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2021

*June
and
July*



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"For we walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:6)

As a teenager, I was drawn to the word *faith* and what it meant to me. For my forensics project, I memorized a collection of poems and scriptures on faith including this one by Christina Rossetti, *Who has seen the wind?*

Who has seen the wind?
Neither I nor you:
But when the leaves hang trembling,
The wind is passing through.

Who has seen the wind?
Neither you nor I:
But when the trees bow down their heads,
The wind is passing by.

WALK BY
faith.
NOT BY
sight.

The presence of God in the world is often as elusive as the wind, and yet for some reason, I never doubt God is here. As God's people, we have faith because we see the evidence of God's presence all around us, even if we cannot see God in person.

Our June and July worship will feature Mark's gospel and the lessons of discipleship that we learn through the stories of the parables, miracles and teachings of Jesus. Along with this is the steady encouragement of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. One of the central themes of this letter is faith: faith through suffering, faith through conflict, faith in all things. Paul paints a picture of a new creation that will come to be through the life and death of Jesus Christ, where all are reconciled to

God and one another, where the earth is renewed, and where our present sufferings are no more.

This message of faith can bring us courage today. Paul says, don't lose heart, God is building something eternal in you and in all of us. Even when our bodies fail us and systems crumble, we walk by faith. Even when our mental health suffers or our relationships break apart, we walk by faith. Even when our world at times feels like it is falling apart, we walk by faith. In his most difficult times, Paul felt the Spirit giving him courage saying to him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor. 12:9)

As a community, we move forward together in faith. We may not know what every step will look like, but we trust that God will guide us. God is building something eternal in you and in our church. Thank you for being a part of our community. Through the challenges and joys, you are an essential part of Immanuel. May God bless us as we walk by faith into the future together.

Pastor Jamie Brieske



June

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| 05 Cole Neidermire | 20 Kimberlyn Sorvaag |
| 07 Carter Chapman | 20 Alyssa Weber |
| 11 Paul Ivey | 20 Abby Drier |
| 12 Steve Isaacson | 21 Alyssa Engedal |
| 13 Rachael Stilp | 21 Brandt Brieske |
| 15 Andy Engedal | 22 Jan Carlson |
| 15 Hayden Malec | 22 Matt Coyle |
| 16 Cheryl Anderson | 23 Madeline Benware |
| 17 Alison Martin | 25 Brad Carter |
| 17 Shauna Eilts | 26 Sandy LaValley |
| 17 Rebecca Hedges | 26 Weston Odell |
| 17 Haeven Lashley | 28 Faith Wickware |
| 18 Madeline Franko | 29 Nicole Tucker |
| 20 Linda Aaseng | 30 Becky Carter |
| 20 Luella Calkins | 30 Shane Odell |
| 20 Becky Ivey | 30 Jordyn Ivey |

July

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| 01 Samuel Pickett | 17 Gunnar Carlson |
| 03 Donna Armstrong | 18 Falynn Hedges |
| 03 Melissa Tarpensing | 19 Vic Lothe |
| 04 Suzi Sturz | 19 Lalao Rakotomahenina |
| 04 Kyle Neidermire | 20 Alyssa Hegde |
| 05 Cash Odell | 21 Jim McCrady |
| 07 Jim Ulberg | 22 Bonnie Weber |
| 07 Nate Aaseng | 22 Lorrie Feeney |
| 07 Kylie Engedal | 22 Jack Barquist |
| 10 Hailey Rassbach | 22 Maija Balts |
| 11 Beth Jones | 25 Steve Thompson |
| 13 Karen McCrady | 27 Elaine Schultz |
| 13 Joseph Hedges | 29 Alexis Drier |
| 17 Jerrine Kjentvet | 29 George Franko |
| 17 Lukas Olson | 30 Bob Larson |

June

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| 01 Jim & Karen McCrady |
| 03 Isaiah & Kimberlyn Sorvaag |
| 05 Neil & Lynda Hanson |
| 07 Curt & Jan Carlson |
| 12 Shel & Fern Satter |
| 12 Nathan & Amy Schlieve |
| 13 Trista & Blake Wickware |
| 16 Ryan & Rachael Stilp |
| 17 Chad & Jamie Brieske |
| 20 Brittney & Kaylee Evergreen |
| 22 Dave & Melody Dragseth |
| 23 Marc & Lauren Likkel |
| 25 Eric Lundberg & Karen Betzig-Lundberg |
| 25 Darin & Kristie Weber |
| 26 Dan & Renee Strehlau |
| 30 Brandon & Karen Gullicksrud |



July

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| 01 Keith & Kris Hanson |
| 11 Tom & Emily Prissel |
| 14 Darryl & Debby Petersen |
| 19 Dave & Donna Lehmkuhl |
| 21 Joel & Pam Woletz |
| 24 Steve & Karen Thompson |
| 27 Jerry & Carol Hanson |
| 27 Paul & Becky Ivey |
| 30 Bob & Linda Lodahl |

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 18th, 2021

Council Members present: Emilie Anderson, Karen Betzig-Lundberg, Pastor Jamie Brieske, Becky Carter, Calvin Dean, Jennifer Dean, Natalie Forrest, Lang Jacobson, Sandra LaValley, Bill Schwengel, Bob Wilcox. [L]
Absent: Becky Ivey, Brittany Evergreen [SEP]

Gathering Emily shared her research on mission statements per Pastor Greg's "challenge" from the video we watched in April. Her "borrowed" mission statement is simple: "Know the love of Jesus and give it away". Her revision is as follows: "Called to be a church without walls, we invite all to know the love of Jesus, and give it away". Lang led discussion on some other mission statement examples and his reflections on the book he is currently reading on Martin Luther. He shared a passage from the book.

Minutes

May minutes will be approved via email and submitted for publication in The Image following the May council meeting.

Celebrating Current Ministries:

Thank You Notes

Chad Drier- For his assistance with our streaming ministry to improve/repair the wifi switch.

Janet Carlson- Recognizing her service as eucharistic/caring ministry coordinator for many years

Alyssa Engedal- (and the youth) for their impactful service last Sunday

Pastors Report

Highlights: Pastor's Handbook is available on-line to help the council understand what she is doing for her continuing education. Preparing for confirmation: She read a statement written by one of the graduating confirmands and their appreciation for making them feel welcome and reassuring them, through their connection to church, to their faith.

Worship Surveys

Council reviewed results of the recent worship surveys concerning our current worship options to help the Council make decisions on upcoming actions. The survey results will be shared with the congregation.

Action Item:

Motion: Executive team moves to discontinue parking lot services for the summer. Motion was seconded by Sandy. Council voted 10-2 to approve.

Discussion: There was a question on the duration of suspending the parking lot services. Lang answered by offering that it would be beneficial in keeping our options open and we can make a decision when we need to. Emily commented she was going to make a motion to keep parking lot services as our "promise" to the congregation originally. Transitioning to this amended model, without explanation to the congregation, could be troublesome. She feels the outdoor services at Immanuel have had a positive impact on participants and should be explained to the congregation. It was commented that the original letter spoke to "through Spring". Pastor also commented that normally we had amended our service offerings in the summer months. Karen commented that we have had a variety of summer church offerings in the past. She also commented her feelings on our most fragile members who can't attend indoor, or navigate to Phoenix park will be excluded. Risks at Phoenix park are higher than in the more controlled environment of our own parking lot. Others commented they feel Phoenix park is welcoming and a great opportunity to attend a service. Emilie questioned if others could be trained on setting up the sound system, or do an outdoor service for a smaller group. One issue is the availability of staff to help facilitate these services. Bill asked about the trend of outdoor attendance at our services. Sandy commented in her experience that attendance does drop in the summer, in general. Sandy offered to help members navigate to and carry seats once they arrive at Phoenix park.

Mission Support:

Pop-up Vaccine proposal

Proponent Karen summarized an opportunity to partner with JONAH and EC County to offer a pop-up clinic at

Immanuel for the Latino population on June 7th. Currently plan to offer Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. A second clinic would be offered in three weeks for the second round of vaccines. A communication and logistics plan has been created to include translators, marketing, drivers, and supplies. Immanuel's responsibility will be to act as the host site and provide a clean and safe environment. COVID team will set up all IPAC precautions and coordinate with EC County staff for volunteers.

Motion: A motion to move forward with planning and using Immanuel for a COVID vaccine popup clinic was made by Sandy, seconded by Jennifer. Council unanimously approved the motion.

Discussion: None

COVID Team Report

Karen provided the status report from the team. She highlighted updated guidance and recommendations provided by the WCC and local authorities.

Motion: Natalie motions to move maximum capacity to 100 from 50 participants. Seconded by Sandy. Council approved by a 9-3 vote.

Discussion: Detailed discussion was had on current updated recommendations from the CDC, Wisconsin DHS and Eau Claire City regarding vaccination and masking as recently updated. The option of unlimited indoor capacity for vaccinated people was discussed. Concern was voiced regarding the inclusion of immunosuppressed and people with disabilities. Support was voiced for continuing streaming services and assistance was volunteered to facilitate attendance at Phoenix Park Services. Appreciation for the efforts of the COVID team was voiced. Pastor asked for a motion to increase indoor seating capacity.

Property Report

Bill provided his property report summarizing highlights: Eagle Scout project is underway. There may be some modifications to his project. One question Bill had concerned volunteers on Immanuel property. Insurance agent assured Bill we are covered and it's okay to have volunteers on our property helping with this project. Al mowed the lawn recently. He is looking for help with getting others to help mow the lawn. Irrigation system will remain off until Council determines we should start it back up again. Free chips were spread throughout the flower beds. A bush was also replaced. Parking lot lines are fading. Estimates are being gathered to re-seal and repaint the lot. Bill will provide an update at a future meeting. It was last sealed in 2017. Council discussed having just the lines painted on the lot for now. Bill will research our options. Lang volunteered to power wash portions of the exterior to help remove stains.

Motion – A motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Karen to approve the Property Report. Approved by unanimous vote.

Finance Report

Sandy updated the council we are doing very well with our finances. She is the new member on the Finance committee.

Finance report will be voted on by email for approval.

Closing Prayer:

Performed by Pastor Jamie

Adjournment – Bob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bill, and unanimously passed

Youth & Family Ministry News

~ Alyssa Engedal, Faith Formation

Luther Park Bible Camp - Registration is still available, and Immanuel's Trust Fund is offering 50% Sponsorships! Use the code "Immanuelec2021" at checkout to apply the discount. Luther Park has updated information in regards to camp opportunities & COVID19 precautions on their website: www.lutherpark.org.



Immanuel will lead Vacation Bible School the week of June 28! The theme for VBS this summer is *ReNew: Grow in faith, Change the world*. Registration is open now. More information and online registration forms can be found on our [website](#) or by contacting Alyssa. Registration closes on Sunday, June 20.

Summer Stretch - This Middle School Ministry, full of fun & service, will happen on August 10 & 12 from 9 am - 4 pm. We will end by participating in Christ Jam at Luther Park Bible Camp with other middle school youth from our Synod! [Registration forms can be found online](#). Cost is \$100 (includes Christ Jam cost), and scholarships are available.



The Summer Trip Team will be serving brats at the Mall Drive Festival Foods **June 25-27!** Come join us for a delicious meal and help support our trip this summer.

About 20 high school & young adult youth will be participating in an outdoor adventure trip the week of July 18. We will be heading to the Porcupine Mountains in the UP of Michigan. Get to know the team members on the next page!



Get to know our Summer Trip Team

Karina Lynn Barquist: During my time as a youth and being a part of church I've been on one trip. That trip was in 2019 and we went to Colorado, it was also an adventure trip. I enjoyed it very much and crossed many bridges not only about my fears, but in my faith in God. I'm looking forward to this adventure trip to Michigan because last time was such a great experience. Hoping to cross many more bridges this time around too.

My name is **Keiran Tarpinning**. I will be a freshman at Memorial next year. I like outdoor activities, soccer, camping, trap shooting and biking. I am so happy to go on this trip with my older brother.

My name is **Aidan Tarpinning**, I will be a Senior next year at Memorial high school. I have a large interest in sports and I do lots of outdoor activities. I am excited to go because I love to travel and I want to learn more about God and his creation. I am excited this year because it will be the first year I get to go with my brother as well.

Hi, my name is **Ava Weber**, I am a junior at Memorial High School. I love to write, sing, and cook. I want to go on this trip because I enjoy the conversations and all the fun we have on these trips. I want to go so that I can enrich my faith in God and strengthen relationships with my friends in faith.

My name is **Allisa Hansen**, I am a senior at Memorial High School and this will be my fourth trip with Immanuel. I want to go on this trip because I believe it will help me to grow in my faith and strengthen my relationship with God.

My name is **Kaelyn Hansen**. I am in 9th grade at North High School. This is my first trip with church and I am looking forward to camping in Michigan with new people. I am very excited to go on this trip!

Hi, my name's **Molly LoRusso** and I'm a sophomore in high school. I am excited for the 2021 mission trip to Michigan because of the experience I had on the last trip, two years ago. I grew in my faith tremendously and grew stronger bonds with everyone there. I also want to help the younger kids like I was helped on the last trip.

Hi! My name is **Natalie Forrest** and I'm going to be a freshman at Northland College in Ashland WI. I've been on several trips and by far my favorite was the National Youth Gathering. I'm so excited to go on one final trip and I can't wait to spend the week with everyone!!

My name is **Campbell Dean**, I'm going to be a sophomore at Memorial high school. I play soccer and tennis and love spending time with family and friends outdoors. This will be my first trip so I am really looking forward to getting to know the youth group better and growing my faith.

My name is **Calvin Dean**. I just graduated from Memorial High School. I'm planning on enlisting in the Minnesota Air National Guard and attending U of M - Duluth. I've been on two youth trips and have thoroughly enjoyed both of them. After the trip got canceled last year, I was really disappointed but I'm super excited to have the opportunity to go on one last trip with my church family.

Get to know our Summer Trip Team

Hi my name is **CJ Haas**. I'm a junior at North. I enjoy playing sports like baseball and basketball, and being with friends. I want to go on this trip because of the many positive experiences I have had on previous church trips.

My name is **Carter Chapman** and I am a sophomore at North High School. I want to go on the trip because I had a good time on the last one.

Hello, my name is **Jaiden Ivey**. This will be my third trip with Immanuel, my favorite trip was the National Youth Gathering in Texas. I am 18 years old, I just graduated Memorial High School and will be attending UW Madison this fall. I am very excited for the opportunity to go on this trip this summer.

I'm **Grant Johnson**. I'm in 10th grade at Memorial High School. I played tennis and basketball this year. I'm looking forward to the youth trip and hiking in Michigan.

Christ Jam "Under Construction"



We are so excited to see you all IN PERSON for Christ Jam 2021 this summer!! Our theme this year is "Under Construction" and, together, we will reconnect with each other and build relationships - with one another and with Jesus - as we enjoy a day in the beautiful outdoors. Can't wait to see you there!

"The house I am about to build will be great"
~2 Chronicles 2:5a

WHO: All middle schoolers who finished 5th-8th grade this year

WHEN: Aug 14 at Luther Park in Chetek

[REGISTER HERE](#)

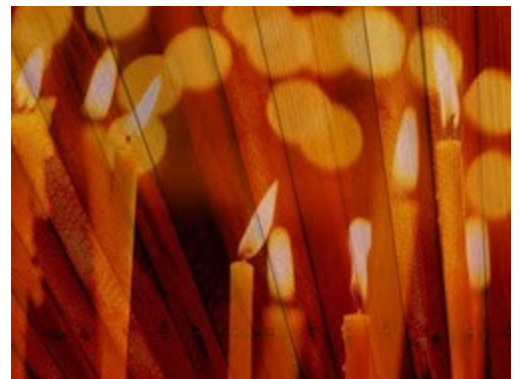


Sunday indoor worship services continue at 9 AM. These services are also streamed on our YouTube channel to view “live” or later, at your convenience.

Praise in the Park - Sundays at 10 AM, June 6 - August 29, at the Labyrinth in Phoenix Park

This is a combined ELCA worship between Eau Claire ELCA churches. Immanuel hosts the services on July 18 and August 1.

Holy God, Creator of Life,
you call us out of our dark places,
offering us the grace of new life.
When we see nothing but hopelessness,
you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.
Call us out of our complacency and routines,
set us free from our self-imposed bonds,
and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace,
In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. **Amen.**
(Based on Psalm 130)



~ written by Rev. Nancy J., and posted on her **wonderings through life and other such nonsense.**
<http://ruminari.wordpress.com/>

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Noon-4 PM - Material Witness Quilting	4 8 am - 3 pm Youth/ZIP thrift sale	5
6 9 AM Indoor Worship 10 AM Praise in the Park	7 4-6 PM Food Pantry open	6	9	10 Noon-4 PM - Material Witness Quilting	11	12
13 9 AM Indoor Worship 10 AM Praise in the Park	14 4-6 PM Food Pantry open	15 7:00 PM Council Mtg	16	17 Noon-4 PM - Material Witness Quilting	18	19
20 9 AM Indoor Worship 10 AM Praise in the Park	21 4-6 PM Food Pantry open	22	23 Immanuel serves @ Community Table	24 Noon-4 PM - Material Witness Quilting	25 Youth serving brats @ Mall Drive Festival Foods	26 Youth serving brats @ Mall Drive Festival Foods
27 9 AM Indoor Worship 10 AM Praise in the Park Youth serving brats @ Mall Drive Festival Foods	28 VBS @ Immanuel 4-6 PM Food Pantry open	29 VBS @ Immanuel	30 VBS @ Immanuel			

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18 9 AM Indoor Worship 10 AM Praise in the Park Immanuel hosts Youth leave for summer trip!	19 4-6 PM Food Pantry open	20 6:00 PM Trust Board meeting 7:00 PM Council Mtg	21 Immanuel serves @ Community Table	22 Noon-4 PM - Material Witness Quilting	23	24
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Immanuel Lutheran Church

At Immanuel we recognize that every person has a valuable story that carries infinite worth. We are called by Jesus to love expansively and make this unwavering pledge to welcome all people, without exception. We affirm the image of God in people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, relationship status, physical or mental ability, health status, and cultural or ethnic identity. In our church family we welcome all regardless of socioeconomic situation, addiction, imprisonment or anything else that too often divides us.



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