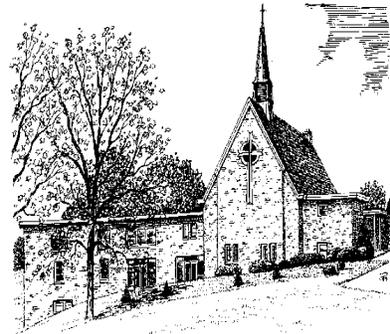


The King's Business

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The Pastor's Page

Once upon a time, I did very little during VBS. When I first became a pastor, I stayed away from a specific VBS role. I would do opening and closing prayers, pop my head into classrooms to take photos, and generally float around lending a hand where it was needed. But I didn't have an assigned job to do.

And then I started teaching lessons. First, it was just the older kids, then eventually all the grades. And I found... I enjoyed it. Which was surprising to me. Emi wasn't born yet, at that point. The only Sunday school teaching I had ever done was for adult and confirmation-aged youth. But here I was teaching five-year-olds. I was having fun doing it.

Since then, VBS has always been a highlight of the summer for me. It's a lot of work, yes. A lot of extra planning and preparation and late nights. But it's worth it.

For some of these kids, VBS is the only memory they will ever have of walking into a church. It is the only exposure they will ever receive to God's Word. It is the only impression they will ever have of what Christians are like. Most importantly, it is the only opportunity we may have to sow the seed of the Gospel into their hearts. That's worth some extra work.

Our VBS this year couldn't have been more timely. *Zoomerang: Returning to the Value of Life*. In the weeks since the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, our country has begun to learn the value of life all over again. What better place to start than with our children?

And yet, the VBS was not entirely about abortion. In fact, it wasn't even mostly about abortion. The topic really only came up a couple times in five days, and then only in a roundabout way. That's because the Bibles' teaching on the value of life isn't just confined to a single

issue like abortion. It touches a vast array of moral and theological issues.

The value of life intersects the topic of Biblical creation vs. atheistic evolution. If we are nothing more than stardust spewed out during the Big Bang, then life has no value. We're nothing more than globs of atoms smashed together. As living creatures, we are no different than the fungus that grows on a tree stump or the worms that crawl across my driveway when it rains.

But we are so much more than that. We are hand-sculpted by the hand of God. Made in his image. Filled with the breath of life. Planned from before the beginning of the earth. Fearfully and wonderfully made. So wonderfully made that God himself was born in this flesh and redeemed this flesh in his death and resurrection. You have value because God gives you value.

The value of life intersects the topic of racism and hate. It teaches us that if I am a poor, miserable sinner, and my neighbor is a poor, miserable sinner, and we are both saved by a God who chooses to give us value through his grace, then we have a lot in common. We may be dissimilar in so many different ways, but we are both the baptized children of God, and so we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

I have value because my Lord paid for my life on the cross. My neighbor has value because my Lord paid for his life on the cross. How can I value my neighbor's life any less than Jesus did?

The value of life intersects the topic of disability and the purpose God has for each of us. Did you know Iceland claims to have almost eradicated Down Syndrome? No, they haven't found a way to treat it or prevent it. They simply abort every child who might be born with it. And they call that a cure.

Apart from Christ, the world looks at those with disability with pity or even contempt. As defective people who need to be eradicated. But Scripture tells us that we all have a place in the body of Christ. You may be disabled, but your life has just as much value in God's eyes as every one of his children. And he has a purpose for you in his church.

The value of life is a foundational tenet in Christian ethics and I was so pleased to be able to teach it to the children who came through our doors each night of VBS. It's something our entire nation – our entire world – needs to learn. Maybe, if we teach it to enough children today, future generations won't have to suffer through almost 50 years of abortion before they learn it again.

God's blessings to you this month
Pastor Ketelsen

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Sunday Service - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.

Fellowship Time - Fifth Sundays 9:15 a.m. as announced

Lord's Supper - 9:00 a.m. – 1st & 3rd Sundays & Festivals

Midweek Services – 6:30 pm on Wednesdays during Advent & Lent

Kindergarten

All Day Kindergarten

(Pre-registration required)

Preschool

3-5 year olds

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

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

(Pre-registration required)

Dial-A-Devotion

660-882-5377

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School: for age 3 – 5th grade is on break through September 4th.

Youth Class is for junior and senior high.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday Mornings at 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class meets on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm in the large classroom on the main floor. They will be on break for the summer.

Thursday Morning Breakfast Bible Study: meets on Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at 87 Diner. Please join us for food, fellowship, and study.

Immanuel has another way to be part of virtual Sunday services!

We now have Zoom. Those who do not have access to Facebook can call a phone number, input a special code, and listen to the audio of the service LIVE on their phone.

Step 1: Call 1 (253) 215-8782 a little before 10:30 am

Step 2: Follow the prompt to input the Meeting ID: 9283696439

Step 3: Join "the meeting" and listen to the service LIVE

Please contact any members or friends who could make use of this service!

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

Does the Church Office have current contact information for you and your family members? If you have a new address or phone information, please contact the Church Office at 882-2208, Option 1 with your current information.

CHURH COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 2022

Call to Order: President Gene Cummins called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Ketelsen opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Billy Mac Wells to approve the minutes from April 19, 2022. The motion was seconded by Craig Meyer. Motion passed.

Pastor's Verbal Report: Pastor reported confirmation was held Sunday, June 19. The reception by Sharon Strough and Kathy Loerzel was nice. There is one person interested in a new-member class, date pending. District Convention was uneventful. Terry Ehlers attended as lay member. District Convention theme was 'Tell the Next Generation', building youth programs to be better stewards to our youth to tell the next generation. Terry Ehlers will be writing some articles for the newsletter regarding the convention. VBS is coming up the last week of July with pre-enrollment in the works.

President's Report: No report

Vice President Report: Vice President, Wilbert Meyer, wanted to discuss the following items:

- 1) Custodial salary being paid by preschool/kindergarten/and property board. Motion was made by Wilbert Meyer that the custodial salary, Marvin Early, is to be split by property board, preschool, and kindergarten, Billy Mac Wells seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 2) Wilbert asked if pastor's mileage rate is covered by church for travel at the IRS rate? Pastor confirmed that it is, currently \$0.585. Wilbert stated that the IRS rate will be increased to \$0.625 in July. Wilbert Meyer made a motion to increase the mileage rate to \$0.625 beginning July 1, 2022. Craig Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- 3) Wilbert stated that Synod has not been paid anything yet this year. He suggested that we pay half now of Synod-designated funds. Wilbert Meyer made a motion to have Kim pay Synod half of their designated funds now. Craig Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed. Balances as of May 31, 2022

Citizens Bank and Trust	\$72,903.65
Citizens Bank and Trust PK Donations	40,965.65
Edward Jones 2	229,830.36
Edward Jones Guided	145,645.98
LCEF	16,603.27
LCEF Offering (ACH- electronic funds)	7,624.25
Restricted LCEF - CD's	175,000.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$688,573.16

Good Samaritans Fund	\$2,230.57
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Elder's Report:

- 1) Craig Meyer reported that all elders were in attendance last month. Craig was elected chairman of board, Gary Naumann secretary.
- 2) Convention offering taken in May was brought to District Convention by Pastor Ketelsen and Terry Ehlers.
- 3) The elders are working to get materials for parents to teach in the home.
- 4) The annual per-person limit is currently set at \$50 from the Good Samaritan Fund. The elders discussed changing that limit to \$75-\$100. They elected to increase that limit to \$100 at pastor's discretion for utilities and prescriptions. Wilbert Meyer inquired about participation with ministerial alliance or other churches regarding requests for financial assistance. Craig reported that the police department does assist.
- 5) Old business – newsletter articles by pastor, starting a series. Preschool and kindergarten items – 2 kindergarten, preschool is full. A registration evening will be held with discussion of a BBQ provided by the school board. Wilbert discussed having an open house to show the school. Discussed that there is no signage about kindergarten signup. Craig knows someone who has extra materials to recycle to make a sign. Craig volunteered making the sign with help. Plans are for a larger permanent sign, and smaller signs that can be changed. Craig stated the need to have a process put in motion for preschool scholarship eligibility. There was discussion about money for preschool/kindergarten being an issue.
- 6) New business – Transfer in by Taylor Day and her

daughter, April Harrington. Transfer out by Karys Carver-Held.

- 7) Update copier contract, new copier coming.
- 8) Donations for Krista Young serving in Africa in missionary, now back in St. Louis. Are they going to continue supporting her? Will take a collection first Sunday in July, then quarterly.
- 9) Secretary salary hasn't had raise for quite a while. Wilbert discussed that church council needs to set that. Craig said it will be put in a future proposal to the council next year since it was not in the budget for this year. Pastor stated the secretary, Patty, will now work Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday for a total of 16 hours to save on fuel for her.
- 10) Wilbert asked pastor to elaborate on his May newsletter about apathy. Pastor stated he meant we are not out in the community 'loving our neighbor' actively as a congregation.

Board of Christian Education: VBS is next on their schedule coming up the last week of July.

School Board: No report

Board of Property: Billy is still working on solar panels. A new HVAC unit was put in and now working. Auto-pay was discussed. All three units are working as of June. There was discussion about how much we are saving from the solar panels. What is that \$173 investment saving us? Patty has an app for that information. It was a 20-year lease. Billy will try to find out how much time is left on that lease.

The a/c has been fixed, it was a fan blower motor, then fan blades. Wilbert asked if the units were under warranty. It was decided they probably are not still covered. The ice maker is working. It was fixed with a \$12 part. It needs to be dumped periodically when not being used. The work-day will wait until cooler weather. Trying to get rid of ground hogs.

Wilbert Meyer made a motion to approve all officers' and board reports, seconded by Craig Meyer. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business: Gene said Gary Naumann has tried to talk to Fred Smith at the high school to inquire about the electronic sign they got, still trying to find info about cost and size. Telephone system, the school board discussed that the high school cameras and phone all run

through the phone system. Maybe we could put security and phone system together. Will look for a company to do that. What is our price range? Craig has a contact he will reach out to about a security/phone system. We need to get a current list of memorials and see where they can be used. Pastor mentioned one or more memorials could possibly be used towards the new phone/security system.

Gene thanked Lori for being here, and thanked Susan for her years of service.

Installation of officers - reelected and newly elected officers (Gene Cummins, Lori Linneman, Billy Mac Wells, Christian Stock, Tim Fahrenbrink, and Cody Waibel). We will tentatively plan for July 3 for installation of officers.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Ketelsen closed asking all to join in the Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Wilbert Meyer to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Billy Mac Wells. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Those in attendance at the meeting included the following: Billy Mac Wells, Gene Cummins, Wilbert Meyer, Craig Meyer, Lori Linneman, Susan Templemire, and Pastor Ketelsen.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Linneman,
Church Council Secretary



A new member class is planned for those who are interested in becoming members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. If interested, please let Pastor Ketelsen know. Dates and times for classes have not yet been established.

There will be no Sunday School from July 31st – September 4th. Sunday School will resume on September 11th, 2022.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

It's hard to believe that school is just around the corner. Our preschool will have Open House on Sunday, August 21st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The Monday, Wednesday, Friday class will start on Wednesday, August 24th.

We will have a morning class and an afternoon class. The Tuesday and Thursday class will start Thursday, August 25th. We have a very exciting year planned.

We will learn about ourselves, our families, community helpers, our friends, animals, nursery rhymes, fairy tales and many more things. We will play outside on the playground and indoor when the weather doesn't cooperate. Inside toys we play with big balls we can bounce on, buckets we can walk on, bowling sets, hula hoops, jump ropes and balls. We will play with a parachute and balls or balloons. We will color, paint, draw and play in shaving cream and slime.

Miss Gerhardt will read books to us and talk to us about God in chapel. We will learn stories from the Bible starting with Creation and through Jesus Ascension. Pastor Ketelsen will lead chapel on Wednesday. He talks with us about the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and the Creed. We will play with musical instruments and dance to fun songs.

Ms. Gerhardt and Ms. Deb and very excited to see us again. Thank you for letting us have preschool at Immanuel. WE LOVE IT!!

STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH BOARD

Vacation Bible School was July 25th through July 29th, with a Closing Ceremony on the last day. The theme was Zoomerang: Returning to the Value of Life. If you participated in some way, thank you for your service to our church. Lutheran Family and Children's Services again was our designated service project commitment with the Baby Bottle Boomerang. Watch for more information about VBS and the service project in the next newsletter. Contact the church office if you still want to make a contribution. This program has been ongoing for years. LFCS provide a variety of services for the mid-Missouri communities.

School starts again this month. Keep all schools, staff, and students in your ongoing prayers. Immanuel's Kindergarten will be in session this school year. Financial decisions will be made in early 2023 concerning the future of this outreach program.

MO District convention item for the month: There are 28 circuits in our state. We are number 5. Our title is Columbia Circuit, Rev. Donaldo Sonntag of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mexico, MO is our circuit visitor.

Prayer requests in June were six, and as of this date, two prayer request has been received for June.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Starting July 31st, the choices for Bible Study will be available on the back table to preview and vote on. Choices will be left until Sunday August 14th. Please take a look and vote for your choice. We hope to begin in September. Thank you!



The suggested donations in the month of August for the NHN Food Pantry are hamburger helper type box meals, macaroni & cheese, and other box dinners. As always, any non-perishable canned and boxed goods or cash donations are welcome. Food Pantry envelopes are available in the Narthex. Recently 158 pounds were donated to the NHN Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, August 9th, 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 18th, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 27th, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Do you or someone you know need food assistance, but are unable to drive to the Neighbors Helping Neighbors food pantry? We'd like to help! Talk to Pastor Ketelsen and he will assist you in signing up and getting food delivered to your door. Don't worry... your conversation and any information you provide will be completely confidential.

ZOOMERANG!

We had an amazing time at VBS. There were so many children and so much activity going on all at one time.

Day 1 Lesson--The Creator of the universe created *you!* You didn't evolve from an apelike creature. Gen. 1: 26-28

Location: Uluru

Crafts: Mountain climber and picture frames

Games: Jumpin' for Jesus! (relay game)

Snacks: We had Dingo hats made from Oreos and a Funky Monkey from crackers

Animal: Jack the Kangaroo

Day 2 Lesson--You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 132: 13-16

Location: Barrier Reef

Crafts: Refrigerator Magnets and Bracelets

Games: Reef Thief

Snacks: Fingerprint cookies and a Coral Cup

Animal: Shimmer the Coral

Day 3 Lesson--God values you greatly. You are a priceless treasure! Matthew 1-2

Location: Coastal Life (Sydney Opera House)

Crafts: Australian frames and scratch art.

Games: We ran an obstacle course!!

Snacks: Baby in a Blanket & Cupcakes

Animal: Bill the Platypus

Day 4 Lesson--God loves you so much He sent His only Son to die for YOU! (Select scriptures)

Location: Forest Life

Crafts: Foam Cross & Scratch Art

Games: Teamwork Towers

Snacks: Koala cookies & SMYLE pizzas

Animal: Paula the Koala

Day 5 Lesson--You are created on purpose for a purpose! 1 Corinthians 12: 12-26

Location: Outback Life at Coober Pedy

Crafts: Colored a Kangaroo/made a treasure box.

Games: Dingo Fence

Snacks: Boomerang Bread and Puppy Chow

Animal: Ringo the Dingo

Songs we learned:

Zoomerang: Do You Not Know: Masterpiece:

Wonderfully Made: One Way: Everything

Children & adults experienced an action-packed VBS! Every day they heard they were loved and created by God for a purpose. We had a closing Friday night and the children sang to the parents all about the lessons for this week. We had 80 people come downstairs for ice cream.

None of this would be possible without the Grace of God. It would also not be possible without the caring and giving hearts of this church family. Listed below are the family members who were involved in leading VBS, preparing the snacks, serving the snacks, leading crafts, games and lesson time and securing Thrivent cards!

Jason & Doris Linneman

Brad, Kim, Ryan & Lane Toellner

Pastor, Stefani & Emi Ketelsen

Craig, Tammy & Aiden Meyer Karys Carver

Gary Naumann Logan Turk

Sharon Toellner Julie Thacher

Rhonda Lane Stella Rhode

Parker Johns Dorothy Lock

Leann & Leah Williams Terry Ehlers

Suzanne & Adilynn Mathis Brenda Scott

Jen & Peyton Nolte Alice Langkop

Abigail & Haleigh Gerke Teresa Windsor

Andrea/Kyle/Sam/Will Thacher

Deb Burgess Sharon Thoma

Luanna Carpenter Pat Lenger

Kielann Sapp Becky Class

Sam Derendinger Lacey Edwards

Abby & Callie Gann Makenzie Houk

Alex Thieman Leigh Snoddy

Maggie Schuster Alycia Felgar

Jasmine Campbell Rowan Stock

Miranda & Mason Waibel Harper Cook

Sharon & Randy Strough

Brandy Templemire

Tim & Wanda Derendinger

Billy Mac & Brenda

Susan Templemire & Sandy Lawson

Tim & Trudy Fahrenbrink

We had 68 people total who helped with this VBS. 44 from our church family, 8 from sister congregations and 16 from our community. Thank you to everyone who helped. We had an average of 52 students and 30 helpers every day. I will report on the monetary donations, diapers and wipes in the next newsletter.

37th Annual Zion Lutheran Church Dinner & Silent Auction

Sunday, August 7, 2022

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Activity Center

Lone Elm, MO

Dine in or Curbside to-go - Smoked Pork & Chicken

Baked Potato, Green Beans, Corn, & Variety of Salads

Homemade Pies & Desserts

Free Will Donation

Silent Auction – Themed Baskets and “Family Famous” Baked Goods

Country Store – Homegrown & Homemade Items

Raffle Tickets-\$10 each (drawing on August 7, 2022)

Choice of ½ Beef (December 1, 2022 Processing Date at Kempf’s Custom

Butchering) or Whole Hog (September 15, 2022 processing date at

Kempf’s Custom Butchering.

One winner for a whole hog and one winner for a ½ of beef will be drawn; need not be present to win.

*Processing credit of \$50 for a whole hog and \$100 for ½ of beef will be included. Any addition expense will
be the responsibility of the winner.*

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