IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 229 11TH AVE W GRINNELL IA 50112-8217

October Newsletter

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS 229 11TH AVENUE WEST GRINNELL, IA 50112 OFFICE- 641-236-6691

CHURCH EMAIL- immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net WEBSITE- www.immanuelgrinnell.org

REV. DR. JOEL G. KOEPP EMAIL- koeppj@hotmail.com CELL PHONE- 507-829-3901

ALL SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE
SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK

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...

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 immanuelutheran@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.

2023 Immanuel Officers/Board Members & Contacts

President Joel McDonough

Vice President/President Elect
Steve Haase

Secretary Kathy Stanek

TreasurerChris Christinson

Elders

Joel McDonough, Steve Haase, Darlo Kelting, Ken Mergen

Trustees

Kevin Schultz, Ben Louden, Melissa Mintle

Board of Education

Sherry Baker, Danielle McDonough, Markie Koepp

Board of Stewardship Keith Thorpe, Pam Sittig, Diane Schultz

Board of Evangelism & Missions June Routier, Dianna Kelting, Pam Haase

Organists

Esther Huedepohl & Pam Haase

Church Secretary Amber Carnine

LWML Board

President: Pam Haase Treasurer: June Routier Secretary: Pam Haase

Pianist

Sophia Louden

Sunday School Opening

Pastor Koepp

Altar Guild

Helen Thorpe
June Routier
Danielle McDonough
Pam Haase
Pam Sittig
Esther Huedepohl (Backup)



In this issue...

Pgs 5-10	Message from Pastor
Pgs 11-12	President Saunders Article
Pgs 13-14	LC-MS Set Apart to Serve
Pg 15	Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
Pgs 16-17	LCMS Ministry Stewardship Article
Pg 18	Confirmation Schedule
Pg 19	Pastor Appreciation Month
Pg 20	Serving Opportunities
Pg 21	Church Member Directory
Pg 22	LWML Sunday
Pg 23	Christmas Share
Pgs 24-26	Mock Family Update
Pgs 27-28	May Council Minutes
Pgs 29-30	June Council Minutes
Pgs 31-32	July Council Minutes
Pgs 33-34	August Council Minutes
Pg 35	October Missions - Lutheran Heritage Foundation



As we reach October, the thoughts of the Lutheran Church often turn toward a remembrance of the Reformation, which is marked by celebration on October 31st. I would assume that most of us are familiar with the Latin slogans Sola Sciptura, Sola Fide, and Sola Gratia. They are a handy, if imperfect, mnemonic device for the Biblical doctrine of justification.

The word "sola" means "only" or "alone." Sola Scriptura is meant to set Holy Scripture above tradition. We do not believe that doctrine is established by Scripture and tradition, but by Scripture alone. Sola Fide is meant to set faith above works. We do not believe that we are saved by faith and works, but that faith alone apprehends Christ and all His benefits as a gift. Sola Gratia is closely related to this. The slogan is meant to set grace above merit. We do not believe that human beings have some intrinsic goodness in themselves that convinces God, along with His grace, to love and save us. Rather we believe that God is moved by His own compassion and grace alone.

To reduce the Reformation to slogans is surely an oversimplification and in danger of abuse, but as it stands these three slogans do confess realities that we believe. We revere tradition, but we place it beneath Scripture.

We love good works and recognize that the Holy Spirit creates good works in us for the good of our neighbor, and that there is no such thing as faith without works, in that sense, faith is never alone, but we also know and insist that our good works can't save us nor do they appease God's wrath. We are saved by faith alone. We also know that prior to Baptism, there is nothing intrinsically good or worthy in us. We are infected with original and actual sin. We should be God's enemies. And yet God is moved by compassion and love for us. He looks upon us with favor or grace. That grace is our salvation and it comes from God alone.

Luther and other reformers used these Latin terms, along with others, in their writings from time to time, but they did not use them all together or present them as a summary of their doctrine. As summarizing slogans they were not articulated or systematized until the 20th century. In other words, it was our grandparents or maybe our great grandparents who pulled these out of the Reformers and made them into slogans or battle cries.

And they didn't all leave it at those three. Many added two more: solus Christus and Soli Deo Gloria. Those are meant to confess that Christ is the sole mediator between God and man, meaning that we don't need the pope to mediate for us or some priest's absolution in order to have saving faith, but that Christ alone is our Mediator and Redeemer and that He alone gets all of the glory and none of it belongs to man.

These slogans are certainly Biblical and they are true to Luther's theology. In fact, all five of these slogans can be found in Romans 3:19-28.

First we heard: "Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. "Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

This fits with Sola Scriptura. The Law is God's Word and has the power to not only stop the mouths of men that seek to justify themselves but is the only real authority when it comes to defining what sin and good works are.

We honor the traditions taught to us by our fathers, who we expect to be wiser than us, but sin and good works are defined by the Bible. Traditions and ceremonies can also be used to camouflage sins of the heart. That is to say, that it is possible to keep a tradition or ceremony in an outward way but to not fear, love, and trust in God. The Pharisees are prime examples of this. The Law of God speaks in such a way as to shut our mouths, end our excuses, and call us to repentance.

Paul continues: "But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe."

The Bible doesn't only reveal the Law. It also reveals the Gospel. Tradition can support the Gospel, but it doesn't define it. The righteousness of God, by which He declares us who were sinners to be righteous through faith in Jesus Christ, is revealed in the Law and the Prophets, that is the Bible.

This passage also supports Sola Fide. For the righteousness that is bestowed through faith in Jesus is bestowed upon all who believe apart from their works.

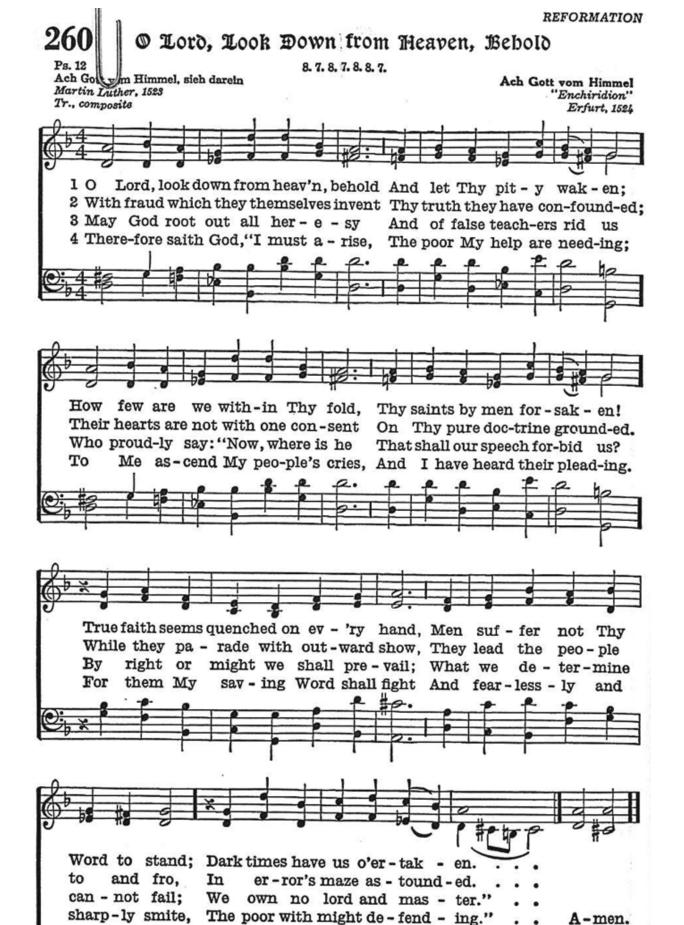
The next bit gives us Sola Gratia. "For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus."

We can see, though, how Sola Gratia and Sola Fide are intimately intertwined. We also find Christus Solus here. Redemption is in Christ Jesus alone. God justifies the one who has faith in Jesus and not in anyone else. We can also see a hint of Soli Deo Gloria. All fall short of the glory of God, but God glorifies Himself in justifying us freely by His grace. He gets all the glory for our salvation and we are excluded from all boasting. Thus Paul continues:

"Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law."

Theology is not rightly reduced to slogans. But mnemonic devices that help us summarize and remember our doctrine are useful. In that regard, I am most happy to embrace and commend to you: Sola Sciptura, Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Solus Christus, and Soli Deo Gloria.

Join me this month is singing one of the great Reformation Hymns:



A-men.

REFORMATION

O Lord, Look Down from Meaven, Bebold

- 5 As silver tried by fire is pure
 From all adulteration,
 So thro' God's Word shall men endure
 Each trial and temptation.
 Its light beams brighter thro' the cross,
 And, purified from human dross,
 It shines through every nation.
- 6 Defend Thy truth, O God, and stay
 This evil generation;
 And from the error of its way
 Keep Thine own congregation.
 The wicked everywhere abound
 And would Thy little flock confound;
 But Thou art our Salvation.

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

President's Piece for Peace

A short time ago Karen and I were shopping at Sam's Club. When in that establishment one can see a variety of outfits worn by the patrons. The majority are simply shopping attire suitable for the seasonal weather. Others are accustomed to a particular taste, not like mine but to each his own, I guess. What I find most interesting are the shirts with quippy sayings. Most of them quite funny, some are even religious.

It is the religious one I saw most recent I thought about for a little bit. It said on it, "Jesus thinks I am just to die for." At first it sounds good, maybe. Then I began to ask myself what I always ask myself when it comes to catchy phrases. Is this a statement from the theology of the cross or the theology of glory? Since this shirt talked about Jesus dying, it must be from the theology of the cross. Right? Maybe not.

If you think about the phrase as it is used in our culture like, "That ice cream is just to die for," or "try those potato chips, they are just to die for," what is being said is that the item is so good that you ought to be willing to die for them. Is that really Jesus' reason for dying for us? Does He think the person wearing the shirt that day is so special and so wonderful that He just must die for them?

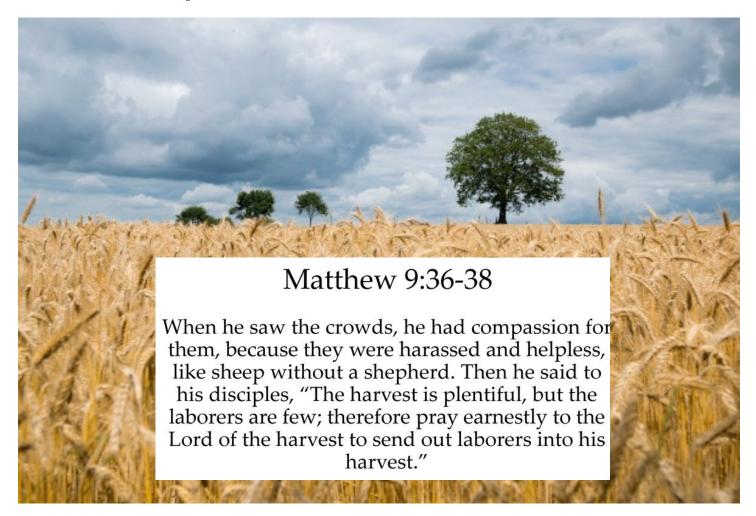
I think not. According to St. Paul we are lost and condemned sinners of which he is the worst. According to Luther we are worse than a rock. At least when God approaches a rock it stays where it is. When He approaches us with His Word, like Adam and Eve, we run away and do our own things contrary to Him. There is nothing in us that is prize-worthy in the eyes of God the Father. We are conceived, born, and live as sinners before God and the world. We are not "just to die for."

In fact, that is that very reason Jesus did die for us. Not because we are "just to die for" but because, "His death was necessary to make us just before His Father." When Jesus carried out the plan of salvation, it included the necessity of He becoming sin for us. As His Father looked at Him, He saw our unworthiness, our sin, our transgressions. The wages of which is death. Jesus' death was for us so that we might become the righteousness of God. The robe of His righteousness was wrapped around you when the precious waters of baptism enveloped you with His grace. Sins forgiven, faith created, hope assured. All because Jesus died for you and rose in victory over the malady of our lives and in defeat of the Enemy.

So, what would the proper saying on the shirt say? If biblically correct, if it wanted to express the theology of the cross, it would say "Jesus knows He needed to die for me." A good question to ask when it comes to quippy sayings: Is that expressing the theology of glory or the theology of the cross? The Scriptures express the theology of the cross. Thank God they do.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders District President

LCMS - Set Apart to Serve



In response to Overture 1.01 of the 2018 lowa District East—LCMS District Convention, a district task force has been commissioned to, within the Iowa District East, to aid efforts to recruit and retain church workers in the LCMS. The synod has also launched Set Apart to Serve, an initiative of the LCMS to recruit church workers. This IDE Task force met in May, September, and October of 2022 and has developed the following vision statement:

We pray for God, through the intentional efforts of faithful mentors and ministries, to raise up and sustain well-qualified Lutheran church workers who are full of the love of God and are supported in their physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual well-being so that they may joyfully serve Christ and His church in their lifelong professional and personal vocations.

In addition, three initial goals were established: 1) Congregations, schools, ministries, families, and individuals regularly pray the Lord would send workers into the harvest; 2) All church workers view themselves as mentors; and 3) Cultivate a culture of well-supported workers. Achieving these goals will happen over time, but beginning with the Professional Packet, we hope to provide resources aimed recruiting and retaining church workers, beginning with providing prayers to be included for use in Divine service, school assemblies, classrooms, staff meetings, or at home.

This month's prayers for worship, school, and home:

Lord Jesus Christ, You once miraculously healed the deaf and mute man in the region of the Decapolis so that he would hear Your Word and confess with his mouth. Open our ears to hear Your saving Word and loose our tongues so that we too would confess your name and thus, be saved. Send faithful laborers into Your harvest field to preach Your Word in season and out of season to the glory of Your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

For an increase of faithful ministers of Your word, that with zeal and diligence they would preach your Holy Word and faithfully administer the Sacraments to all who live in this dying world, so that the ears of all may be opened, the tongues of all would be loosed, and the hearts of all would believe that Jesus is raised from the dead, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy**.

Through Set Apart to Serve, the LCMS is intentionally working to identify, encourage and form future church workers for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ until His return. Visit Icms.org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more.



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca





Now Hiring—Office Administrator

After serving over the course of 4 decades, Camp's longtime Office Administrator, Beverly Ahlemeyer, is retiring this fall. We thank God for Beverly and her many years of service to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca! With that said, Camp is now searching for our next Office Administrator. This is a part-time hourly position, though in the summer months weeks may approach or exceed 40 hours per week, but normally averages between 15-20 hours per week. The Camp's Office Administrator also serves as Camp's summer camp registrar.

Tasks belonging to the Office Administrator include managing summer camp registrations and paperwork, handling and forwarding inquiries, preparing user-group contracts and invoices, database management, reporting & recording income, preparing and submitting deposits, issuing donation receipts, and more. Candidates should be proficient in Microsoft Office, Google G-Suite, and be willing to learn camp management software (Campwise). We hope to make a hire by early October to potentially have some overlap time with Beverly. For more information, please contact director@iodiseca.org or if interested in applying, send in your resume to the same address.

IDE Confirmation Retreat - October 13-14

The IDE Fall Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for October 13-14. 2023 and will be held at Camp Io-Dis-E -Ca. Registration is now open! Pastor Samuel Beltz from St. John Lutheran Church will be teaching on The Apostles' Creed. The retreat will take place beginning on Friday, October 13th at 7pm and going through around 3pm on Saturday the 14th. Registration is \$55 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, of find more information at www.lcmside.org.





3271 Sandy Beach Road NE, Solon, IA 52333



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article

It's in the Way that You Use It

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially-designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Je-hovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: <u>lcms.org/stewardship</u>



MEMORY WORK FOR THE MONTH OF **OCTOBER**

5th & 6th Grades Memory Work

Oct 4th: 4:00pm-5:15pm

Baptism: Which are these words and promises of God?

Oct 11th: 4:00pm-5:15pm

Baptism: How can water do such great things?

Oct 18th: 4:00pm-5:15pm

Baptism: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

Oct 25th: 4:00pm-5:15pm Baptism: Where is this written?

7th & 8th Grades Memory Work

Oct 4th: 6:30pm-8:00pm Confession: What is confession? What sins should we confess? Which are

these?

Oct 11th: 6:30pm-8:00pm Confession: What is confession? What sins should we confess? Which are

these?

Oct 18th: 5:30pm-7:00pm Confession: What is confession? What sins should we confess? Which are

these?

Oct 25th: 5:30pm-7:00pm

Office of the Keys: What is the Office of the Keys? Where is this written? What do you believe according to these words?



October is national "Clergy Appreciation Month" and October 8 is Pastor Appreciation Day

"This provides a wonderful opportunity for congregations and members to commit to pray for and encourage their pastor," says Rev. David Muench, executive director of the LCMS Commission on Ministerial Growth and Support.

Muench urges members to "think creatively about what you can do to recognize the significant work of your pastor, and how you might honor him and his family. Share the idea of celebrating Clergy Appreciation Sunday — and Month — and challenge others in your congregation to join you in this opportunity for support and affirmation of these faithful servants of God."

He says pastors "can't help but be encouraged" by such affirmation.

"The typical pastor works long hours and is not a stranger to criticism," Muench told Reporter. "As a result, he may be one of the loneliest people in the church. Feelings of disappointment, discouragement, and defeat can begin to plague even the best pastors.



Everything happens thanks to a team.

Serving others is one of the greatest blessings God offers us.

Ways you can serve:

Usher Altar Guild Greeter Coffee Servers

We invite everyone to become more active!

Contact the church secretary

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10



church directory

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO

Please submit any changes in your address, phone or email to the church secretary at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net by November 5th

Thank you.



Snowbirds:

For those of you that head for warmer weather for the winter and would like the monthly newsletter mailed to you, please submit your address, date departing and date returning to the church secretary. Even those that have submitted their address in the past, please do so again to make sure we have the correct address.

The newsletter and calendar are also published on our website at www.immanuelgrinnell.org



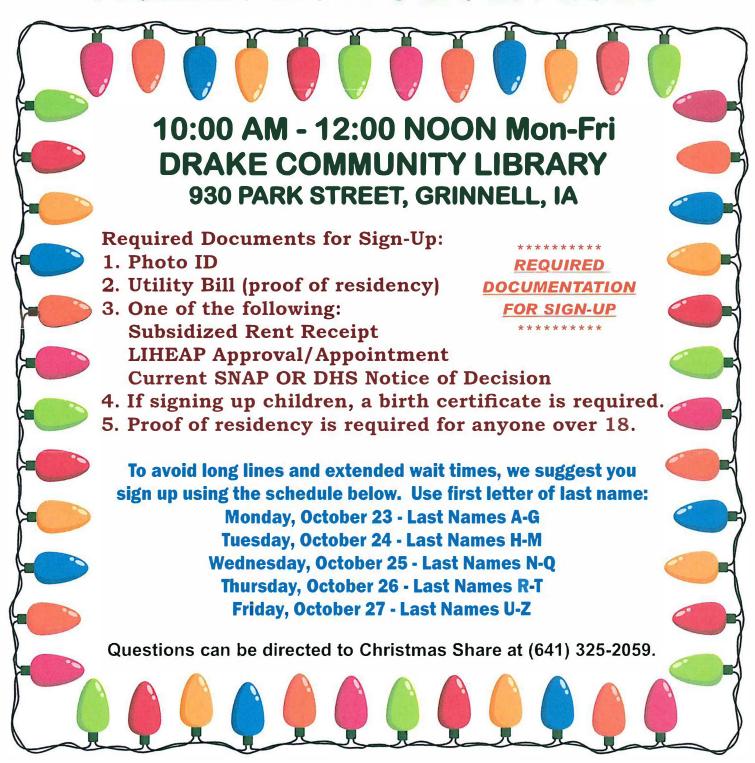
LWML Sunday will be celebrated on October 1. The "Noisy Women" will be collecting Noisy Change (and paper money) right after the final hymn in the service. We will be sending this collection to our District treasurer to go to the Mission Grants that the District and National LWML have adopted for the next one to two years. We thank our entire congregation for always being so generous.



Then head for the coffee and goodie table where the LWML women will be serving coffee and special treats!

POWESHIEK COUNTY CHRISTMAS SHARE SIGN-UP!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 THROUGH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023



God's Work in Latvia A Mock Family Newsletter

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your continued interest in God's work in Latvia. We hope and pray these updates encourage you as much as you are an encouragement to us.

Our First Month In Prague

Here are a few highlights as we begin our work as missionaries in Prague.

Getting Settled

After what seemed like months of looking, we finally found an apartment! An answer to prayer–thank you for praying! It felt good to finally stop moving what seemed to be an increasing number of bags around with us in the city and to, instead, unpack them. The girls were particularly excited to see some of their books and toys they had forgotten about! Our apartment is close to some of our fellow missionaries, many amenities are within walking distance, and our church is a short metro or tram ride away.

Latvian Language Learning Update

Aurélie and I continue to work on our Latvian language acquisition. Our tutor has been great as we take in the language and sort through its complexities. We have a long way to go but have made many improvements since our last newsletter–thank you for our prayers! As we are tutored remotely through the use of technology, it reminds us of the work that I (Cody) will be doing as I support both theological educators and students of Luther Academy as they are also educating and being educated in a similar fashion online.

Czech Republic Visa Applications Update

It has been a month since we submitted our visa applications at the Czech Republic consulate in Germany. It was an enjoyable trip and our applications were accepted at the consulate without issue-praise God! We are very thankful for the work of those at OIM and on the field who helped get all our necessary documents and our applications in order—the months of preparation paid off! We now wait to hear back regarding their approval. We thank you for your prayers for our visa applications and ask that you continue to pray for their approval so that we may stay in the Czech Republic and remain close to the work being done in the Eurasia region.

Mock Family Update

Moriah recently asked us, "What does dobrý den mean?" We were shocked! Kids really are sponges! Dobrý den is Czech for good day and is a common greeting in the Czech Republic.

The girls enjoy running in a circle through all the rooms in our apartment, playing in their closet, and climbing the monkey bars in our courtyard. We're starting to feel at home already!





In Germany for our visa appointment



Enjoying the monkey bars

Thank you for your continued prayers as we get settled in Prague and begin our work as missionaries in Eurasia!

- Cody, Aurélie, Eva and Moriah

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Monthly Meeting of the Church Council Sunday, May 14, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on May 14, 2023 8:00 AM. Present: Pastor Koepp, Steve Haase, Joel McDonough, Chris Christinson, Keith Thorpe, Diane Schultz, Kevin Schultz, Markie Koepp, and Kathy Stanek.

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

Minutes from the May meeting were presented for approval. Chris motioned to approve - Diane 2nd Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Board of Elders: Joel McDonough

- Scheduling home visits with members.
- Elders will cover worship service when Pastor is gone.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Christinson

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

Board of Trustees: Kevin Schultz

- Kevin presented 3 estimates to repair the hail damage on the roof.
 After much discussion on the cost and reduction of future claims Chris motioned to accept the metal roof estimate and Keith 2nd.

 Motion carried.
- Window and siding issues will be presented at the voter's meeting in July.
- Keith and Helen sprayed the parking lot for weeds.

Board of Evangelism: June Routier

- Continue to provide treats to Drake Library once a month.
- Planning a church picnic after VBS in July.
- The LWML rally held at Immanuel was a success with 9 churches represented.

Board of Education: Joel McDonough for the Board

- The last day for Sunday School May 21st.
- The bulletin board in the Sunday School wing is displaying student artwork.

Board of Stewardship: Keith Thorpe

Giving is steady with no issues to report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Koepp

- 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.

Unfinished Business:

 Joel stressed the need for Immanuel members to consider running to be on the board for church council.

New Business: None

With no other business to discuss meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed in prayer.

Council Meeting: June 11, 2023 8:00 AM

Submitted by:

Kathy Stanek Council Secretary

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Monthly Meeting of the Church Council Sunday, June 11, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on June 11, 2023 at 8:00 AM. Present: Pastor Koepp, Steve Haase, Joel McDonough, Chris Christinson, Keith Thorpe, Diane Schultz, Kevin Schultz, Dianna Kelting, Markie Koepp, and Kathy Stanek.

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

Minutes from the May meeting were presented for approval. Chris motioned to approve with a date change - Diane 2nd Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Board of Elders: Joel McDonough

- Scheduling home visits with members.
- Elders will cover worship services when Pastor is gone.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Christinson

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

Board of Trustees: Kevin Schultz

- Kevin presented 3 estimates to repair hail damage on the roof. After discussing the pros and cons regarding cost and the reduction of future claims Chris motioned to accept the bid to replace the current roof with a metal roof. Keith 2nd. Motion carried.
- Window and siding issues will be presented to the voters at the July meeting.
- Keith and Helen sprayed the parking lot for weeds.

Board of Evangelism: Dianna Kelting

- Continue to provide treats to Drake Library once a month.
- Planning a church picnic after VBS in July.

Board of Education: Markie Koepp

VBS is scheduled for July 17-19 with the theme "Music & Liturgy".

Board of Stewardship: Diane Schultz

Giving is steady with no issues to report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Koepp

- 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.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

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

Council Meeting: July 9, 2023 8:00 AM

Submitted by:

Kathy Stanek Council Secretary

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Monthly Meeting of the Church Council Sunday, July 9, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on July 9, at 8:00 AM. Present: Pastor Koepp, Joel McDonough, Chris Christinson, Keith Thorpe, Diane Schultz, Kevin Schultz, Pam Haase, Sherri Baker, and Kathy Stanek.

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

Minutes from the June 11th meeting were presented for approval. Diane motioned to approve. Chris 2nd Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Board of Elders: Joel McDonough

- Not a busy month. Continue to schedule home visits with members.
- Discussed devotions and membership transfers.
- The Elders will cover worship service while Pastor is away for 2 weeks.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Christinson

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

Board of Trustees: Kevin Schultz

- Contractors have completed installing the steel roof and the siding contractors will start soon.
- Replacement bulbs in the church cross will be installed soon.

Board of Evangelism: Pam Sittig

- Planning a church picnic after VBS July 23rd.
- Learned from the LWML rally held at Immanuel there are many mission opportunities in our own back yard and we will be pursuing/ looking into them.

Board of Education: Sherri Baker

Hoping for lots of students to attend VBS.

Board of Stewardship: Keith Thorpe

Giving is steady with no issues to report. 2nd quarter reports are being issued.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Koepp

- 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.

Unfinished Business:

- Joel stressed the need for Immanuel members to consider running to be on the board for church council.
- Keven stated the roofing company is offering a 5% discount to Immanuel members.

New Business: None

With no other business to discuss meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed in prayer.

Council Meeting: Aug 13, 2023, 8:00 AM Voter's Meeting: July 16, 2023, 10:30 AM

Submitted by:

Kathy Stanek Council Secretary

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Monthly Meeting of the Church Council Sunday, August 13, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on August 13th at 8:00 AM. Present: Pastor Koepp, Joel McDonough, Chris Christinson, Keith Thorpe, Diane Schultz, Kevin Schultz, Steve Haase, June Routier, Darlo Kelting, Danielle McDonough and Kathy Stanek.

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

Minutes from the July meeting were presented for approval. Keith motioned to approve with one name correction. Diane 2nd Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Board of Elders: Joel McDonough

Continue working on devotions.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Christinson

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

Board of Trustees: Kevin Schultz

- The new roof constructions is complete and the final cost was 15% over the estimate. Will be receiving 1 more check from the insurance company.
- Kevin will contact the electric company asking for a timeline when the cross lights will be replaced.

Board of Evangelism: June Routier

- The July 3rd picnic was a success.
- Continue to prepare gift bags for visitors.
- Providing treats to Drake Library students each month.

Board of Education: Danielle McDonough

- 14 kids attended VBS activities
- There will be 2 classrooms of 2023/2024 Sunday School students, and all teaching materials have been purchased.

Board of Stewardship: Keith Thorpe

Giving is steady with no issues to report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Koepp

- 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.

Unfinished Business:

• Steve will provide a list of candidates at the September who agreed to join the 2024 church council.

New Business: None

With no other business to discuss meeting was adjourned and Pastor closed in prayer.

Next Council Meeting: Oct 15, 2023

Submitted by:

Kathy Stanek Council Secretary



Our Mission

Imagine trying to understand Scripture in all its richness without the benefit of Luther's Small Catechism. Or trying to teach young children about basic Bible stories without books like A Child's Garden of Bible Stories.

For Lutheran churches around the world, these situations are reality. They don't have the basic books, so vital to understanding the Lutheran faith, because no one has translated them into their languages.

Through the mission gifts of people like you, LHF translates, publishes, distributes and introduces books that are Bible-based, Christ-centered and Reformation-driven.

In more than 90 countries and 145 languages, thousands of people have come to faith in Christ because they've been able to read books like The Good News About Jesus or Luther's Small Catechism in their own languages.

LHF has published the catechism in more than 110 languages with dozens more requested. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed over 1,300 titles and 3 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches – all at no cost to them.

Give to the LHF mission today.







Electronic Giving: Fast, easy, & secure

Leave your checkbook at home.
Give electronically instead!
Electronic Giving is a convenient and secure way to provide consistent financial support to our church.

Pick up an authorization form on the entryway table and return to the church secretary.