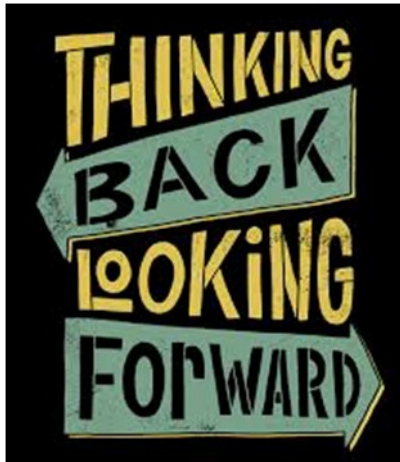




The Good News Letter

Immanuel
Lutheran Church

August 2018



I once read about a group of eight pregnant women who regularly met together for two hours to eat fruit, hummus, and carrot sticks; watch videos about labor pain; and generally share about their experiences. The meeting looked like a social gathering but in this case it was actually a doctor's appointment. Instead of making appointments with eight

women in 15-minute intervals, the doctor spent two hours with all of them. They would rotate through stations for basic prenatal checkups and to chat with the doctor. They would also talk together about critical topics like diabetes, exercise, and lowering their blood pressure.

Studies showed that participants in these group meetings were 33 percent less likely to have a premature birth. In many cases, the women were more willing to follow healthy prenatal routines when the recommendations did not simply come from the doctor but were reinforced by their peers. These gatherings were times for mutual accountability as well as emotional support, laughter, and camaraderie.

I believe there is a measurably different experience when we, the church, come together. August is here and the dog days of summer are drawing to a close and you now look back upon the summer fun and excitement that was enjoyed. Those moments, the vacations, times enjoyed with family and friends. The chance you were given to unplug from work and responsibilities while enjoying a little relaxa-

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tion. But at the same time, summer offers the opportunity to look ahead to the fall. Shorts will be packed away, the beach balls deflated, the pools are being prepared for their last hoorah this month. God will bring the chilliness of Autumn, backpacks and school. Many enjoyed the summer sun with nice tans and joints that didn't ache so bad will soon be faced with the coming of fall, a chill in the air and sometimes even a chill in our bones. Both summer and fall have their blessings and we, as Christians, should be aware of the good things God brings us in both.

At Immanuel we are also beginning to make a shift from summer to fall. VBS is over and now we are beginning to look ahead for new activities. Not only does fall bring along with it the season of Advent and the celebration of Thanksgiving, but we also have

new events we are planning and looking forward to enjoying.

On August 26th, I will meet with confirmation parents and students at 4:00 and following that meeting the Board of Education has invited the church to Rally Day, or should I say Rally Evening, to enjoy some homemade ice cream and games for the kids.

If you have an ice cream you are invited to bring a batch of your favorite to share with other church members and if you don't... that's ok. Come out and sample the array of choices.

August 29th will usher in the first Confirmation Classes and Shinning Stars for the year with Sunday School beginning on Labor Day Weekend on September 2nd.

We have a lot to look forward to in our church. But nothing surpasses what we are looking forward to in Christ. As we remember the past, and look ahead to future events, never forget the greatest future event you

have in Christ – His second coming. In this life, we will wait for this day and hope for this day, and I pray this is a day we yearn to see and pray for it to come.

Until next month.

Blessings, Pastor Ferch.



News From the Church Boards

Board of Elders

The world says, "Your life is in your own hands" but God's Word says, "Your life is in God's hands." The world says, "Believe in yourself" but God's Word says, "Believe in God." The world says, "Speak whatever you feel" but God's Word says, "Speak with grace." The world says, "You only live once. Live as you please" but God's Word says, "You only live once. Live as God pleases." The world says, "Follow your heart" but God's Word says, "Follow God's Heart." The world says, "Grab as much power as you can" but God's Word says, "Be a servant." The world says, "Just a little more and I will be happy" but God's Word says, "You will never be content when you are searching for money." The world says, "Set your sights on the important needs of life (food, shelter, and family)" but God's Word says, "Set your sights on God who supplies all of our needs." The world says, "Death is the end" but God's Word says, "Death is only the beginning." Armed with the Word of God, we are able to face those challenging messages and confront them with truth.

Thank you and God Bless,
Dave Conger Chairman

Board of Trustees

The sign up sheet for grass cutting is up and we ask that any able bodied individuals consider signing up for a few weeks of summer grass cutting.

Board of Education

We had a great week of VBS. We had 44 kids registered. During the week we raised a little over \$106.42 in pennies and will be adding 100.00 for The Misner's in Belize. The fliers we passed out during the parade brought some children in. I would like to give a special thanks to Jeanie Mirfield with the East side Mission. She provided transportation to and from for about 12 kids and I even caught her helping out with cleaning after some of our dinners. A big thanks to all of this year's volunteers the biggest thanks goes to Vickie and Dave Conger for putting so much time, effort, love and sharing the word of our Lord to the children. It will be a tough act to follow, but we are looking for a VBS director for the 2019 summer. Now is a great time to brainstorm some great ideas, if Director is not where your talents are. We would like to have a large float next year in the two parades. Maybe your talent lies in that category. We will do our best

to share information as soon as it is given to us.

We are excited Sue LaMantia has volunteered as Director of Shining Stars. Janette Bachman will be coming back to prepare the wonderful meal everyone loves on Wednesdays. Shinning Stars is scheduled to start on August 29. Be on the lookout for addition announcements as Sue finalizes all the details.

Please see parent meeting being held August 26, 4:00. Confirmation will begin the evening of August 29th.

Please see Ice Cream Social for Rally Day information.

The last few months have been tough on the Board of Education and the challenges we have had to face, but together with God's guidance we are moving forward in a positive direction. I am very proud of the way we stuck together. I personally feel like we are a true family. One of our toughest decisions was to not open the Pre-school this fall. This decision was not an easy one. We have had many discussions, special meetings and reaching out to others in our community. We all feel with great confidence we will open again.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it"
Proverbs 22:6

Board of Education cont....

At this time, I feel that it is needed to inform fellow members we were left with a \$1173.91 deficit. (Payroll owed to the church). We are hopeful *some things* will come in to reduce this deficit by a few hundred dollars. One of those is from the receipts from the Rockingham Hy-vee. Please continue to bring them in. We are looking forward to working within the BOE, Congregation, and other community members on the best practice on opening a stronger preschool in the future as always updates will be provided through the Good News Newsletter or ask any BOE member. There is a voter's meeting on the 19th if you would like to have answers to any questions.

Blessings, Amy Dawson,
Board of Education Chair

Board of Youth & Fellowship

No information provided

Board of Evangelism

We had our Church picnic July 22nd at West Lake. There were 49 people in attendance. Brats and hot dogs were provided. Thanks to Jacob Conger and Dave Conger for handling the grill, and also Vickie Conger. The men and some women played horse shoes. Kori Yaudas had bingo for the ladies. It was a good day and a great church service. The weather was cool and comfortable. Dorothy Jones & Karen Schroder, Evangelism Committee.

**Lutheran Woman's
Missionary League**

The LWML Mission Club picnic is
August 21st at 5 pm here at church.
Please bring a dish to pass.
Dorothy Jones, Secretary

Confirmation

If your child will be in 6th-8th grade join our confirmation meeting for all students and parents on
August 26th at 4 pm.

**Shining Stars**

Shinning Stars will resume on Wednesday August 29th. We will be filling out registrations from 5:45pm for the first four Wednesdays. The meal being provided will be served soon after at approximately 6:00 pm. Parent pick-up will at 7:30pm.

Volunteers are being sought. Anyone interested in helping to feed, teach, play games, do crafts, sing worship songs, clean up, or just help out, please see a member of the board of education or Sue LaMantia.....Thank you and God bless.

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**Immanuel's Prayer Group**
Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." ESV.

If you have any prayer requests, they can be

submitted to the prayer basket in the narthex or online at the church website: www.immanueldavenport.org or check out the 18:20 prayer group FaceBook page!

Dear Fellow Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church,
I hope all are healthy and enjoying this summer so far this year. I am writing to you all regarding the current preschool situation. This past 10 months or so have been transformative and emotional at times. It is indeed unfortunate that changes to preschool operations could cause this much angst among us but I remain fully supportive of all decisions and actions taken by the Board of Education and the Church Council regarding the preschool/childcare.

I am also concerned about the possibility of misperceptions or even rumors existing about everything that has occurred. In keeping with the spirit of transparency and accountability, I am asking that if anyone has a question or concern about any of the decisions or actions that have been taken, that they either submit those directly to my mailbox or please bring them with you to the August voters meeting so that we can address those concerns openly. The council and I will answer any questions to the best of our abilities.

I believe the church needs this opportunity so that we can move forward in Christian worship and fellowship. Thanks, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully, Lamar Buckelew Congregational President

Ice Cream Social

Please join us for Christian fellowship on Sunday August 26, 4:30-6:30 pm as we have an ice cream social / Rally Day in Schember Fellowship Hall. We are asking those members of the congregation who have an ice cream maker to please make and bring your favorite ice cream recipe so we can have an assortment of homemade ice cream flavors. Kids will enjoy games in Schember Hall and the new Sunday School rooms will be ready and waiting for our first day of Sunday School on September 2! We will have a table set up for those that would like to enroll their children in our Sunday School. Please invite your kids, grandkids, neighbors, and friends for this exciting event.



Adult Christian Fellowship Game Night



Our monthly Christian Fellowship adults (couples or non-couples) is **August 11th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**. Please consider joining us. Young adults from 16 years old to older young adults are invited to join us for a light dinner with all kinds of homemade and purchased snacks. Then the games begin. There are games that are available, or you can bring yours to share with the crowd. We have a “host a game night” sign-up sheet on the wall across from the office (sign-up Alley).

People in Our Care

As of 7/31/2018

Confirmed Members 188

Gains & Losses

We pray for Mike and Kathy Yaudas as they have transferred to Parkview Lutheran in Eldridge.

Attendance & Offerings

We give thanks to God for the blessing of gifts given through his people.

Date	Attendance	Communion	Offering
7/1	62	60	\$2,077
7/8	53		\$1,410
7/15	62	55	\$1,506
7/22	33	(park-49)	\$1,621
7/29	58	57	\$1,144

Our Weekly Budget needed is **\$2,532** to meet our approved budget expenses.

August Volunteer Schedule

Greeters

5: Mark Ray & Donna Ray
12: Don & Jan Stewart
19: Karen Schroder & Dorothy Jones
26: Chris Whipple & Martha Day

Elders on Duty

5: Dave Conger & Luke Yaudas
12: Brad Schofield
19: Brad Schofield, Darrell Heilmann, Dave Conger
26: Darrell Heilmann

Sick & Shut In



Please remember to pray for and visit or call our members that are sick, shut-in, or hospitalized.

Dorothy Barton	Terri Schofield
Shari Bribriesco	Margaret Zellmer
Don Ferkel	Darlene Luebken
John Maynard	Archie & Charlotte Hahn

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Acolytes

5: Aiden Weaver & Eli Harris
12: Alex Conger & Shaun Yaudas
19: Landon Brown & Xander Pezley
26: Eli Harris & Charles Buckelew

Fellowship Servers

5: Youth Group
12: Don & Jan Stewart
19: Darrell & Jan Heilmann
26: Amy & Janice Dawson

Altar Guild

Bev Meier & Christine Whipple
If you are unable to serve either a certain day or month, please contact another lady to fill in.

Birthday Celebrations

Lamar Buckelew	8/01
Marcia Lenninger	8/01
Scott Campbell	8/04
Jackson Dawson	8/07
Drake Denger	8/10
Katherine Pezley	8/13
Kinnick Conger	8/14
Shirley Reed	8/14
Terri Gaines	8/15
Lorn Fairow	8/18
Meachena Weaver	8/18
Elijah Harris	8/27
Misty Hawkins	8/27
Thomas Stewart	8/28

Baptism Celebrations

Mark Ray	8/01
Luke Yaudas	8/01
William Buckelew	8/03
Karen Schroder	8/07
Mackenzie Sloan	8/08
Kathy Jones	8/09
Jamie Dougherty	8/17
Mark Frahs	8/18
Meachena Weaver	8/19
Larry Liedtke	8/20
Darlene Luebken	8/23
Diane McKown	8/25
Elyzabeth Conger	8/26
Sandy Holt	8/27

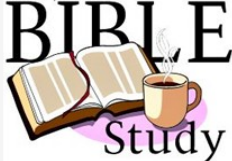
Anniversary Celebrations

Darrell & Jan Heilmann	8/01
Dale & Sherri Moeller	8/04
Carl & Beverly Meier	8/18
Curt & Sharon Evans	8/29

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 5pm Golf at Emeis	4
5 9am Communion service 10am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday school & Bible study	6	7 Pastor out of office	8	9	10 5pm Golf at Emeis	11 8am Men's breakfast 9am Men's Bible study 10:30am Elders 11:30 Board of Education 6pm Game Night
12 9am Worship service 10am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday school & Bible study	13	14 10am Ladies Bible study 6pm Bible study	15	16 5:30pm Board of Youth 6-7:30pm Youth Group	17 5pm Golf at Emeis	18
19 9am Communion service 10am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday school & Voter's meeting	20	21 10am Ladies Bible study 11:30 Evangelism 5pm Mission Club picnic	22	23 DCSD resumes 6pm Council	24	25
26 9am Worship 10am Fellowship 10:30 Sunday school & Bible study 4pm Confirmation meeting 4:30 Rally Day	27	28 10am Ladies Bible study 11:30 Social Ministries 6pm Bible study	29 6 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Shining Stars	30	31	

COME JOIN OUR



Sunday Bible Class – Join us at **10:30 am** following fellowship. We are focusing on our Lutheran Confessions using the resource Lutheranism 101.

Evening Bible Study – We are studying the Book of Hebrews on **Tuesdays at 6 pm**. everyone is welcome to join us!

Men's Bible Study – Men's Bible Study meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month. We meet for breakfast at 8 am at Rockingham Rd. Hy-Vee and then meet at Immanuel at 9 am. Our next meeting is **August 11th**.

Ladies Bible Study – We are on break for the summer. Stay tuned for fall updates.

Confirmation - If your child will be in 6th-8th grade join our confirmation meeting for all students and parents on **August 26th at 4 pm**.