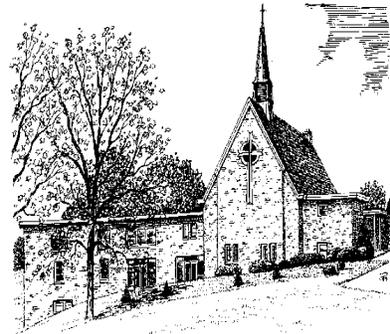


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The Pastor's Page

Environmentalism is a polarizing topic. And for good reason. Our attitude toward the environment is influenced by a whole host of factors, from political to financial to just plain practical. It's all well and good to say, "Save the planet!" But when saving the planet starts raising my gas bill or preventing jobs from entering my community or changing the way my elected representatives vote... well, then pretty soon we have to have some hard discussions about how much the planet needs to be saved.

With all these competing interests influencing our views on the issue, it can be hard to see how our Lutheran doctrine fits in as well. After all, this is a matter of dollars and cents, not spirit and salvation. Why would I want to confuse the issue with something as metaphysical as theology?

Yet at the core of our Lutheran confessions is a single sentence that has a monumental impact on our environmental worldview: "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth." Did you catch that? Maker of heaven and EARTH. The stuff that we're arguing about. Land and trees. Air and animals. Coal and oil. Our attitude toward these things is a matter of theology. Of doctrine.

And our doctrine says that God to is the maker of all things. It's common in our economic discourse to boil everyone in society down to "makers and takers". Makers are those who are productive members of society, and takers are those who, for

whatever reason, rely primarily upon social services and safety nets.

Yet I think this attitude belies a gross misunderstanding of what it means to be a "maker." Because, in God's eyes, none of us are makers. We are all takers from His goodness. It is He who makes, sustains, and defends everything we see. Including our own bodies and souls. As David says in Psalm 24, *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein."*

To be perfectly blunt, dividing society into "makers and takers" is an act of arrogance and idolatry. God, the Father Almighty, is the maker of heaven and earth. No matter our status in life. No matter how many people we employ or how many goods we produce. We are all takers of His life and salvation to us and His divine "safety nets" of protection and grace. Both in the physical needs of our body and the spiritual needs of our soul.

Which means that none of us has the right to dictate how creation can or can't be used. It is God's creation. It belongs to Him and Him alone. And in His Word, God does indeed reveal to us how He expects us to use it. He tells us in Genesis to *"be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it."* He tells us that He gives us *"every green plant for food"* and that *"every moving thing that lives shall be food for you."* And when we were naked, alone, and destitute after the Fall, God Himself made garments of animal skin for us and clothed us.

In short, God tells us to treat the earth as our home. We are to live in it. Fill it. Make it safe for habitation. Use it for food and clothing and every other bodily need. We shouldn't revere or idolize it as something we aren't allowed to touch or use for our good. That would be just as idolatrous as those who deny God as creator. Yet, we also shouldn't supersede God's authority over it.

As the Tower of Babel proves, just because mankind can do something, doesn't mean we should do something. Stripping the earth of its resources may sound profitable. Even useful. Think of all the great technological, industrial, and economic achievements we could accomplish. Think of how prosperous we could become. The people of Babel said something very similar. *"Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth."*

So, the question isn't, "Can we do this?" The question is, "Should we do this?" Does stripping the earth make it a better home for us? Does polluting the air and water put food on the table or clothes on our backs? Does leaching the world around us of resources make it a better home for everyone, rich and poor, young and old? Is carelessly destroying creation really a way to better love our neighbor?

These are the kinds of questions God insists that we ask ourselves before we do anything with His earth. He insists upon it not because He's incapable of cleaning up after mankind's foolishness (He does that on a regular basis) nor because we're capable of acting in perfect righteousness (we're not).

No, He insists upon it because it's an act of obedience to Him. Just as it was a good thing when Adam and Eve looked at the tree in the center of the garden and said, "No, we're not going to eat from it," so also it is a good thing when we look at the earth and say, "No, we're not going to ruin it for someone else." Not because we can't, but because we shouldn't.

God is our maker. He has invited us to take from riches of His creation. To live off of it, be fruitful from it, and make it our home. But, as Christians, let's show some gratitude for the gift that He has given us by making sure that we all get the opportunity to enjoy it.

May our heavenly Father and Creator richly bless you this month - Pastor Ketelsen

Copies of sermons are now available. If you missed a service, or just loved one immensely and would like a copy, they are now available on our church website, ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church. You can also find hard copies in the red folder next to Portals of Prayer in the church Narthex. Please help yourself, and feel free to share with friends or shut-ins.

BIBLE STUDIES

Adult Bible Study: Sunday Mornings at 10:15 a.m. adults meet for Bible study together with Pastor Ketelsen. We have begun a study of Holy Baptism.

Sunday School: at 10:15 in the downstairs class room.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study has completed their study of the book of Ruth. The group will not be meeting through the summer months but is planning to resume in the fall. Plans are being made for the second Tuesdays of the months of June, July, and August to enjoy a meal and fellowship together at a restaurant in Boonville or a nearby town. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us. Please watch the bulletins for more information.

Thursday Breakfast Bible Study: 7-8:15 am, at the **Main Street Diner – 203 Main Street**. The class will resume on Thursday, September 7.

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Sunday Service- 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10:15 am

Fellowship Time - Fifth Sundays 10:15 am

Lord's Supper -

9:00 am – 1st & 3rd Sundays & Festivals

Midweek Services –

During Advent & Lent, Weds. 7:00 p.m.

Kindergarten

All Day Kindergarten

(Pre-registration required)

Preschool

3-5 year olds

Mon-Wed-Fri, 8-11am & 12-3pm (4 & 5's)

Tues-Thurs, 8-11am & 12-3pm (3 year olds)

(Pre-registration required)

Dial-A-Devotion

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and extend our hands to help. We don't always see the need, or see how we can help even when we do recognize a need exists. Is there an app for that? No, but there is prayer, and we have access to our mighty God for that. Through His Word, prayer, and Holy Spirit, our eyes are opened, our hearts are touched, and we will joyfully serve Him as we are shown the way.

When you are dealing with a loss, a trial, or a difficult situation for which you would like prayer, please let us know if we can help you. Immanuel's Prayer Warriors will support you in prayer. God has placed us where He needs us, and prompts us to be of service to Him and to you. If you have a request, please contact us. We also welcome you to join the Prayer Warriors. To join, please contact one of our captains.

Pat Lenger: 882-5579 or 888-9739

Valerie Holley: 537-3987

Brenda Scott: 888-2903

GREETINGS FROM THE DCE!

Greetings from the DCE!

It's hard to believe that it is already August, and the last six months have flown by. Since Charlotte's birth, time has been weird. Time speeds up when you don't want it to, and slows down when you want it to be faster. We feel like we are missing so many things in each other's lives because of the busyness that plagues us, and our schedules never seem to really match up so we can have a good amount of quality time. Does this sound familiar? Things are going smoothly until an unexpected time-sponge shows up to take away your focus. Granted, my time-sponge is adorable, and well worth the time spent with her.

We find other distractions in our lives too, and we think that they take time away from our ability to be "good" Christians. This is always a difficult term to use, especially when we see and know our sin and its effect on us. We ask ourselves, and we ask God, how can we serve our God better when we're so busy and distracted? This is where we look to the

PRAYER WARRIORS

"I've found it sometimes pays to mend other people's fences." These words were spoken by the main character in the book *"O Pioneers!"* when someone complained that a neighbor's hogs got into his field. The offending neighbor had not maintained their fencing. Why had they not maintained it? Because she was a widow with only a lame boy to help her on the farm.

God calls us open our eyes and see our neighbors' needs, to open our hearts toward them,

doctrine of vocation. These are all of the different hats we wear in our day-to-day lives. For example, I have the vocations of son, brother, uncle, teacher, DCE, and my favorites... Husband and Father. We act out God's love and care for us in these roles that we take in life. I show God's love to Charlotte through patience and care when getting her ready for the day, feeding her, spending time with her and reading to her at night. I show God's love to Linda through preparing meals, taking care of our family and sharing the Word of God. We show God's love to our neighbors by doing a good job at work, and caring for those around us.

It is a wonderful thing, to have the vocations that we have, and the ability to share Jesus' love and forgiveness with the people in our lives. We also get to hear about God's love from those around us as we encounter our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and for that we can give thanks.

In Christ, Josh Cromley
 Director of Christian Education

LYF Events

8/20 – Youth Night, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

ELDERS MINUTES

July 2, 2017

Opening Prayer – “Cohabitation – New and returning Elders were welcomed.

Motion to accept the agenda as printed – Earl Mangels motioned to accept, Tim Fahrenbrink 2nd. Motion carried.

Previous Minutes – Earl Mangels motioned to approved, DCE Joshua Cromley 2nd. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report –

- Thursday, July 6 will be the start of the New Member Class.
- Ruth Thompson requested to be placed on the shut-in list.

Monthly – review of purchase orders.

NO.	TO	DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
6920	Concordia Publishing House	Communion Wafers	PM-Sacr. Supplies	\$ 27.54
6925	Concordia Publishing	Funeral Bulletins	PM-Bulletins	\$ 10.00
6928	Serck	Payroll	PM-Office	\$ 103.25
6931	Marco	Copier charge 6/7 -7/6	PM-Office	\$ 77.40
6934	Tammy Poulsen	Organist 3/28 – 5/14	PM-Office	\$ 200.00
6935	Great America Financial	Copier Lease Inv. #20805710	PM-Office	\$ 244.00
6936	Rev. Joshua Ketelsen	Cell	PM-Cell	\$ 100.00
	Rev. Joshua Ketelsen	Mileage	PM-Mileage	\$ 19.41
6941	Bank Card	Baptismal Medallions (Thrivent)	PM-Misc.	\$ 37.50

Good Samaritan Fund – around \$1,000.00

Quarterly Report – Elder Assignments (monthly)

1. June – Jason Linneman
2. July – Bob Schnetzler
3. August – Tim Fahrenbrink
4. September – Wayne Atkins

Old Business –

- Facebook spreads church news

New Business-

- Election of Chairman – Bob Schnetzler
- Election of Secretary – Tim Fahrenbrink
- Discussion/approval of moving the Board of Elders meetings to the first Sunday of each month at 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Earl Mangels motioned to accept. Tim Fahrenbrink 2nd. Motion passed.
- Discussed church and bible study times
- **Motion to Adjourn**- Earl Mangels motioned. Tim Fahrenbrink 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 12:20 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 2017

Call to Order: President Tim Meller called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Joshua Ketelsen opened with prayer.

Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda: Bob Schnetzler made a motion to accept the agenda that was seconded by Joshua Cromley DCE. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: A motion by Bob Schnetzler was seconded by Suzanne Ayers to approve the minutes from May 21, 2017 Congregational Assembly Meeting and minutes from the Special Congregational Assembly Meeting of June 11, 2017, with corrections.

Pastors Report: Pastor Ketelsen will be starting class for new members July 6 from 6pm to 7:30pm and it will be for approximately 6 weeks. The Plus 1 Coach is Rev. Keith Clow. Plus One Committee should be no more than 10. At this time it includes Pastor Ketelsen, Joshua Cromley DCE, Dee Thalgot, and Valerie Holley.

President's Report: July 10, 2017 Carpet One is going to proceed to remove and lay the new tile in Preschool Room and two other rooms. Memorials from Doris Twillman Memorial Fund can be used towards this project, if necessary.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Ayers presented the type written Treasurer's report, showing balances as of 06/15/2017 as follows.

Citizen's Bank and Trust	\$ 4,758.56
LCEF	178,991.12
LCEF – CD's	175,000.00
Edward Jones	117,910.10
Edward Jones 2	55,027.71
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Total Bank Accounts	\$ 531,687.49

Good Samaritan Fund \$ 1,009.92 current balance

A discussion proceeded on the invoices/bills due and the current balance in checking account. A motion by Gene Cummins to transfer \$20,000.00 from the LCEF fund into the Citizen's Bank and Trust account to meet obligations. This motion was seconded by Valerie Holley and the motion passed.

Elder's Report: Elder's typed report presented by Bob Schnetzler, dated 06/06/2017. A few items in that report include:

1. Funeral June 10, 2017 for Charles Held at Howard Funeral Home
2. Emily Gerhardt and Jordan Ayers are attending pre-marital counseling.

Elder assignments are as follows: June- Jason Linneman, July - Bob Schnetzler and August - Tim Fahrenbrink.

Elder's meetings are changing their meeting time to the first Sunday of the month.

Board Of Property: No report.

Board of Christian Education: The report of June 5, 2017 was presented by Josh Cromley, DCE. New Members class has 6 individuals enrolled. A welcome party is being held in July for three youth going into 6th grade. Josh will not be attending Young Life Camp as previously reported. Youth will meet July 16th and 30th. Josh is in processing of planning evening picnic for congregation and community to kick off school year. Josh will be taking over for Andy Melendez on the Thursday morning bible study starting on 09/07/2017.

School Board: No report.

Board of Stewardship: No report.

Board of Evangelism: Report presented by Valerie Holley. Baby Bottle Boomerang - successfully raised \$237. Sharon Thoma used Team Thrivent Project and had \$250 worth of diapers for Lutheran Family and Children Services Columbia. Photographs for directory are underway (122 taken so far). The makeup day for photos is July 13, 2017.

Board of Fellowship: No report.

A motion by Gene Cummins was made to approve the Pastor's, Officer's and Board's reports that were presented this evening. Suzanne Ayers seconded this motion and it passed.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: none

Announcements: None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn by Gene Cummins and seconded by Suzanne Ayers. Motion passed.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Josh Ketelsen led the attendees in the Lord's Prayer.

Those in attendance included Gene Cummins, Tim Meller, Susan Templemire, Bob Schnetzler, Valerie Holley, Suzanne Ayers, Pastor Josh Ketelsen, and Josh Cromley DCE.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

July 11, 2017

Attendance: Gayle Linneman, Eva Weston, Glenda Gerhardt (by phone), Linette Meller, Wanda Derendinger, Pastor Ketelsen

Opening Prayer by Pastor Ketelsen.

Approval of Minutes: Previous minutes were reviewed. Minutes were accepted.

Approval of purchase orders: The board reviewed the following purchase orders.

PO#	Vendor	Amount	Item Description
1181	Bank Card	538.80	Preschool Computer (Viertel)
1181	Bank Card	538.80	Kindergarten computer (Pellacio)
1182	Walmart	37.78	Preschool supplies
1183	Walmart	62.71	Preschool graduation supplies
1184	Glenda Gerhardt	53.98	Preschool supplies
1185	Copies Etc.	145.00	Preschool/Kindergarten sign
1186	Glenda Gerhardt	45.23	Preschool Trike day

Teachers presented their reports: Glenda reported by phone that she has sent out the registration/enrollment letters for 3 and 4 year old preschool with the bank information to facilitate sign up for auto pay. We have only received a few and Glenda will follow up with banking information at home visits.

The new flooring has been installed in the preschool rooms. Church helpers will move things back in the rooms on Saturday July 15th.

We have 60-62 kids enrolled for preschool. Open house for preschool is set for August 13. 3 year olds open house is at 3 pm, 4 year old preschool is set for 4 pm. The first day of preschool is August 16, 2017. Sam Derendinger and Glenda will go to Lakeshore on August 8 to make supply purchases for 2017-18 school year.

Linette asked that Gayle check on the sub pay for Ms. Frieling. Since the Open House date has been set for Kindergarten on August 13, Linette will mail letters to the enrolled kindergarten families. Kindergarten Open House is set for August 13 at 5 pm.

Tuition payments: Gayle reported that the auto debit system is a great help in collection of fees. The auto debit is also collecting past delinquencies. Gayle has contacted several families and is having success in collections.

Other Business

The 2017-18 budget was approved by the Congregational Assembly.

This coming year is the 40th anniversary of our school. The Board suggested that the 4 year old preschool sing at the 4th Sunday service in September to commemorate this anniversary.

The School Board's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 1, 2018

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned. All present joined in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Eva Weston

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY ON AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>.** This year will be the first Total Eclipse in the Midwest in over 500 years, and WE GET TO SEE IT! Come out on August 21st between 11am-3pm to enjoy another amazing thing that God has planned within His creation. We will be serving Walking Tacos and a variety of drinks. All of the proceeds will go toward our Youth Group and will be focused on the different District and National Youth Gatherings that we will be participating over the next couple of years. We look forward to seeing you in the Lot. (Glasses will be available to the first 100 people at \$1/pair.)

**Zion Lutheran Church** will hold their 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner and Country Store on Sunday, August 6, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose building at Zion Lutheran School in Lone Elm, MO. The menu includes smoked pork and chicken, potatoes, baked beans, a variety of salads, and homemade pies and desserts. There will be a Country Store and a Ladies Aid Quilt Raffle. Tickets are \$11 in advance, \$12 at the door, children 6-12 are \$6, and children 5 and under are free. Event proceeds will go toward church improvements, including main floor restrooms. Tickets available at Luster Insurance Group and Serck Accounting, or by calling (660)888-0038.

## HOW FAMILIES GROW SPIRITUALLY

You don't grow a Christian family by going through a daily ritual. But neither do you grow one without planning and definite cultivation. Here are some proven activities that help a family to grow spiritually.

1. Worshiping together regularly
2. Attending church together.
3. Giving thanks to God at mealtimes.
4. Having fun together.
5. Expressing love and affection openly and freely.
6. Undergirding and supporting one another.
7. Working together; accepting responsibility for doing chores and jobs around the house.
8. Reaching out to others as a Christian family.

A **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** fundraiser will be held at Cooper Lodge #36, 717 Main Street, Boonville, MO on Saturday, August 19 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A pork steak dinner with all the trimmings will be served for a \$10.00 donation. All money will go toward the purchase of an 8 by 10 cooler for additional refrigeration.

*Grant me, O Lord, the strength today  
For every task which comes my way;  
Cover my eyes and make me blind  
To petty faults I should not find.*

*Open my eyes and let me see  
The friend my neighbor tries to be;  
Teach me, when duty seems severe,  
To see my purpose shining clear.*

*Let me at noontime rest content,  
The half-day bravely lived and spent;  
And when the night slips down, let me  
Unstained and dishonored be.*

*Grant me to live this one day through  
Up to the best that I can do.*

- Edgar A. Guest

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There are still dates available to sign up for altar flowers for 2017. The Flower Chart is located on the door across from the lounge. Dates available are: **August 6 and 27; September 3; October 1, 15, 22; November 12, 19; and December 3.** If you would like to donate the flowers for a specific Sunday, please sign up on the chart and include a phone number where you can be reached. The Altar Guild member for that month will contact you for details.

A-Bow-K Floral supplies the arrangements for Immanuel. The cost for regular Sunday vases is \$35 (\$17.50 per vase) plus tax. That means they will use whatever flowers they have on hand for that week. If specific flowers or larger arrangements are requested, the cost will be more than the initial \$35. However, the donor can certainly use a florist of their choice. If this is the case, be sure to indicate this to the Altar Guild member when she calls.

The Guild sincerely thanks all who have donated altar flowers to date for 2017. Your continued support is very much appreciated!