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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.

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October 2021

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

In the Gospel of Matthew, we hear Jesus say, ***“From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven is being violently attacked, and violent men are trying to snatch it away.”***

(Matthew 11:12)

From the day that John preached repentance and baptized, the Lamb’s kingdom has suffered violence. John may as well

have sounded a battle cry when he baptized our Lord, for from that day on, Jesus and His kingdom were under attack. Immediately upon coming up from the Jordan after His baptism, Jesus went into the desert and was tempted by the devil. He was attacked by Satan. These attacks of temptation by the devil on the Christ did not end until Jesus breathed His last at His crucifixion.

The violent try to take the kingdom by force for that is the only way they know. Satan, the father of this sinful world only knows temptation, sin, destruction, pain, sickness, and death. He has never created anything. He has never sought after or promoted anything good or lasting. He is only interested in diversion from the truth and distraction from the eternal. He uses sin and death as weapons against the kingdom of God. This is very much like the kingdoms of earth; they conquer by violence. Glory in battle is won by force. The strong, the proud, and the mighty are rewarded. The kings of the earth rule with armies and sanctions and violent weapons. At the first sign of weakness evil men and rebels will arise to challenge them.

But the Kingdom of Heaven is not like this. It does not deal out violence. It suffers violence. It is the Kingdom of martyrs, of the lowly, of the meek, of the humble. Those who want to be part of this Kingdom are those who would suffer violence with and for it. They stand separated from the world of violence. They are in the world, but not of the world. They put their hands to the plow and do not look back. They turn the other cheek and suffer violence. They appear weak, to the world. Because they are obsessed with the Lamb’s Kingdom and the Lamb himself. The picture of faith in this world is this: the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force.

The Kingdom of heaven does not operate according to the principles of world. It is not **reasonable** according to the wisdom of men. Its Ruler did not come with military fanfare on a warhorse in a show of power.

He came instead through a lowly birth unnoticed by all except a few poor shepherds who knew it by proclamation of angels and a handful of foreigners who knew it by revelation of Scripture. Even His crowning moment, at the height of His popularity was short-lived. He entered His royal city on a lowly donkey, and that, to die. The cross was His earthly throne. What kind of a God becomes flesh in order to allow Himself to be abused by men? What kind of a God comes to take beatings and die? Not the kind designed by men. This would not have been our plan. What kind of a God is He? He is the only kind. For there is only one God. He is exclusive and jealous. He is righteous and holy. He is creator and redeemer. His ways are not our ways, and His thoughts are not our thoughts. He is love and He loves mankind. This love drove Him into our world. Out of love, for a while, He denies Himself, comes in meekness and submission, and even, suffers violence. And by the violence done to Him, He wins the Kingdom. He redeems you, buys you back from the accuser Satan. By the death and resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, He now rules at His majestic throne from the right hand of the Father. But He rules by mercy and grace, for this is His Kingdom of Grace, for a time. This Kingdom of Grace is given to each of us as a gift, yet in this world it is still a humble Kingdom that still suffers violence. You, the beloved occupants of this kingdom still suffer, like your King suffered. But only for a short time. For the Kingdom of grace will give way to the Kingdom of glory, when He returns.

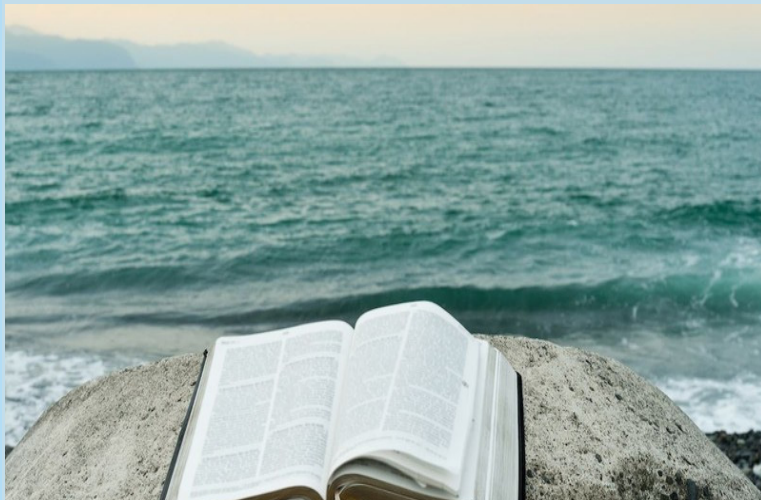


This month we remember the days of Martin Luther when the church was under attack from within. The devil was using leaders in the church to do violence to the kingdom of God. The Word of God was traded for greedy lies. Luther was God's instrument to overcome this violence with the truth of the Scriptures. The Reformation was about returning to the Truth, returning to God's Word. The everlasting Gospel needs to be preached to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people. The essence of Luther's teachings can be summed up from the book of Revelation, ***"Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."*** (Revelation 14:7)

It is necessary for these words to ring out now. The church suffers violence today—that should not surprise us. The church has never known peace in this world, and it never will.

Your lives will be lived on the battlefield, and you will not escape with your life. You never get to just coast through life unscathed, death awaits us all. Because God has marked you as His own in Holy Baptism, the devil will constantly bombard you with violence. You gained a powerful enemy when you became God's child. We can see the violence and struggle in our own homes, in our communities, even in our churches. The struggle of the Reformation never ends. Satan still attacks the Church, for that is what threatens kingdom.

When violence comes, and it certainly comes daily, we need to confess with all humility and honesty the truth of the Gospel. Jesus is God. Jesus redeems you. Jesus is the Word of truth. Jesus conquered death. When He suffered violence, it was on purpose, so that He could overcome death and violence. Because of His sacrifice, death is no longer the end. He came through death and was raised to life. This is now our hope. Pain and death will come, but death will not be our end. God is in charge, the devil attacks and continues to battle, but the war is over. God's Word has conquered.



Our salvation is concluded, it is already completed. We do well to look back on it and study it for our own sakes and for the sakes of our children, for it is contained in the Bible, but there are no more surprises. Death will not take you by surprise, because you have already died! “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried there-

fore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.” (Romans 6:3-5). In your baptism, you died. After baptism there is only life, for you were already raised with Him. Even when physical death comes, your life continues in Christ until the last day when your body will be reunited with your soul. That will be the Kingdom of Christ's glory.

Why do we take time this month to remember the Reformation? It is a moment to pause and give thanks and so we never forget how God works in the world—in time, through real people.

Through the Reformation, God used Martin Luther to call the church to return to the Word; not as though the Word had vanished, but that the Word had become buried in man-made teachings. Reformation is constantly needed. We need to be reminded that reform is ongoing and that we need to be constantly realigned and corrected by the Bible and biblical preaching. The Reformation in 16th century Germany demonstrates to us that this is a pattern in the sinful minds of men. We are prone to neglecting the Word. We need to push off our own ideas of God and salvation, and we need discipline ourselves to the Words of Holy Scripture. The only way to do that is to pick it up and read it, study it, and teach it to our children. There is always a battle for the Bible. The best way to commemorate the Reformation is to listen to God's voice in the Bible and gather together around His Sacrament.

Jesus said, ***“From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven is being violently attacked, and violent men are trying to snatch it away.”*** (Matthew 11:12) Even through violence, God works good. On the night in which Jesus was betrayed, He took bread and wine and said, “This IS my Body... This IS my blood....Do this in remembrance of me.” We commemorate His victory over death every time we partake of His body and blood. Your salvation was won through death. In this meal, this sacrament, you partake of a banquet of victory—the victory of Jesus through death. What you receive on your tongue is life and salvation to all who believe. Against the body of Christ, violence will come, but violence shall never conquer.

Tho' devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

I encourage you to sing with me this month:

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
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+Soli Deo Gloria+

Rev. Dr. Joel G. Koepp

President's Piece for Peace

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders

District President

Luther once said, "where Christ builds a Church the Devil plants a chapel." The point being that Satan never rests and is in constant attack mode. He uses every tool at his disposal including the notion that he doesn't even exist. Oh he exists, and how vicious are his bites. His tactics change very little. In fact, he is back to challenging creation once again. This time it is, "did God really say there are only two genders?" We are now living in the cultural context of there being many genders and many sex explanations. The society we inhabit has cheers and congratulations for men who think they are women and vice-versa. So, what are we to believe? We believe what the Word of God says. It is the only source of truth that transcends human philosophy, medical physiology, and personal preference.

God did say in Genesis 1:27-28 that He created male and female. Then he gave them their governing responsibilities. They were to be "fruitful and increase in number" as well as "subdue and rule over" creation. The first order was the means of procreation. Male and female shall unite in a one flesh union that there may be more of them. That is the only way that happens as God gave that gift to husband and wife, male and female. This certifies the fact that there are only two genders. They are identified by one's physical capacity to procreate. The natural, physical capability to become one flesh is the identifying factor as to one's gender.

Now for the governing aspect of creation. Of course, God oversees and governs all things. He also hands that responsibility over to ranks within His created order. Male and female were to subdue creation. To subdue is to oversee for the purpose of creation bearing the fruit it was intended. It also involves governing for the purpose of harvesting the fruit of the created order. Husband and wife gather the fruit of the womb as the female bears children, and they become parents. God intended for family to be the building block of culture, society, and neighbor.

To "rule over" is to chastise or bring back into step that which has gone out of step. All creation has fallen out of step with the Creator and is in constant need to be ruled. That is one of Satan's goals, to convince creation that it can align its own steps and march to the beat of its own drum. In other words, don't listen to God. "Did He even speak, does He even know what's going on with you and this massive world? Do what you feel is right, what you like, what you prefer, what makes you happy." All those questions and directions are meant to keep you out of step with God. The Devil has convinced our nation that there are multiple genders, that men can declare they are women and vice-versa. That is all out of step with the Lord of heaven and earth.

It is the Church's responsibility to "rule over" these notions. We do so by calling sin what it is, sin. There is nothing that can be done with sin but call it to repentance. We cannot comfort sin. We cannot coddle it or try to explain it away. We can only call it to repentance even when it is not the culturally acceptable thing to do. We do not succumb to demands for men to use women's bathrooms or locker rooms. We do not acquiesce to using personal pronouns that do not match the persons natural and physical capacity of procreation. We stand firm for the Creator Lord who has given us the responsibility to "subdue" and "rule over" His creation.

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Once a stubborn heart and mind are stricken by the call to repentance, the healing balm of the Gospel is proclaimed. There is no sin God has not forgiven in His Son Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. There is no disobedience that Jesus' active and passive obedience has not cured. There is no deadness that Jesus has not risen from the dead to rescue and bring into the Holy Kingdom of God.

Satan has not stopped planting chapels. He won't until the Day comes which is not followed by anymore days. Until then he is to be battled daily with repentance and faith in Christ Jesus who defeated him with a head smashing heal. Where Christ builds a Church, He has promised His wonderful presence. He is present among us, with us, and in us ruling our bodies and souls. We do not stand alone. We have each other and more importantly we have The Christ, The Son of the Living God. Peace and courage be with you all.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders
District President

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



IDE Confirmation Retreat - October 8-9

This year's Iowa District East - LCMS Fall Confirmation Retreat will take place at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca over October 8-9. The topic for this year's retreat is The Lord's Supper. Catechumens will learn all about the joys to be received in The Sacrament of the Altar while enjoying several activities and outdoor fun throughout the weekend.

Our presenter will be Pastor Joel Koepp from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grinnell, Iowa. The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, October 8th at 7pm and going through around 3pm on Saturday the 9th. 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.



2021-2022 Iowa District East Youth Events

October 8-9 - Fall Confirmation Retreat
The Lord's Supper - with Pastor Joel Koepp

November 19-20 - Sr. High Retreat
Proclaiming the Gospel in a Secular Age - with Pastor Jon Ellingworth

January 28-29 - Middle School Retreat and Snowlympics
**Who Am I? A Focus on Baptismal Identity and Vocation -
with Pastor Caleb Weight**

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Camp Presentations

Would you like to know more about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca? Camp Director Daniel Sanchez is available to speak to congregations and groups about Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca's mission, facilities, and programs. Call 319-848-4187 to schedule a speaker!



THRIVENT CHOICE

In 2020, Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca received over \$9,000 in Thrivent Choice contributions! Thank you donors for making this program a success for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Will you help make 2021 an even better year in Thrivent Choice giving?

Go to <https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/> or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice" to designate your choice dollars for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca today.

Thank you for making Thrivent Choice a valuable stream of revenue for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca!



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Needs List

Paper Towels; Toilet Paper; First Class Postage Stamps; Batteries: 9v, AA, AAA; Cleaning Supplies: disinfecting wipes, window cleaner, all-purpose cleaner. **Please see our web site for a complete list:** www.campiodiseca.org.

Important Dates

September 10-11
LWML Fall Retreat

October 4-5
IDE Fall Pastors' Conference

October 8-9
IDE Fall Confirmation Retreat

November 5-6
IDE Pastors' Wives Retreat

November 5
Fall Workday

November 19-20
IDE Sr. High Retreat

January 28-29
IDE Middle School Retreat and Snowlympics

From the Kids, For the Kids

Each year the camp collects an offering called From the Kids, For the Kids. It's a way that we buy new program equipment here at camp so that kids can have a more enjoyable experience.

In just the past few years we've been able to replace all of our canoes at the camp pond, buy new lifejackets and paddles, put in new basketball hoops and paint the basketball court, and improve our rec field and challenge course! **THANK YOU** for your help in making Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca a more enjoyable facility! On average, our campers donate over \$1,000 per summer.

This year, we're going to focus on rebuilding our disc golf course! We think having a great disc golf course is another solid activity not just for summer camp, but year round! The other neat thing is that we'll share a portion of these donations with another children's ministry in Eastern Iowa. After all, it's from the kids, for the kids!

THANK YOU!!!!



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Confirmation Schedule

5th - 6th Grade Catechesis Schedule

Classtime 4:00-5:30pm

October 6	T.V. Evaluation Papers Due Baptism: <i>Which is that Word of God?</i>	Lesson 5	Genesis 6-9
13	Baptism: <i>What benefits does Baptism give?</i>	Lesson 6-7	Genesis 9:20-27; 11:1-9; Review
20	Baptism: <i>Which are these words and promises of God?</i>	Lesson 8	Genesis 17-18:21
27	Baptism: <i>How can water do such great things?</i>	Lesson 9	Genesis 21-23

7th - 8th Grade Catechesis Schedule

Classtime 5:30-7:00pm

October 6	Lord's Prayer: 2 nd Petition & Meaning	Large Catechism 413-415	SCQ 255-260	Mentor Interview #1 Given
13	Lord's Prayer: 3 rd Petition & Meaning	Large Catechism 415-417	SCQ 261-267	
20	Lord's Prayer: 4 th Petition & Meaning	Large Catechism 417-418	SCQ 268-275	
27	Lord's Prayer: 5 th Petition & Meaning	Large Catechism 418-420	SCQ 276-280	<i>Mentor Interview #1 Due</i>



We are celebrating LWML Sunday on Oct 3rd.

This is a great time to think of our LWML memories and thank God for what he has done in the past 80 years and continues to do through this organization. From one grant for \$15,000 in 1942, to 28 mission grants and a \$2,150,000 mission goal in the current biennium, God has truly blessed the LWML.

If you wish to contribute, the NOISY BUCKET will be sitting by the offering plate next Sunday, October 3rd.

Thank you for supporting the LWML and its mission grants.



Jesus said to His disciples, ***“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”*** (Mark 16:15-16) Paul wrote to Timothy, ***“Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.”*** (1 Tim. 4:16)

In effort to preach the Gospel to the members of Immanuel, the Pastor and elder's are tasked with keeping close watch on both the teaching and its hearers. There are members of Immanuel for whom we have either no contact information, or not the correct contact information. If you do, we are asking you to pass it along to either Pastor or the Board of Elders (Joel McDonough, Steve Haase, Darlo Kelting, and Ken Mergen), so that we can, ***“consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”*** (Hebrew 10:24-25)

- Michael Cadwell
- Marcia Tarvin



To those of you that “fly” south for the winter and would like your monthly newsletter mailed to you, please submit your address, date departing and date returning, to the church office. Even those that have submitted their address in the past, please do so again to make sure we have the correct address. The newsletter can also be read online at www.immanuelgrinnell.org



If there are any address/phone/email changes, please submit those by
October 31
to Amber at immanuellutheran@iowatelecom.net



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the Word and instruction of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up, they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents. But there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, and how they do and say most everything. Then children try to copy it.

This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable – and embarrassing situation – where a child does or says something one of their parents have done or said that is less than polite. Sitcoms thrive on these. It only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents, and they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God – by grace through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, “You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins. In exchange, He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit – by which we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

We are born again – born from above, born of water and the Spirit – to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ through Baptism. Since we are sons, we are heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father’s grace, mercy, and generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

This is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received our Father’s gifts that we desire to give ourselves. His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As *Luther’s Small Catechism* teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.



In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week and set aside a generous portion of God’s daily bread for His work in the church. This is not done because He has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.



1 Peter 2:9

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:"

King James Version (KJV)

**Pastors, Ladies, Men, and
Youth are cordially invited
to attend the**

**"Not So Normal"
Marshalltown Zone LWML
Fall Rally**

Saturday, October 30, 2021

**At St. Paul Lutheran
Church, Rural
Lacona/Germantown**

2002 20th Place Lacona, IA

**Please RSVP by October 17
to**

aoffenburger@windstream.net

**or call Brenda Offenburger
at 641-862-3365.**

You won't want to miss the speaker ❤️

*"Old Missionary Gary Thies" from Mission Central in
Mapleton, Iowa. will be our speaker. He has a great
story to tell, and Mission Central now is the largest
mission supporting agency in the entire United States for
our LCMS, supporting the majority of all the
missionaries in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.*

"Not So Normal" Schedule

8:45-9:15 Registration (Coffee, Donuts, Juice)

Love Offering to Mission Central

9:15-9:30 Opening Devotions

9:30-10:00 Bible Study

Offering

10:00-11:00 Missionary Gary Thies (Treats)

**11:00-11:45 Business Meeting, Treasurer's Report,
Election, Induction of Officers, Christian Life Skit**

11:45-12:00 Closing Devotions





NEWTON PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

Educate. Empower. Equip.

Dear Friends of the Pregnancy Center of Central Iowa,

All of us at PCCI are excited that we will once again be holding our Fall Banquet! It is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, November 6, 2021 at DMACC in Newton. The doors will open at 5:30pm and dinner will be served at 6:00pm. Dinner is complimentary, thanks to our wonderful sponsors.

Attendance is by invitation, so if you would like to attend, please call PCCI at 641-792-3050 and we will send you the appropriate number of invitations.

We also secure Table Hosts who are willing to fill and host a table of eight of their family and friends who might be willing to support the Pregnancy Center. If you are interested in serving as Table Host, please let us know as soon as possible and we will provide you with a Table Host Packet containing eight invitations and a letter of instructions.

We continue to be very busy at the Pregnancy Center. We have had several new babies this year, and several more are eagerly awaited in the months ahead! Thanks to wonderful grants we have been awarded, we are blessed with equipment for our moms and dads to earn through our educational classes. We continue to accept donations, with the exception of used car seats and the old-fashioned cribs with drop-down sides as those are no longer deemed to be safe for our babies. We have such an abundance of baby and toddler clothes that we no longer charge for them.

Please keep us and our mission in your prayers. We pray that God will bless each of you as you have blessed us here at PCCI! Happy Fall!

In God's Love,
Rita Baker
Director

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Monthly Meeting of the Church Council
August 8, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on August 8th, at 8:00 AM.
Present: Pastor Koepp, Steve Haase, Chris Christinson, Kevin Schultz, Dianne Schultz, Joel McDonough, Diane McDonough, Diana Kelting, Darlo Kelting, and Pam Sittig.

President Steve Haase called the meeting to order and Pastor Koepp opened with prayer.

Joel moved to approve the July minutes and Danielle 2nd with the following corrections:

VBS theme was "Arcing Promise"

Page 2. 2nd bullet 2nd sentence "one"

Page 2, 3rd bullet, last sentence "It will not be..."

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Board of Elders: Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report:

- Written reports attached. All bills have been paid and the current balances are reflected.

Board of Trustees: Nothing to Report

Board of Evangelism: Nothing to Report

Board of Education:

- 14 students attended VBS.
- Looking for more teachers to assist with Sunday School,
- August 29 is Sunday school kick-off with 2 classes being scheduled.

Board of Stewardship:

- Envelopes for 2022 have been ordered.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Koepp

- Provided names of members being removed off the membership roll.
- 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 as allowed and providing Communion to those who cannot attend Sunday Divine service.

New Business: None

With no other business to discuss Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Council Meeting: September 12, 2021 - 8:00 AM

Submitted by:
Pam Sittig



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