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**POPULUS ZION: SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**December 9, 2018**  
**Divine Setting Three ~ Page 184**

**As We Gather ~ The Lord Comes on the Last Day**

The day on which our Lord returns will be a “great and awesome day” (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will “set them ablaze” (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: “. . . straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us “through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures” (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus’ coming. Then, by God’s grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

**Announcements**

*(As the Cross, a symbol of our redemption, enters the sanctuary, God’s people stand and fix our eyes upon it)*

**Processional Hymn**

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*“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”*

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### Introit

*Ps. 80:1, 3, 14, 17; antiphon: Is. 62:11b; 30:30, 29*

Say to the daughter of Zion,

“Behold, your salvation comes.”

**The LORD will cause his majestic voice to be heard,  
and you shall have gladness of heart.**

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**Restore us, O God;**

**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Turn again, O God of hosts!

Look down from heaven, and see.

**But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,  
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Say to the daughter of Zion,

“Behold, your salvation comes.”

**The LORD will cause his majestic voice to be heard,  
and you shall have gladness of heart.**

### Kyrie

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### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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**P** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

*Malachi 4:1–6*

1 “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. 3 And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

4“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. 5“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 6And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes; he does not keep silence;

**“Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”**

### **Epistle**

*Romans 15:4–13*

4For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 5May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 8For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”

10And again it is said,  
“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

11And again,  
“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

12And again Isaiah says,  
“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

13May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

*Luke 21:25–36*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.  
C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

25“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” 29And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. 31So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. 33Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. 35For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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*“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near”*

## **Sermon**

*“Watch Out! Look Up!”*

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## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

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*Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book*

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# The Immanuel Spirit

**Welcome to Immanuel!** As we gather to worship during Advent, we meditate about the coming of Christ. We welcome the living Christ into our midst today. And we also warmly welcome all who have come to join in the celebration of the coming of the One who brought light and life to earth. We invite everyone to linger for fellowship after the service. Joy to the world! Please join us for fellowship after the service.

**Guests:** Please sign our guest book, or a guest card in the pew and place in the offering plate before leaving.

**Scripture Lessons for next Sunday:** Isaiah 40:1–8, 1 Corinthians 4:1–5 and Matthew 11:2–11.

**Stewardship:** Luke 21:38 – “Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” When the world starts to fall apart, when things go badly, when nation rises against nation, Jesus tells us to lift up our heads because redemption is nigh. What a wonderful reminder that we Christians really have nothing to fear. Jesus has conquered, and He will deliver the full victory to us in His Second Advent. Therefore, we are free to live godly, generous, faithful lives here and now. We have nothing to fear.

**Communion Statement:** As we learn from 1 Corinthians, when we commune together we make a confession of our oneness in doctrine and understanding of God’s Word. Since those who show publicly that they agree with the teachings believed, taught, and confessed by the Pastor and congregation at which the Sacrament is distributed, we ask that those who are not members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, or one of our sister churches to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament. Instead, if you would like to receive a blessing, you are more than welcome to come to the altar rail and please indicate you would like to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of your chest. A list of church bodies with whom we share Altar and Pulpit fellowship is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you would like to visit about this doctrine and practice, please talk to Pastor or an Elder. For further study on this matter see Matthew 5:23ff, 18:15-35, 26:26-39; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20 and 1 Cor. 11:17-34. Thank you.

**Building Healthy Families for Dec. 9th:** As you prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth, remember those who are struggling this time of year, right here in Iowa. Lutheran Family Service is here to help all year long as an extension of our church's ministry. No government dollars are used to maintain our Christ-centered focus. Your gift stays here in Iowa to help Iowa families. Your gift is needed. Gifts can be made securely online at [www.LFSiowa.org](http://www.LFSiowa.org) or by check mailed to LFS' Administrative Office, 409 Kenyon Road, Suite C, Fort Dodge, IA 50501. On behalf of those we serve, thank you for including the ministry of LFS in your year-end giving plan! ~ **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900.**

**Life Quote for Dec. 9th:** "The very best light show comes from the smile on the Baby's face in the manger. He is smiling because He likes you and has come to rescue you. 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life' (John 8:12 NIV)." Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace ~ **A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)**

**Life Thought in the Church Year for Dec. 9th:** No matter what sufferings we carry or how weary we become, Jesus provides hope-filled news about His second coming. Christ has won the victory, and when He returns death and evil will be vanquished. We will be "leaping like calves from the stall" (Malachi 4:1-3). "[S]traighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Some things are worth waiting for—even amid suffering!

**Lutheran Hour for Dec. 16th:** Hear "In Anxious Times - Rejoice!" based on Philippians 4:4-7 by Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. With anxiety on the rise, the Apostle Paul's call to "rejoice always" seems all but unobtainable. While there are many helpful ways to cope with society's increasing anxiety, Paul points us to a frequently overlooked source of joy and peace, God's grace in Christ. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

**TALK RADIO FOR THE ADVENT SEASON...Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: The Advent Hymns "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" & "Once He Came in Blessing," Messengers from John the Baptist, Mary Visits Elizabeth and more. You can listen at live or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.



**Cleaning:** Household(s) responsible for the week of **Dec. 9 through Dec. 15 is Roberts/Schutt**. Household(s) responsible for the week of **Dec. 16 through Dec. 22 is Kruse**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact Amber Carnine (641-990-5985) ASAP & no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

**Please check your boxes!** Pictorial Directories, 2019 Offering Envelopes and prayer portals are in your boxes.

**Calendars:** The Board of Education is selling calendars again. If interested, please see Sherry Baker.

**Snowbirds:** Please provide the church office with your contact information if you are heading for warmer weather in the next coming months. Thank you!

**It's that time of year again!** Every year we adorn our altar area with poinsettias for Christmas. A poinsettia may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. The poinsettias will be displayed for the Christmas Eve Service. You may take the plant(s) you ordered home after the Christmas Eve Service. Place your order by filling out the order form and returning to the church secretary by **TODAY**. Order forms are available on the entryway table. Poinsettias are \$15 each. Checks should be made payable to 'Immanuel Lutheran Church' with 'Poinsettia' in the memo line.

**CONFIRMATION MEMORY WORK**  
**FOR**  
**NEXT SUNDAY, DEC 16th**

**5th & 6th Grade**  
**Christmas Program Piece**

**7th & 8th Grade**  
**1st Article and Meaning**

# Upcoming Services

## Midweek Advent

### Evening Prayer Services

Wednesday, December 12th 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19th 6:30 p.m.

**A meal will be served before  
each service at 5:30 p.m.**

## Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services

*The Nativity of Our Lord:*

*Christmas Eve Prayer Service*

*Monday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m.*

*The Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day Service*

*Tuesday, December 25th at 9:00 a.m.*

**UPDATED SCHEDULE FOR THE  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH  
AT 10:30 A.M.**

*A cookie reception will follow*

**PRACTICE DATES**

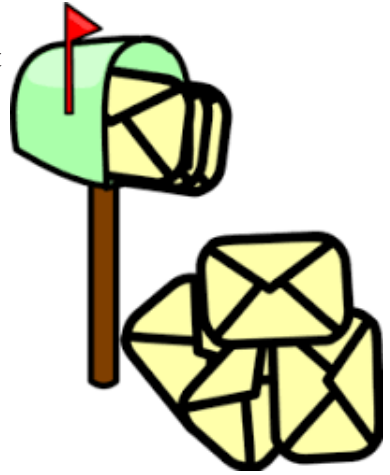
**Sunday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, December 15 9:00–10:30 a.m.**

# HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES PROGRAM

Sending Christmas cards to soldiers is the perfect holiday activity for classrooms or families. One easy way to ensure that your cards end up in the hands of an active duty or recovering soldier is by sending it through an program called “Holiday Mail for Heroes” which is operated by the American Red Cross. The Red Cross began the program in 2007 and works in conjunction with Pitney Bowes to collect cards from all across the United States and distribute them to soldiers, veterans and their families.

Entitle your card with a generic term such as “Dear Soldier” or “Dear Service Member, Family or Veteran.” Consider including a short message of gratitude to the soldier for his or her service. Express your appreciation for his sacrifice. If you like, you can purchase a Christmas card through the American Red Cross for \$25. The \$25 is a donation that goes to support the U.S. military.



Address your envelope as follows:  
Holiday Mail for Heroes  
P.O. Box 5456  
Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456

**Postmark your card no later than Dec. 10.**  
**Cards postmarked after Dec. 10 will be returned to the sender.**

Ensure that your card meets all “Holiday Mail for Heroes” guidelines. Don’t send letters, care packages or monetary gifts. Don’t include your personal contact information. Keep your card free of glitter and additional inserts of any kind.

Serve  
one another  
Humbly

In **Love**  
*Galatians 5:13*

### **TODAY**

Organist.....Esther Huedepohl  
Elder.....Verne Cadwell  
Greeter.....K. Schultz  
Ushers.....Caden & Chris Christinson  
Servers.....Robin Marcinik & Emily Louden  
Acolyte/Crucifier.....Louden's

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Organist.....Esther Huedepohl  
Elder.....Joel McDonough  
Greeter.....Schutt  
Ushers.....Troy Johnson & Steve Haase  
Servers.....Tammy Smith & Kathy Stanek  
Acolyte/Crucifier.....Sophia Louden & Alex Eichenberger

### **Our Gifts to God (given at Immanuel)**

**December 2, 2018**

Attendance	55
Holy Communion	37



### **BIRTHDAYS**

Monday...Marrina Kaloupek  
Wednesday...Ben Louden  
Friday...Randy Carnine

May God bless you today and each day that follows. May you hear His voice, follow His footsteps, be comforted by His care, and live in His grace now and forever.

# Week Ahead

## TODAY

Council Meeting.....8:00 a.m.  
2nd Sunday in Advent.....9:00 a.m.  
Christmas Program Practice.....10:30 a.m.  
    \*Caroling at Windsor Manor after practice & Bible Study\*  
7th/8th Confirmation.....1:00-2:30 p.m.  
5th/6th Pre-Confirmation.....2:30-4:00 p.m.

## MONDAY

LWML.....11:30 a.m.

## TUESDAY

Winkle.....9:00 a.m.  
Board of Evangelism & Missions.....4:15 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

Windsor Manor Service.....10:30 a.m.  
Grinnell Ministerial Association.....Noon  
Pre-service meal.....5:30 p.m.  
Mid-Week Advent Evening Prayer Service.....6:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY

Bible Study.....11:00 a.m.

## SATURDAY

Christmas Program Practice.....9-10:30 a.m.

## NEXT SUNDAY

3rd Sunday in Advent.....9:00 a.m.  
Christmas Program & Cookie Reception.....10:30 a.m.  
Confirmation.....1:00-4:00 p.m.



Our church website has the info. you need right at your fingertips! Get access to weekly bulletins, sermons, calendars, upcoming events, pictures and more!

[www.immanuelgrinnell.org](http://www.immanuelgrinnell.org)

Follow us on Facebook!

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Subscribe to Pastor's YouTube channel to listen to sermons!  
Rev Dr. Joel Koepp or Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grinnell, IA

## **Prayer Chain/Prayer Requests.... Who do I contact?**

**Prayer Chain Email/Bulletin** -->> Church Secretary

Please email Amber at [immanuellutheran@iowatelecom.net](mailto:immanuellutheran@iowatelecom.net) for requests to be sent out on the church prayer email chain and/or included in the bulletin.

**Special Prayer request during Church Service** -->> Rev. Koepp

If you would like a special prayer during the prayers of the church on Sunday, please contact Rev. Koepp: Email: [koeppj@hotmail.com](mailto:koeppj@hotmail.com)  
Cell: 507-829-3901 Home: 641-260-8394 Office: 641-236-6691  
Office Hours: Monday--Thursday 8am--3pm

**Deadline for any bulletin announcements** (prayer requests, meetings, calendar items, ect.) are Thursdays by 5:00 p.m.

# **2019 Immanuel Officers & Board Members**

## **President**

Joel McDonough

## **Vice President**

Steve Haase

## **Secretary**

Kathy Stanek

## **Treasurer**

Chris Christinson

## **Elders**

Steve Haase

Darlo Kelting

Joel McDonough

Ken Mergen

## **Trustees**

Doug Kruse

Ben Loudon

Kevin Schultz

## **Board of Education**

Sherry Baker

Megan Schutt

Markie Koepp

## **Board of Stewardship**

Sharon Krumm

Pamela Sittig

Cindy Cloyed

## **Board of Evangelism & Missions**

June Routier

Dianna Kelting

Sandy Koch

## **Organist**

Esther Huedepohl/Pam Haase

## **Church Secretary**

Amber Carnine

## **Sunday School Opening**

Pastor Koepp

## **Youth Board Chairman**

Emily Loudon

## **LWML President**

Maralee Kruse

## **LWML Treasurer**

Susan Schoen

## **LWML Secretary**

Pam Haase

## **LWML Christian Life**

Denise Cadwell

## **Altar Guild**

Helen Thorpe

Susan Schoen

June Routier

Carol Stone

Danielle McDonough

Pam Haase

Pam Sittig

Esther Huedepohl (Backup)



## **The Divine Service Introduction**

### **Our Lutheran Heritage of Worship**

***Pastor David Miller***

Trinity Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

#### **The Words of our Lord**

The high point in the Service of the Word is the proclamation of the Holy Gospel. Now, we come to the high point in the Service of the Sacrament, which is The Words of Our Lord also taken from Gospel accounts. You may have heard them called the Words of Institution, since they are the very words with which Christ instituted His Holy Supper. Or, you may have even heard them referred to simply as the Verba. which is Latin for "words."

These words of Jesus promise that there is more than meets the eye when it comes to the bread that we eat and the cup that we drink. Jesus pledges that the bread "is My body, which is given for you" and that the cup "is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Just as it was through the words "Let there be..." that God created the world and through the words of Jesus that demons were exorcised, sins were forgiven, the sick were healed, and the dead were raised, so do these words of Christ have the power to make miracles happen today. This miracle is that it is no ordinary bread and wine on our altar but the true body and blood of Christ Jesus to feed us with His forgiveness, life, and salvation. As He says, "this do in remembrance of Me." He repeatedly comes to us again and again in this sacred meal.

Only when The Words of Our Lord are spoken do we have confidence that we truly receive the Sacrament of the Altar. For God binds Himself to His Word of promise. The body and blood of Christ are not, in, with, and under the bread and wine because of a magic formula that the pastor speaks (ex opere operato) nor is it dependent upon the faith of the communicant receptionism, but rather it is a pledge and guarantee that God Himself will continue to fulfill. The Lord will never lie to you, trick you, or change His mind. Thanks to these words, you may trust that you receive the grace of Christ as He meets you at the altar for your benefit.



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Monthly Meeting of the Church Council  
Sunday August 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on Sunday August 12, 2018 at 8:00 AM. Present: Pastor Koepp, Steve Haase, Markie Koepp, Ken Mergen, Keith Thorpe, Chris Christinson, Hutch Kracht, Ben Loudon, and Kathy Stanek. Pastor opened with prayer.

Minutes of the July 8, 2018 regular monthly meetings were distributed. Ken motioned to approve and Keith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried - minutes approved

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

**Board of Elders:** Verne Cadwell & Keith Thorpe

- Business as usual – Nothing new to report

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

**Board of Trustees:** Ben Loudon

- Reviewing bids to replace siding and will present options at the October voter's meeting.
- Ben volunteered to remove dead trees and haul them away. Steve volunteered to help and will also other church members to assist. Tree stumps will be removed later.
- An engineer for the City of Grinnell met with EPA (State & Federal) on Immanuel's property to discuss what the requirements are to finalize the water issue across the back lot. Immanuel has completed their requirements by installing tile and moving dirt. The City of Grinnell is responsible for everything else. A possible manhole and more dirt work are being addressed.

**Board of Evangelism:** Steve Haase for the Board

- Continue to partner with the Drake Library and provide snacks to the after-school program.

**Board of Education:** Markie Koepp

- August 26 is Sunday School Rally Day and the curriculum is prepared through December.
- Reaching out to members asking for Sunday School teachers and substitutes.
- A new sets of attendance gifts will be given to students after last year's gifts have been distributed.
- Students will receive "Study Bibles" which will grow with them through the years.
- Plans for Christmas program being discussed.

**Board of Stewardship:** Hutch Kracht

- Everything is going well and nothing new to report.

**Board of Fellowship:** Not Active

**Pastor's Report: Pastor Koepp**

- Pastor presented report of official acts and Pastoral Duties including: Counseling/home visits, attending board meetings, visiting sick/shut-ins and providing Communion to those who cannot attend Sunday Divine service.
- August 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Installation of Sunday School teachers and substitutes
  - Blessings of Catechisms and Bibles
  - Memory work begins after Labor Day with students and church members.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Approximately ½ of Immanuel members have signed up for the pictorial directory. The Evangelical board will contact those not signed up.

**New Business:**

- Elections for council board members will take place at the October voter's meeting. Duties for those elected will begin in January 2019.

With no other business to discuss Ken motioned to adjourn and Hutch June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meeting adjourned.

**Council Meeting:** September 8, 2018 at 8:00 AM

**Submitted by:** *Kathy Stanek, Secretary*



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Monthly Meeting of the Church Council  
Sunday September 8, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on Sunday September 8, 2018 at 8:00 AM.

Present: Pastor Koepp, Joel McDonough, Steve Haase, Ken Mergen, Cindy Cloyed, Chris Christinson, Darlo Kelting, Dianna Kelting, and Kathy Stanek. Pastor Koepp opened with prayer.

Minutes of the August 12, 2018 regular monthly meetings were distributed. Chris motioned to approve and Keith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried - minutes approved

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

**Board of Elders:** Keith Thorpe & Ken Mergen

- Continue to contact members who are not attending church
- Setting dates and times for Thanksgiving and Christmas services

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

**Board of Trustees:** Darlo Kelting

- Reviewing bids to replace siding and will present options at the October voter's meeting. Siding bids will be provided to members a couple weeks prior to the voter's meeting.
- The City of Grinnell continues to discuss their requirements to manage the water on the back lot. Immanuel has completed their portion of the tiling and dirt work.

**Board of Evangelism:** Dianna Kelting

- Return visitors receive welcome baskets with gifts and information about Immanuel.
- A bake sale is scheduled Sunday 15 with all proceeds going to the building fund.
- Providing treats twice a month to students attending Drake Library after school.

**Board of Education:** Megan Schutt

- Sunday School kick off was a success.
- Popcorn Sunday will be continued.
- Reviewing and selecting the Christmas Children's program.
- Implementing youth activities to include middle and high school students

**Board of Stewardship:** Cindy Cloyed

- Ordering 2019 giving envelopes and reviewing quarterly statements to send out.

**Board of Fellowship:** Not Active

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Koepp

- Report provided listing official acts and Pastoral Duties including: 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 volunteered to be Immanuel's Delegate for the Circuit Forum September 29. Ken motioned to approve Joel attending as delegate and Keith 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

With no other business to discuss Ken motioned to adjourn and Chris June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting Adjourned

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**Next Council Meeting:** October 7, 2018 at 8:00 AM

**Submitted by:** Kathy Stanek, Secretary



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Monthly Meeting of the Church Council  
Sunday October 14, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on Sunday October 14, 2018 at 8:00 AM. Present: Pastor Koepp, Joel McDonough, Ken Mergen, Keith Smith, Chris Christinson, Sharon Krumm, Sherri Baker, and Kathy Stanek. Pastor Koepp opened with prayer. Minutes of the September 8, 2018 regular monthly meetings were distributed. Chris motioned to approve and Doug 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried - minutes approved

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS**

**Board of Elders:** Keith Thorpe & Ken Mergen

- 2019 Board Elections are scheduled for October 21, 2018 and will be held during the voter's meeting. During the 2017/2018 Pastoral vacancy extra Elders were implemented to assist with many duties. The Elders have agreed to move back <sup>to 11<sup>th</sup></sup> rules of the constitution and dismiss the extra Elders. A candidate ballot will be inserted in the Sunday Worship Service bulletin.

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

**Board of Trustees:** Doug Kruse

- Siding information and bids will be provided at the voter's meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Dead trees will be removed as soon as the ground dries up. \$300 per tree will include removal of tree and stump. If Immanuel schedules 5 at a time the bill will be reduced by \$100.

**Board of Evangelism:** No Report

**Board of Education:** Sherri Baker

- The middle and high school youth group will do projects such as yard work for those who request it.
- December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM is the date and time for the Sunday School Christmas program. The board would like to see a big turnout and are asking for idea's to have members with no children attend.

**Board of Stewardship:** Sharon Krumm

- 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter giving states have been distributed.

**Board of Fellowship:** Not Active

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Koepp

- Report provided listing official acts and Pastoral Duties including: 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:** None

With no other business to discuss Doug motioned to adjourn and Ken June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting Adjourned

**Next Council Meeting:** November 11, 2018 at 8:00 AM

**Submitted by:** Kathy Stanek, Secretary

# **Important Dates!**

**January 11, 2019**

**Summer Camp Registration Opens**

**January 25-26, 2019**

**IDE Middle School Retreat  
& Snow-lympics!**

**February 25, 2019**

**Early Bird Registration Discount Deadline#1**

**April 29, 2019**

**Early Bird Registration Discount Deadline #2**

**June 12, 2019**

**Summer Camp Begins**



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please inform the church secretary.**