gorging on candy, move to more savory dishes of meat and potatoes, then end with sweet Christmas cookies (or pies if you're like me). As we start this stretch of colder weather, the body seems to know it needs more calories to stay warm, or at least that's what I tell myself to make myself feel better.

I find myself hungrier during these months, which got me thinking much about hunger. As we gather around family tables, those meals that satisfy our earthly hunger, we start November with the observation of All Saints' Day. It is a day in which we reflect and are reminded of the reality between the saints in heaven and the all the saints on earth. We feast at our earthly tables and at the same time long to share that table with those whom we currently only share the heavenly table. We pine for the time to sit again with them, and enjoy a wonderful meal together.

As great as these earthly meals are, it will not take too long and we will be hungry again. The daily bread given by God is wonderfully given daily, as our bodies do need the calories and the energy to continue to do the work that God has wonderfully given us to do.

As we recall the lives of the saints, as we listen to their stories, look at their lives, and contemplate our own, we hear from Jesus, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”¹ Righteousness. Being right, doing right, this is the aim for all of us. To be righteous, to be right, is not something that we can accomplish on our own. Try as hard as we might, the perfection of the 10 Commandments, the perfection of the Holy Law of God is not something that we are able to fully comply with, nor in our sin, do we really want to.

To hunger and thirst after righteousness is to be driven after what God says is right, holy, and just. The Law of God is good and wise, and sets God’s will before our eyes. There are many competing theories and ideas about who or what is right and wrong, ethical or unethical, holy or unholy, just or unjust.

This is much like my snack cupboard at home. If I am hungry for a granola bar, I go to the cupboard and what do I see? I see fruit snacks, various kinds of fruit, granola bars, chips, cookies, and candy. Among all of those choices, which one am I going to reach out for? The granola bar! Why? Because that is what I was hungry for.

It is not just food that we are hungry for, there are many things that we are hungry for in this world. Our sinful pride, our bodies, our minds, our friends, our families, our jobs, our schools, our world, many times will drive us away from God’s pure Word. There are many things that attempt to replace what God’s Word clearly says is right and wrong. Sometime, carefully read, pray, and reflect upon the depth of each of the 10 Commandments. You will find in the pew racks at Immanuel a helpful document on how to do this. How many ways do the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh try and fill a desire apart from the clear commands of God Himself? How easy is it to shy away from God’s clear Words and try to muddy up the waters? How many phrases has the devil given to us to speak against the Word of God? “Did God really say?... Everyone else is doing it... It is a different time today... That was true only back then, we have grown up now... We live in a different world... Can’t we just let it go this one time...”

Brothers and sisters in Christ, for what are you hungry? If you hunger and thirst after righteousness, if you are hungry for doing and for being right, as God has clearly defined it, when you come to the cupboard of understanding, you are only going to reach for one thing to satisfy your hunger. It is not what the world says. It is not what I think or you think, or I feel or you feel. It is not even how it can be redefined. The question is, “What does God’s Word say!”

¹ Matthew 5:6

In God's word, we will truly be satisfied. Why? Because there is not one person who is without sin. All of sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Each one of us begin the Divine Service with the confession of sins. Each of us fall short of the perfection that is demanded and required by God. In our midst is the very Lamb of God, Jesus Christ. He was obedient to death, even death upon a cross, and He did it all for you.

He gave His life to pay for our misdeeds, for our imperfection. He died and rose again to give us life! He promises us that we shall be satisfied. We hunger and thirst for righteousness, and He gives us His righteousness through His same body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. We poor sinners, come to this Holy Table to be fed with the bread of life. Here we are satisfied by the body and blood of Jesus Himself.

Here we feast with all the saints, we share the Holy Meal with those saints in heaven who surround the throne of God, who have the Lamb in their midst, who is wiping every tear from their eyes.² We feast with them, as Christ is also in our midst. He feeds us and prepares us for whatever trials we may face as we leave this building. He feeds us with the life-giving, much needed calories that our souls need to do the work that He has wonderfully given us to do.

Thanks be to God for the meals He provides. Both here through bread for the forgiveness of sins, and the daily meals we consume for the good of our bodies. Two meals that work for us, that are needed by us, and both prepared by the wondrous, and generous hands of our God. Meals that point us to the reality, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so, we are."³ We have a God, who salvation lasts forever. Even as our bodies wither and decay, we have meals, we have heavenly and earthly food, we have a God who proclaims, "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."⁴ As we walk through this time of eating, join me in singing:

'For All the Saints' LSB 677

² Revelation 7:9-17

³ 1 John 3:1a

⁴ Isaiah 51:6



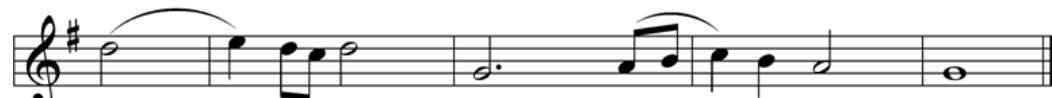
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the victor's crown of gold!
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
 Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of Glory passes on His way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Text: William W. How, 1823–97, alt.
 Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
 Text and tune: Public domain*

+Soli Deo Gloria+
 Rev. Dr. Joel G. Koeppe

President's Piece for Peace



Toward the end of September Karen and I took a little get-a-way junket to Branson, Missouri. My brother lives in Springfield and is experiencing some health problems. I was glad to see my brother on the mend from some recent surgeries even while going through slow recovery.

While there we spent one day in Branson with all its entertainment and festivities. The weather was still quite warm, so we spent some time doing outdoor things. I am proud to say I remain the miniature golf champion of the household. We ate at a legit 1950's diner where they waiters were singing performers at local shows in the evening. They would come to our table while singing and offer the microphone to us to sing along if we wished. I wished not! I didn't want to spoil anyone else's lunch.

The main attraction for us was a show presented at the Sight and Sound Theater. It is well known for offering biblically based musicals. We have previously seen Samson and Delilah, Noah, Moses, and this time we saw The Life of Jesus. The talent is phenomenal, the music is well done, and the story lines follow scripture very well. Of course, from time to time they have to take editor's liberty for narrative sake but nothing that contradicts the Word of God.

The pageantry by which they carried out scenes like the crucifixion, the burial, the resurrection, and the ascension was first class. I was quite impressed. Until the end, that is. I do not speak of anything in the show itself that was in error. They even finished with Pentecost and sending of the Apostles to the world. The message of justification by grace through faith was clear. The emphasis on the Apostolic Mission to preach the Good News was unmistakable. So, what was it that I found appalling?

It was after the show. The curtain had come down, the actors were out in front taking bows as the crowd applauded. The lead actor who played Peter then extends an altar call. The message of the show, two hours in length, was undermined by a three-minute discourse on how you are to decide for Jesus. And there would be people standing up front to help you make that decision. Even if you were already a member of The Faith, you could still come forward if you desired a closer relationship with Jesus. All would be accomplished by a visit up front to those waiting to help you.

You are all good enough theologians that I don't have to go into the biblical evidence addressing the false doctrine of such an invitation. I simply want to point out how such a small moment of false doctrine can undo such a long presentation of biblical truth. That is why we comb over our sermons and bible class instruction, as well as our class preparation for the students under our care. When even one microbe of a tainted element is placed in pure water, the water is no longer 100% pure.

We are Called and installed into our vocations to teach the Word of God in all its truth and purity. We do not need to make it more dynamic or enhance it. It is already all the power and authority God needs to carry out His will on earth. The Church is the mouthpiece of God for His Word to be heard by the congregation and students we tend. I know there is not one worker in our district who does not believe this. I also know you make detailed effort to keep the message straight while getting the message out (to quote a predecessor of mine, Dr. Alvin Barry). We do this because we trust what God has given us for the sake of the Church. That is why it is good for us to take extra steps and put in extra effort to make sure what we preach and teach is what has been given to the Church. It is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe it.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders
District President

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



IDE Sr. High Retreat - November 18-19

The 2022 IDE Sr. High Retreat will take place over November 18-19 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca with Pastor Andrew Gray of St. John Lutheran Church in Marengo leading our presentation on *Theology in "that" Music?*

It's quite common for people to make the mistake that just because music might be played on mainstream radio it doesn't teach anything about God. A big question though is whether what it does teach about God is sound or not. Either way people are influenced by the music they listen to. In our sessions we will explore popular songs that say something theological. We will also look at the lives of some of the artists and see how Christianity effects their song writing. In addition, we will highlight some ways to evaluate songs that we might enjoy in the future.



The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, November 18th at 7pm and going through around 3pm on Saturday the 19th. Registration is \$50 per youth and \$30 per chaperone. This retreat includes a pizza snack on Friday evening and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. You can register online or download a registration form at www.lcmside.org. A full schedule can be found at the link above.

Fall Workday - November 12



We're looking forward to accomplishing two big projects at our Fall Workday on Saturday, November 12. We'll be fixing up the netting around the Human Foosball course, removing the old carpet in Omega Lodge, and taking down a giant dead ash tree.

We need your help to make this great day a productive one! As always, lunch is on us! We'll be getting started around 9AM and ending by 4PM.



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When a loved one dies by suicide, the ones left behind, the survivors, are dealing with a loss that's traumatic. The loss can come with stigma, real or perceived. The grieving person or family can feel isolated from people they considered their support. This all can result in survivors being stuck in their grief for years, missing out on support that can help them heal from the loss. How can we extend care to survivors?

Dispel the myths and stigma that can come with the topic of suicide. Plan an activity for survivors on International Suicide Survivor Day, which is the third Saturday in November. Hold a workshop on suicide prevention for all in the community or host an event that includes a panel of suicide survivors to share their stories. Have materials available that give accurate information about suicide prevention and how to show support to those grieving from a suicide-related loss. Convey the message that you are approachable on this topic, that you aren't afraid to talk about suicide and the resulting grief.

Encourage their participation in a support group or connect them to other survivors. Survivors can be at higher risk for dying by suicide. Learn your local suicide prevention crisis lines and put the number in your cell phone contact list. This will make it easier to share the number with others or to make the call when you need guidance for someone you're helping. 988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that routes callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This dialing code that started in July 2022, is available to everyone across the United States.

Go to this link for resources and for a printable card "Do you know someone who may be considering suicide?"

https://www.who.int/health-topics/suicide#tab=tab_1

Keep educating yourself on suicide prevention and on supporting suicide survivors. Stay current on available resources. God is faithful and will equip you to share the message of love and hope with those who are struggling with thoughts of suicide and with survivors who are struggling in their grief.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

(2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 NIV)

From LPNI, Health Topic, November 2021 by Christine Blanke, RN, MS, CPH
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District East Parish Nurse District Representative.

COLLEGE HILL FALL FLING



Saturday

Nov 12

Time

08:30 AM



**College Hill Lutheran
Church**

2322 Olive St.
Cedar Falls, IA 50613



**Rev. Dr. John
Bombaro**

Schedule

8:30 a.m. Matins

9:15 a.m. Coffee & Refreshments

9:30 a.m. Session 1 - The Speech Acts of
God: Why God Works Through Words

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Session 2 - Virtue Signaling
Justifies No One: Humanitarianism as the
Idol of Our Age

11:45 a.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Session 3 - Our Technological
Woes: Worship and the Intrusion of Digital
Sameness

2:00 p.m. Questions/Answers

2:30 p.m. Vespers

John J Bombaro is Eurasia Director of Theological Education for the LCMS and Chair of the Systematics Department, Luther Academy, Rīga, Latvia, and lecturer within the Theology Faculty at Charles University, Prague, Czechia, where he lives with his wife, Melinda, and four children. He also holds the rank of Commander in the United States Navy Reserves. His undergraduate training took place at Rutgers University and Columbia International University, with studies continuing at the University of Edinburgh (MTh), King's College London (PhD), Concordia Theological Seminary (MDiv), and Cambridge (DTM). He has been a faculty member at Dickinson College, Messiah College, and the University of San Diego. Dr. Bombaro successfully planted St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on Kaua'i and Blessed Sacrament Lutheran Church in Hayden, Idaho. From 2007-2018, he was Senior Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in San Diego. In 2018-2019, he served as the Director of Spiritual Fitness for the United States Marine Corps at The Pentagon. Since then, the Bombaro family have been LCMS missionaries. He is widely published and a frequent contributor to Issues, Etc. and The White Horse Inn radio programs.

COLLEGE HILL FALL FLING



Study Weekend

Friday Schedule - Nov. 11

7:00 PM - Swing and Line Dance - Cedar Falls Equestrian Center

9:00 PM - Games and Food - College Hill Lutheran Church

Saturday Schedule - Nov. 12

See other side

Sunday Schedule - Nov. 13

9:00 AM - Bible Study - Dr. Bombaro

10:00 AM - Divine Service

Guest Preacher, Dr. Bombaro

11:15 AM - Potluck

Cedar Falls Equestrian Center
808 E Dunkerton Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

College Hill Lutheran Church
2322 Olive St.
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

*RSVP to Rev. Wegener if
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Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc.

Poweshiek County Family Development Center

Immanuel Lutheran Church
229 11th Ave. W
Grinnell, IA 50112

October, 2022

Dear Friends at Immanuel Lutheran Church,

THANK YOU for your donation of 40.0 pounds to Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc. (MICA) Poweshiek County Emergency Food Pantry during the month of **September, 2022**. We were able to provide food and other necessities to 252 households/570 individuals. We distributed **10,488.7 pounds** of food in these food boxes! During September, you, our donors, brought us 3,419.5 pounds of food, 2,316.5 pounds of produce, and 292.5 pounds of non-food items! **THANK YOU for continuing to support the MICA food pantry here in Grinnell!**

Do you belong to any organization that might want to donate to MICA as we move into the Holidays? Food Drives are a great way for groups to get involved. Please give it some thought. Please call the MICA office if you need to further discuss this.

Are you interested in volunteering? MICA is always looking for community members who have a few extra hours and would offer their time to volunteer here at the Grinnell office. We are open 9:00 – 4:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. What do volunteers do? A little of everything! One of the biggest jobs, and most important, is to keep our food pantry stocked with donations and purchases from the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo. As you read in the paragraph above, we service MANY families and individuals each month throughout Poweshiek County. Our staff remains busy with the various MICA programs, so any assistance is so appreciated. If you, or someone you know, are interested, please stop into the office and talk with Jordan or Mindy. Our volunteers help MICA serve the community. Please join us!

We truly appreciate your contribution because every donation helps MICA fulfill its mission: **Helping People. Changing Lives. Building Communities.**

Sincerely,

Poweshiek County Family Development Center
Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc.

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Time Change Sunday Sunday, November 6

Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour On Saturday Evening

MICA is in need of clean egg cartons. Please take them to Mica Food Pantry at 609 4th Ave in Grinnell.

Sunday School Families: The Christmas Program is Sunday, December 18 at 10:30am. Please let the Board of Education know if your child is planning on participating or not participating by November 13. Practice begins Sunday, November 20.

LWML: The total amount of money received in the Noisy Bucket from October 9th is **\$263.98!!** Thank you from the LWML for the congregation's generosity in the support of the Mission Grants.

Snowbirds: To those of you that head for warmer weather for the winter and would like the monthly newsletter mailed to you, please submit your address, date departing and date returning, to the church secretary. Even those that have submitted their address in the past, please do so again to make sure we have the correct address. The newsletter/calendar is also published on our website at www.immanuelgrinnell.org



***The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS
Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article***

What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

St. Paul wrote to Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also, our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It's the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

– **LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship**

WISDOM
understanding
counsel knowledge
Confirmation
fortitude piety
fear of the Lord



MEMORY WORK FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

5th & 6th Grades Confirmation Memory Work Classtime Wednesdays 4:00pm — 5:30pm

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| November 2 | 4:00-6:00pm Combined Class: Luther Movie |
| November 9 | Seventh Commandment & Meaning |
| November 16 | Eighth Commandment & Meaning |
| November 23 | No Class |
| November 30 | 4:00-5:00pm Ninth Commandment & Meaning |

7th & 8th Grades Confirmation Memory Work Classtime Wednesdays 5:30pm — 7:00pm

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| November 2 | 4:00-6:00pm Combined Class: Luther Movie |
| November 9 | Eighth Commandment & Meaning |
| November 16 | Nineth/Tenth Commandments & Meanings |
| November 23 | No Class |
| November 30 | 5:00-6:00pm Close of Commandments |



Day of Thanksgiving/Harvest Service

Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30pm

Potluck Supper before the service at 5:00pm

**There is a sign-up sheet on the entryway table
if you would like to bring a dish.**

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Monthly Meeting of the Church Council
Sunday, September 11th, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on September 11th, at 8:00 AM. Present: Pastor Koepp, Chris Christinson, Keith Thorpe, Diane Schultz, Kevin Schultz, June Routier, Markie Koepp, and Kathy Stanek. Pastor Koepp opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the August 14th meeting were presented for approval. Keith motioned to approve and Diane 2nd. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Board of Elders: Darlo Kelting

- Business as usual – Nothing new to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Christinson

- Written reports attached. All bills have been paid and the current balances are reflected.
- Building insurance for the year has been paid.

Board of Trustees: Kevin Schultz

- Received estimates to replace south windows decided to seal them. Possible replacement in 2023.

Board of Evangelism: June Routier – Dianna Kelting

- Teamed with Sunday school students and filled 100 backpacks with school supplies for the Orphan Grain Train. May do more backpacks in the future to include infants and health supplies.
- Waiting for the Drake Library to decide if they will have an after school treat program.

Board of Education: Markie Koepp

- Sunday school will start today. The students had fun putting the Orphan Grain Train bags together and Popcorn Sunday's will be continued.
- Beginning to work on the Christmas program.

Board of Stewardship: Diane Schultz

- Business as usual - giving continues to be generous.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Koepp

- John Kennelly will be Baptized into Faith and both John and Angela will become members of Immanuel Lutheran Church with The Confirmation of Faith.
- Pastor has been nominated for elections to serve on the CTCR in St. Louis and the Board of Regents in Ft. Wayne. If he is elected to one, he will not be listed as a choice for the other. It will not affect his position at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Diane shared she has been approached and asked if there is a possibility to have special bulletins printed for worship service. Bulletins would include everything from beginning to end of worship so visitors or people who wished to use them would not have to jump from page to page in the hymnal as it can be very confusing. The Elders will discuss this at their next meeting.

With no other business to discuss Chris motioned to adjourn the meeting – Diane 2nd. Pastor closed in prayer.

Council Meeting: October 9th, 2022

Submitted by:

Kathy Stanek

Council Secretary

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Voters Assembly Meeting Minutes
Sunday, July 24th, 2022

The quarterly meeting of the Church Voters was held on Sunday July 24th, 2022. Members Present: Ken Mergen, Jan Mergen, Joel McDonough, Bev Huebner, Dan Huebner, June Routier, Sherry Baker, Tim Baker, Helen Thorpe, Markie Koepp, Danielle McDonough, Barb Shell, Marrina Kaloupek, Marvin Honold, Ruth Honold, Tammy L. Smith, Pam Haase, Diane Schultz, Chris Christinson, Keith N. Thorpe, and Rev. Dr. Joel G Koepp.

President Joel McDonough called the meeting to order, and Pastor opened with prayer.

New Voting Members: None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made and 2nd to approve the minutes of the April 24th meeting. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Board of Elders: Joel McDonough

- Elders continue to work on the membership list.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Christinson

- Written report attached. All bills have been paid and the current balances are reflected on the report.
- All remodeling bills have been paid.

Board of Trustees: Kevin Schultz

- Remodeling has been completed.
- We have changed insurance companies.

Board of Evangelism: June Routier

- The 4th of July parade was a success. The picnic last week went as planned thanks to all who stepped up and helped.
- Collecting materials for school kits to give to Orphan Grain Train.

Board of Education: Markie Koepp

- VBS was held the previous week and had 17-18 children.
- Looking for Sunday school teachers.

Board of Stewardship: Keith N. Thorpe

- 2nd quarter statements have been sent out.
- Fundraising for the painting and carpet has reached \$6000.

Pastor Koepp's Report:

- Discussed Confirmation classes starting this fall.
- Providing spiritual leadership to members of Immanuel church, preparing weekly sermons, preaching and conducting worship services. Leading Confirmation and Bible Study classes.
- Counseling/home visits, attending board meetings, visiting sick/shut-ins, and providing Communion to those who cannot attend Sunday Divine service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Joel talked about the confirmation pictures. A motion was made and approved to get at least three prices for a digital picture frame.
- A round of applause was given to Kevin and Diane for all their work on the remodel project.
- Steve and Joel will be working on a nominating committee in the next months.

With no other business to discuss Darlo motioned to adjourn and Marvin 2nd. Pastor closed in prayer.

Next Voters Meeting: January 15, 2023 @10:30 AM.

Submitted by:
Steve Haase