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***August Newsletter***

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**LET US KNOW...**

**If you have a change in address, phone or email, have a loved one who is or hospitalized, have a new baby, would like a pastoral visit, or if you would like a special prayer during the prayers of the church on Sunday, please contact Pastor Koepp or the church office.**

**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](mailto: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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WELCOME

August



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

4What is church membership? This question is one that is asked often, but not often given much thought. There is more behind the question than can be covered in a short newsletter article, and I encourage you to think about a few points with me this month.

First, I encourage you to pray with me these words of Psalm 103:

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!**
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,**
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,**
- 4 who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
- 5 who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**
- 6 The LORD works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.**
- 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- 9 He will not always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger forever.**
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**
- 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**
- 13 As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.**

We live in a time where “membership” is used for almost everything. We are members of schools and sports clubs. We are members social organizations and charity efforts. We are members of grocery stores and gas stations. What does membership mean in these organizations? Often it involves money and time. If you give enough money, you get to keep your membership. The more money you give, the more perks you receive through these various memberships?

This is not the way the church must operate. To be a member of the body of Christ, to be a member of Christ's church does not rely on your money. Your money does not get you more perks within His church. I often wonder if we should be using a different word than member in the church to describe what is the reality belonging to His church; but then I am reminded, ***"You are the body of Christ and individually members of it."*** (1 Corinthians 12:27) Likewise, ***"For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness."*** (Romans 12:4-8)

For this month, I also encourage you to pray through, ponder, and treasure in your hearts these verses from God's Holy Word concerning several topics over church membership:

### **Pastor's Responsibility to God**

"And he said to them, "Go into all the world and **proclaim the gospel** to the whole creation. [16] Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:15-16)

"But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and **say to them everything that I command you**. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them." (Jeremiah 1:17)

"Thus says the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and **speak** to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the Lord **all the words that I command you to speak** to them; **do not hold back a word**. [3] It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds." (Jeremiah 26:2-3)

"Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, '**Thus says the Lord God,' whether they hear or refuse to hear.**" (Ezek. 3:10-11)

**"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)

"Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; **reprove, rebuke, and exhort**, with complete patience and teaching." (2 Tim. 4:2)

**"Shepherd the flock of God** that is among you, exercising **oversight**, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; [3] not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. [4] And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. (1 Peter 5:2-4)

## What does God say to you?

“For as in **one body** we have **many members**, and the members do not all have the same function, [5] so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually **members one of another**.” (Romans 12:4-5)

“And let us 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)

“Take and **eat**; this is my body...**drink** it all of you...for the forgiveness of sins.” (Matthew 26:26-28)

“Faith comes from **hearing**, and hearing through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

“Magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name **together!**” (Psalm 34:3)

“And they **devoted** themselves to the apostles’ **teaching** and **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and the **prayers**.” (Acts 2:42)

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do** what it says.” (James 1:22)

“Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also **acknowledge** before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns (denies) me before men, I will **disown** (deny) him before my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32)

“If we say we have fellowship with Him (Jesus) and yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.” (1 John 1:6)

“Whoever says ‘I know him’ (Jesus) but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him,” (1 John 2:4)

“So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is **sin**.” (James 4:17)

“Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but **living as servants of God**. (1 Peter 2:16)

“What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet **lose or forfeit** his very self (soul)?” (Luke 9:25)

“If we **deliberately keep on sinning** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a **fearful expectation of judgment** and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.” (Hebrews 10:26-27)

“The Lord will **judge** his people. It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” (Hebrews 10:31)

## What are your promises to God?

### **Your Baptism**

Do you renounce the devil? **Yes, I renounce him.**

Do you renounce all his works? **Yes, I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all his ways? **Yes, I renounce them.**

### **Your Confirmation**

Do you acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism? **Yes, I do.**

Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully? **I do, by the grace of God.**

Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death? **I do, by the Grace of God.**

Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it? **I do, by the grace of God.**

## Who is a member of Immanuel?

**Immanuel Constitution** - Anyone may become and **remain** a communicant member of this congregation who:

- a) Has been **baptized** in the name of the Triune God and who are under the spiritual care of the pastor of this congregation.
- b) **Accepts** the confessional basis of this congregation and is **familiar** with the teachings of the small catechism, and is not a member of an organization whose principles and conduct conflict with the Word of God;
- c) **Conforms** entire life to the rule of God's Word and to that end makes **diligent use** of the means of grace, **exercises faithful stewardship** of God's gifts, and **gives and receives fraternal admonition** as the need for such admonition becomes apparent which means;
  - i. **Leads** a Christian life and **abstains** from manifest works of the flesh (Matt. 5-7, Gal. 5:19-23)
  - ii. Is willing to promote the work of the church by **prayer, personal service, and financial support**;
  - iii. Is willing to **submit** to the regulations, government, and discipline of this congregation, when such are in accord with the Word of God (Matt. 18:15-17)

**All** parents of this congregation are to make the **fullest** possible use of the Christian educational agencies provided, for both **themselves** and their **children**.

**All** voters shall **faithfully** attend meetings of this congregation.



## Responsibility as Parents

**“Train up a child** in the way he should go; even when he is old **he will not depart from it.**” (Proverbs 22:6)

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **You shall teach them diligently to your children.**” (Deut. 6:5-7)

“Fathers, **do not exasperate your children**; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)

## What are God’s promises to you?

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is **eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins and to **cleanse** us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9)

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be **saved**. [10] For with the heart one believes and is **justified**, and with the mouth one confesses and is **saved**.” (Romans 10:9-10)

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you **rest**. [29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28-30)

“Fear not, for I have **redeemed** you; I have **called** you by name, **you are mine**.” (Isaiah 43:1)

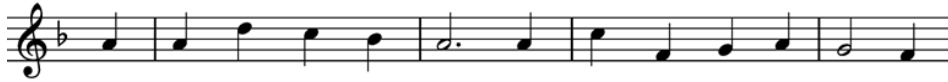
“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he **live**, [26] and everyone who lives and believes in me shall **never die**. **Do you believe this?**” (John 11:25-26)

## In Conclusion

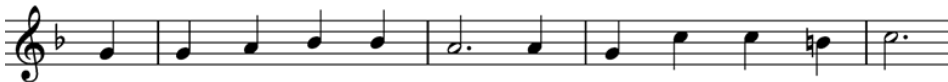
Member is a good word, and to think of it biblically is to think of a member in terms of a body. A part of the body cannot live healthy or even survive on its own. It needs the body. When a brother or sister is absent from the Divine Service, it could be a matter of sickness, work, or vacation that has kept them away. It is not good that one is alone, and the body of Christ is a gift given for the help and support of faith. As your pastor, it is my duty and privilege to care about, and care for all members of Immanuel. You are precious to Jesus (Matthew 18:12; Luke 6:31-32) and precious to your church and pastor. Let us sing together:



1 Lord Je - sus, who art come A Teach - er sent from heav - en  
2 Thou hast, O Lord, re - turned, To God's right hand as - cend - ing;  
3 O bless - ed min - is - try Of rec - on - cil - i - a - tion,  
4 Pre - serve this min - is - try While har - vest - days are keep - ing;



And by both word and deed God's truth to us hast giv - en,  
Yet Thou art in the world, Thy king - dom here ex - tend - ing.  
That shows the way to God And brings to us sal - va - tion!  
And since the fields are white And hands are few for reap - ing,



Thou wise - ly hast or - dained The ho - ly min - is - try  
Thro' preach - ing of Thy Word In ev - 'ry land and clime  
By Thine e - van - gel pure, Lord, Thou pre - serv'st Thy fold,  
Send work - ers forth, O Lord, The sheaves to gath - er in



That we, Thy flock, may know The way to God thro' Thee.  
Thy peo - ple's faith is kept Un - til the end of time.  
Dost call, en - light - en, keep, Dost com - fort and up - hold.  
That not a soul be lost Which Thou are come to win.

- 5 The servants Thou hast called  
And to Thy Church art giving  
Preserve in doctrine pure  
And holiness of living.  
Thy Spirit fill their hearts,  
Endue their tongues with pow'r;  
What they should boldly speak,  
Oh, give them in that hour!
- 6 Yea, bless Thy Word alway,  
Our souls forever feeding;  
And may we never lack  
A faithful shepherd's leading!  
Seek Thou the wand'ring sheep,  
Bind up the sore opprest,  
Lift up the fallen ones,  
And grant the weary rest.
- 7 Bring those into Thy fold  
Who still to Thee are strangers;  
Guard those who are within  
Against offense and dangers.  
Press onward with Thy Word  
Till pastor and his fold  
Through faith in Thee, O Christ,  
Thy glory shall behold.

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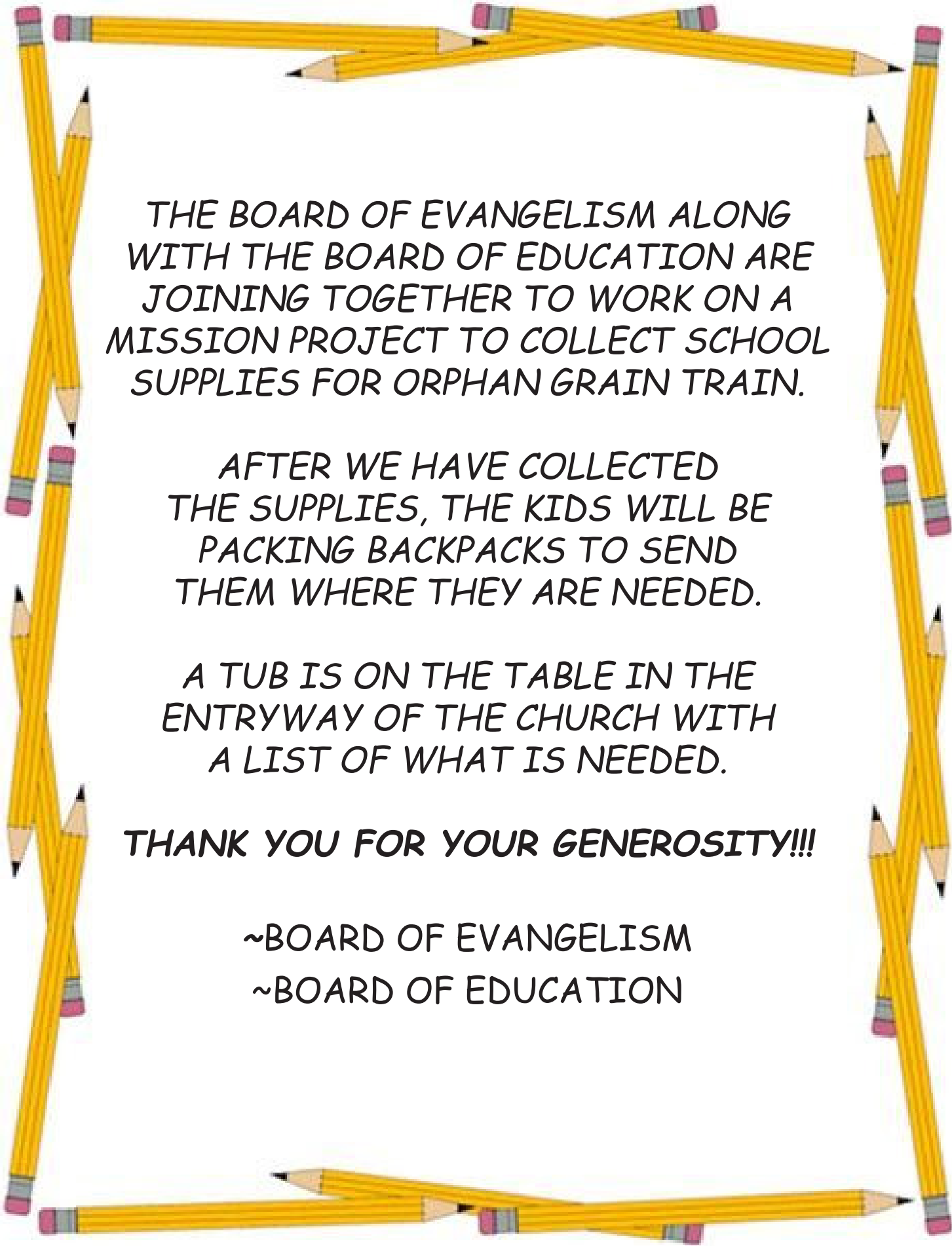
# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS.

Whether you supported through prayers, donations, or time, it all is greatly appreciated. The children had a wonderful time learning of God's gift of identity together, and none of it would have been possible without your prayers and support.

## *Baptism*





THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM ALONG  
WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE  
JOINING TOGETHER TO WORK ON A  
MISSION PROJECT TO COLLECT SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES FOR ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN.

AFTER WE HAVE COLLECTED  
THE SUPPLIES, THE KIDS WILL BE  
PACKING BACKPACKS TO SEND  
THEM WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED.

A TUB IS ON THE TABLE IN THE  
ENTRYWAY OF THE CHURCH WITH  
A LIST OF WHAT IS NEEDED.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!**

~BOARD OF EVANGELISM  
~BOARD OF EDUCATION



# School Supply Lists

2 spiral notebooks

2 pencils

2 pens

10 sheets of construction paper

24 count box of crayons

1 ruler

1 pencil sharpener

2 glue sticks

1 blunt scissors

12 count box colored pencils



## SAVE THE DATE

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**

**4PM—7PM**

**CENTRAL PARK**

**ALL CHURCH COOK-OUT  
& FELLOWSHIP NIGHT**



## 2022 LWML IED Fall Retreat

### Invitation to Fall Retreat

The women of the Davenport Zone LWML invite you to join us for the Fall Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca on September 9 & 10. There will be fun, fellowship and growth in God's Word with our sisters in Christ.

**Theme:** Stand on God's Promises **Theme Verse:** Deut. 31:8

**Bible Studies led by:** Rev. Bradley Ferch, Immanuel, Davenport,  
Davenport Zone Pastoral Counselor

**Items to bring:** Bibles and a snack to share;  
Flashlight, bedding/towels and essentials, if spending Friday night.

**In-Gathering (donation items) for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca:** Napkins, paper towels, toilet paper,  
13 gallon trash bags, cleaning supplies, copy paper, postage stamps

**Servant Event:** Tied Fleece Blankets for Project Linus  
(Bring a blanket to make per zone.)

**Sharing Activity:** Promise Bracelets

**Schedule:** The Friday and Saturday times and schedule are still being revised and set at this time. More information and the registration form will be in the summer Alive.

Our LWML ladies have a tub in the entryway for members to contribute items for the In-Gathering at the Retreat.





## Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc.

### Poweshiek County Family Development Center

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

July, 2022

Dear Friends at Immanuel Lutheran Church,

THANK YOU for your donation of 6.8 pounds to Mid-Iowa Community Action, Inc. (MICA) Poweshiek County Emergency Food Pantry during the month of **June, 2022**. We were able to provide food and other necessities to **186 households/514 individuals**. This is an increase of 92 households over last month! We distributed 9,000 pounds of food in these food boxes! Others with food insecurity come in to obtain items in the lobby: bakery items and produce. In all, we had 240 visits. THANK YOU for continuing to support the MICA food pantry here in Grinnell!

**We have GREAT news!** The shopping pantry that had been used by so many of our clients before COVID is now open for business again! Starting on July 5, clients may browse the food pantry and select from among many categories. Staff will be available for assistance.

Over the last few months, we ran information about what is needed to keep our shelves stocked. We have found that some of our staples we purchase are being received in smaller quantities, so your donations are really important. Some of the basic food items that really help are boxes of mac and cheese, cans of soup, canned fruit and/or fresh fruit, canned and/or fresh vegetables, canned meat, frozen meat, and skillet meals. Again, thank you for all the donations that you share each month. If you have any questions, please call us at 236-3923, ext. 322.

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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**Orphan Grain Train, Inc.**  
*Central Iowa Branch 23*  
302 Bevin St., PO Box  
Clemons, IA 50051

July 14, 2022

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus from Orphan Grain Train, Central Iowa Branch 23, Clemons, Iowa!

Dear Friends at Immanuel,

Thank you! for your generous donation and continued support to Orphan Grain Train. Our latest shipment was sent April 8th to Latvia to be used for Ukrainian refugee relief. This past week we provided 110 boxes of mixed items for a private shipment to the Ukraine. We hope to send another load later this summer. We are also focusing on working with local charities donating quilts and other needed items. We continue our mission of serving our Lord by providing for the needs of peoples all over the world, both in other countries and here at home. This is only possible because of individuals and groups like you who support us materially, financially and prayerfully. Please continue to include us in your prayers and we pray that God will bless you as you serve your Lord. We always welcome visitors. We are here every Tuesday morning from 8:00-12:00. Coffee is at 10:00 sharp.

In His Love and Service,

Bonnie Berrey, Secretary

We know that you join us in praying for all those touched by the war.

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Treasurer: Julie Wengert (641) 488-2325





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

**The Ceremony of the Offertory**

Have you ever noticed the subtle ceremony involved in receiving the offerings during the Divine Service? After all the offerings have been collected, they are brought forward and given to the pastor or one of his assistants. The pastor then turns toward the altar, and as he slightly bows his head, the collection plates with the offerings in them are raised slightly to the Lord and then placed either on the altar or a table for the offerings. Why do we do have this ceremony? And what does it teach us? For that is what ceremony does; it teaches, as the Augsburg Confession tells us, what we need to know about Christ (AC XXIV, 1–3).

Originally, this ceremony included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy Communion—the bread and the wine—were brought forward along with the offering plates. As the offering plates and the elements were lifted toward the Lord, and placed upon the altar, the elements would be put in the center and the altar, now made a table, would be set for the Lord's Supper.

These gifts brought to the altar came from the sweat of the people's brow. It is the bread and wine, the fruits of the peoples' labor in this fallen world. After six days of labor and toil, the people would bring a generous proportion for the Lord's work. It was set upon the altar and offered to the Lord for Him to take up and press into His service for His gracious work in and among them.

For what they offered to the Lord from the sweat of their brow, the bread of anxious toil, came back to them as the bread of life, the bread come down from heaven that whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup would receive life through the forgiveness of their sins.

This is not unlike what the Lord did for His people in the Old Testament:

You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the first-born of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household.

What a blessing! God provides for us in all things. He provides bread from the sweat of our brows, and He receives this from us in the first fruits offerings we give to Him in thanksgiving and praise. He receives and turns it into spiritual bread, heavenly bread, the bread of eternal life and gives it back to us so that we might have joy. So, the next time you are in the Divine Service, watch this ceremony in wonder, that the Lord gives back to us, what we have given to Him so that we may rejoice in the salvation He has won upon the cross and gives to us in His supper.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)



The Board of Education is encouraging everyone to prayerfully consider investing in the kids of Immanuel by teaching Sunday School this upcoming year.

For any questions or concerns,  
please talk to the Board of Education:

***Sherry Baker***

***Danielle McDonough***

***Markie Koepp***

*“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me”*

*Matthew 18:5*



# Confirmation

## C L A S S E S

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

August 31: no memory work

September 7: Books of the New Testament

September 14: First Commandment & meaning

September 21: Second Commandment & meaning

September 28: Third Commandment & meaning

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

August 31: Books of the Bible — Old & New Testaments

September 7: 1st Commandment

September 14: 2nd Commandment

September 21: 3rd Commandment

September 28: 4th Commandment



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Monthly Meeting of the Church Council**  
**Sunday, June 12th, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on June 12th, at 8:00 AM. Present: Joel McDonough, Steve Haase, Chris Christinson, Diane Schultz, Kevin Schultz, Pam Haase, June Routier, Sherry Baker and Kathy Stanek. Joel called the meeting to order, and Steve opened with prayer. Minutes from the May 8th meeting were presented for approval. Chris motioned to approve and Diane 2nd. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

Board of Elders: Joel McDonough/Steve Haase

- Business as usual – Nothing new to report. Continued work on the membership list.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Christinson

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

Board of Trustees: Kevin Schultz/Diane Schultz

- The carpeting is installed and church service will be held in the sanctuary beginning June 19th.
- The building insurance through Lutheran Brotherhood is increasing 60%. Diane and Kevin contacted Grinnell Mutual requesting an estimate for building insurance comparable to the current policy. There will be a few changes in the policy as to limit of exposure and an inspection requirement.
- Steve motioned to approve moving the building insurance from Lutheran Brotherhood to Grinnell Mutual Insurance Company with a yearly cost of \$6638 and saving \$2558 from the current policy. Sherry 2nd Motion carried. Final approval is required by Immanuel members and will be presented at the July 17th Voter's meeting.

Board of Evangelism: June Routier

- Darlo will provide the trailer to decorate for the 4th of July parade. There will be no walkers and everyone will be riding on the float. The board is hoping for a big turnout.
- Scheduling a picnic/potluck sometime in July or August to be held outside.

Board of Education: Sherry Baker

- VBS dates are July 18-20 from 9am-11am with lessons on "Faithfully and Wonderfully Made"

Board of Stewardship: Diane Schultz

- The board met with Amber (church secretary) and Chris (treasurer) to separate money accounts for memorial, building, and missions funds.
- Members are encouraged to use electronic payments for giving. Once the form is filled out it can be easily changed or stopped through the church office. Specific giving envelopes will still be available

Pastor's Report: Pastor Koepp

- Pastor's report provided listing of official acts and Pastoral Duties

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

- Pam requested the council's approval to move the LWML bank accounts to another bank.
  - Steve motioned to allow LWML to close their current bank account at Great Western and move it to a bank of the board's choice. Chris 2nd Motion carried.
  - June motioned to add Pam Haase as LWM President and June Routier as Treasurer on the LWML bank account and remove any names of those who are no longer on the board. Diane 2nd. Motion carried
- A digital bulletin board is being considered to be installed in the entryway that will present upcoming events, scroll through years of confirmation pictures, new pictures, thank-you's, etc. It will have touch screen ability to scroll backward for items missed. Further discussion will be at the July Voter's meeting.

With no other business to discuss June motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pam 2nd. Meeting adjourned.

Council Meeting: July 10th, 2022 – 8:00 AM

Voters Meeting: July 17, 2022 – 10:30AM

Submitted by: Kathy Stanek

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

The quarterly meeting of the Church Voters was held on Sunday April 24th, 2022. Members Present: Rev. Dr. Joel G Koepp, Joel McDonough, Chris Christinson, Kevin S. Schultz, Diane L. Schultz, Beverly Huebner, Dan Huebner, Marrina Kaloupek, Ruth Honold, Marvin Honold, Dianna Kelting, Darlo Kelting, Pam Haase, Steve Haase, Jan Mergen, Ken Mergen, Lindsay Wyckoff, Joe Wyckoff, Amber Beyers, Lucas Beyers, and Kathy Stanek. President Joel McDonough called the meeting to order, and Pastor opened with prayer.

New Voting Members: Ken motioned to accept Amber and Lucas Beyers as new voting members - Marinna 2nd. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the January 17th, quarterly voter's meeting was distributed for review and comment. Steve motioned to approve and Marvin 2nd. Motion carried.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

Board of Elders: Joel McDonough

- Continue to work on the membership list. Dwight Murken and Sharon Krumm requested to be removed from Immanuel's membership.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Christinson

- Written report attached. All bills have been paid and the current balances are reflected on the report.
- Financial Health is good.

Board of Trustees: Kevin Schultz

- The painting and carpet projects are on schedule.
- The Trustees suggested to leave 2 back pews out of the sanctuary so those in wheelchairs could sit in the back without blocking the aisle. Bev recommended we have two half pews in the back so people could still feel part of the congregation. Amber suggested to have two half pews in the front of the church and 2 half pews in the back so people in wheelchairs could choose where they wished to sit. Steve agreed this could be possible. The trustees will discuss it.
- Removal of the carpet will start soon. \$1000 could be saved by removing the carpet ourselves so the trustees will reach out to members asking for help.

Board of Evangelism: Dianna Kelting

- Planning a picnic after the construction is finished.

Board of Education: Pastor Koepp for the Board

- May 22 is the last day of Sunday School for the summer.
- VBS preparations have started and are scheduled July 18-20, 2022, from 9am – 11am.

Board of Stewardship: Diane Schultz

- Giving continues to be good and steady.
- Fundraising for the painting and carpet has reached \$6000.

Pastor Koepp's Report:

- 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.
- Provided counseling services to the family of Carmen Weibold and prepared funeral sermon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Kevin reported the roof has been repaired and missing shingles replaced.

NEW BUSINESS: None

With no other business to discuss Darlo motioned to adjourn and Marvin 2nd.

Pastor closed in prayer.

Next Voter's Meeting: July 17th, 2022 @ 10:30 AM.

Submitted by: Kathy Stanek