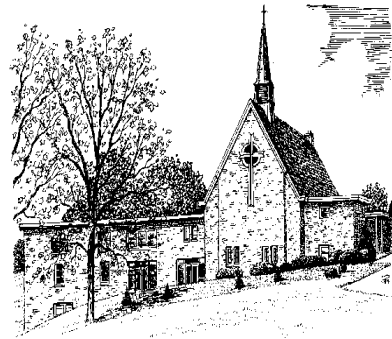


The King's Business

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The Pastor's Page

A few days ago, I returned from serving as a voting delegate to the 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Phoenix, Arizona. Nearly 1,000 voting delegates gathered from across the country, along with another 400 advisory delegates, guests, and representatives from church bodies around the world. Over the course of four and a half days, we elected officers, debated resolutions, and conducted the business of our Synod.

I'll admit that much of the work was not particularly exciting. There were long stretches of discussion, amendments, and voting that could test anyone's patience. Thankfully, the convention proceeded remarkably smoothly, and we accomplished a tremendous amount of business together. In the coming months, I hope to write more about some of the resolutions that were adopted.

This year's convention theme was "Christ Is Risen Indeed," based on 1 Corinthians 15. That theme was woven throughout the worship services, devotions, and convention proceedings. While it served as a fitting reminder of the central truth of the Christian faith, one aspect of the theme struck me in a way I had not anticipated.

Throughout the convention, we heard reports and greetings from Lutheran church leaders around the world. The president of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) brought greetings and spoke about the ongoing theological dialogue between our church bodies. The archbishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya rejoiced with us over our newly established altar and pulpit fellowship. The

president of Lutheran Mission—Australia expressed his gratitude for the upcoming ratification of altar and pulpit fellowship with his church body. Leaders of the International Lutheran Council spoke about our shared confession of the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. We also heard reports from missionaries serving throughout Latin America, Italy, and many other places where the Gospel continues to spread.

Listening to these brothers and sisters from every corner of the globe, I was reminded that the Church is far larger than any one congregation, district, or even nation. The languages were different. The cultures were different. The histories and customs were different. Yet our Christian faith is exactly the same. What unites Christians around the world is not a common culture but a common Savior.

Every culture has its own traditions, foods, clothing, music, and customs. But every culture also shares one unavoidable reality: everyone dies. Death is the great equalizer. No matter where someone is born or what language they speak, every person lives under the curse of sin and eventually faces the grave.

That is why the message of Christ's resurrection is so wonderfully universal. Every human being needs forgiveness. Every human being longs for hope stronger than death. Every human being can rejoice to hear that Jesus Christ has conquered the grave and promises eternal life to all who believe in Him. As St. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15, "Death is swallowed up in victory... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

That victory belongs just as much to a Christian in Kenya as to one in Missouri, just as much to a believer in Australia as to one in Italy or Latin America. We do not need to speak the same language, eat the same food, or wear the same clothes to rejoice in Christ's saving work. We are one because we have one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, and one glorious hope of the resurrection.

The convention was a helpful reminder that the mission Christ has given His Church is truly global. Although our vocations may keep most of us close to home, we are privileged to confess the same faith as millions of Christians throughout the world and to support the work of proclaiming the Gospel to every nation.

Christ is risen indeed! That joyful confession transcends every border and every culture, because it is the good news that every sinner needs to hear.

God's blessings to you this month,
- Pastor Ketelsen

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 by email at Immanuel.Boonville@gmail.com or at 660-882-2208, Option 1 with your current information. Thank you.

Copies of sermons are available. If you missed a service, or just want to reflect on one, copies are available at ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church, our church website. 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.

Office Hours

*Tuesday & Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

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Sunday Service - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.

Fellowship Time - Fifth Sundays 10:15 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)

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School: for age 3 - 5th grade is meeting in the Sunday School Room. They are on break for the summer.

Youth Class for junior and senior high is not meeting at this time.

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

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the large classroom on the main floor. They are on break for the summer.

Bibles and Bar-B-Q Men's Bible Discussion Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

The new bathrooms are finished!!! This project took a village. Many boxes were moved, shelves moved, items purged, and items organized.

Special thanks to:

Brenda and David Scott	The Samuels Family
Sam and Will Thatcher	Emi Ketelsen
Trina and David Derendinger	Craig Meyer
Christine Schneider and family	Adam Templemire
And Jason Mathis and his crew	

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Dear Families,

I can't believe preschool will start this month. We are so excited. We have an Open House August 16th from 3-4 pm.

📖 What We Will Learn This Month

- **Theme:** All About Me
- **Letters:** Alphabet
- **Numbers:** 1-20
- **Skills:**
 - Social-emotional (sharing, taking turns)
 - Fine motor (cutting playdough, threading beads, scribbling)
 - Language (Three Little Pigs Book – We will sing, dance and act out the story)
 - Chapel Time. Bible stories

📅 Looking Ahead – Next Month

- **Theme:** All About Me and Family
- **Special Days:**
 - Sept. 7. NO SCHOOL
 - Sept. 22 & 23. School Pictures

Reminders

- Please label all belongings
- Bring a change of clothes daily
- Bring a snack & water bottle daily

💡 At-Home Connection

Try this at home:

- Read together for 10–15 minutes each night
- Practice counting everyday items
- Ask your child about their favorite part of the day

♥ Thank You!

We appreciate your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out any time!

STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH BOARD

A new mission in Boonville is Royal Wardrobe Community Clothing Closet at the Morgan Street Baptist Church, 811 E. Morgan Street. They are accepting new or gently used items to help them clothe our community with love and dignity. They are finishing up the renovation of the basement and moving and sorting the donations there so they will be prepared to give away free clothing to individuals and families. Everyone is welcome because every person deserves to feel valued.

A donation drop-off schedule is on the bulletin board. Information about when the Royal Wardrobe will be open to the community will be provided when available.

There were eight prayer requests in June, and in the month of June there were three prayer requests.



The suggested donations in the month of August for the NHN Food Pantry is macaroni & cheese, hamburger helper type box dinners, and other boxed dinners. As always, any non-perishable canned and boxed goods are welcome, as well as cash or C&R gift certificates. Food Pantry envelopes are available in the Narthex. **Please make checks to Neighbors Helping Neighbors.** Thank you for your generosity.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, August 4th, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, August 11th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 18th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.



GOOD NEWS!

The downstairs restroom project is, for the most part, completed. There are still a few small things that need to be finished. Those who made a financial pledge may do so by sending it to the church office at any time. Much appreciation to everyone for their support!



MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS

Save the date, Missouri District! Sunday, August 30, is the day congregations throughout the state will celebrate *Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers*—our annual effort to promote church work vocations and bolster the District's scholarship endowment to support those preparing for these roles. Special prayers are encouraged, as well as a door offering that will be added to this same District fund that has provided financial assistance for more than 40 years. Thank you for your involvement and caring for generations to come!



APPLE OF HIS EYE

Mr. Steve Cohen, founder of the Apple of His Eye Mission Society, is a Jewish believer in Jesus. He has been serving on the front lines of Jewish evangelism since 1976, speaking in more than 1,800 churches (including here at Immanuel) about the need and urgency of including Jewish people in the mission of the church. He married his bride, Nancy in 2008. Together, they have eight children and fourteen grandchildren. Mr. Cohen provided the devotions for September in the current Portals of Prayer.

Mr. Cohen has asked for prayers, as he is in urgent need of a kidney transplant due to chronic kidney failure. Please pray for a kidney donor to come forward to help. He began dialysis of July 30th, three times a week.

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 9:00 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!

Food for Thought

BIBLE
Basic
Instructions
Before
Leaving
Earth

GRACE
God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense

FROG
Fully
Rely
On
God

SOS - The Law:
Shows
Our
Sin

SOS - The Gospel:
Shows
Our
Savior

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.
Colossians 3:15

Great Passages of the Bible

The Ten Commandments.....	Exodus 20
The Shepherd Psalm	Psalm 23
The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2
The Crucifixion of Jesus.....	John 19
Our Resurrection through Jesus	1 Corinthians 15
The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6
The Sermon on the Mount.....	Matthew 5, 6, 7
The Beatitudes	Matthew 5:1-12
The Great Commandments.....	Matthew 22:34-40
The Last Judgement	Matthew 25:31-46
Parable of the Good Samaritan	Luke 10
Parable of the Prodigal Son	Luke 15
The Great Commission.....	Mark 16:15
The Golden Rule.....	Matthew 7:12
The Abiding Chapter	John 15
The Love Chapter	1 Corinthians 13
The Gospel in Miniature	John 3:16

CHURCH FAMILY

Please call the church office when:

A member of your family is admitted to the hospital

Someone you know is very ill or has passed away

Your class, board, or group would like to use the church for a meeting or event so it can be scheduled on the church calendar

Your contact information or address changes

A new baby arrives in your family

A member of your family leaves home for college, joins the military, or is getting married

You would like to have someone call you to visit or assist you in some way

You have a prayer request

You would like to share your time and talents

You feel the church can assist you in any way

The Results of Faithful Witnessing

A boy gave his lunch to Jesus – and five thousand people were fed.

A slave girl spoke to her mistress about God – and her master, healed of his leprosy, became a devout believer.

Andrew told Peter about Jesus – and three years later Peter preached a Sermon that was instrumental in bringing three thousand people into the church.

A Sunday school teacher visited Dwight Moody in the shop where he worked – and Moody became a famous evangelist who led thousands to the cross of Jesus Christ.

A little group of students met to pray for the lands where gospel had never been heard – and the great movement of American foreign missions was launched.

Faithful witnessing can produce tremendous results. Tell someone about Jesus – and leave the results up to God.



Amazing Grace

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.*

*Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.*

*When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Thank when we'd first begun.*

2026 - AUGUST - 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
26 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Study	27 5:30-7:30p VBS	28 5:30-7:30p VBS	29 5:30-7:30p VBS	30 7a Breakfast Bible Study 5:30-7:30p VBS	31 5:30-7:30p VBS	8/1
2 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Bible Study	3	4 7p Elders <i>Election Day in Fellowship Hall</i>	5	6 7a Breakfast Bible Study	7	8
9 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Study	10	11	12 6p Bibles & BBQ Men's Group	13 7a Breakfast Bible Study	14	15
16 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Voters' Assembly 3-4p School Open House	17	18	19	20 7a Breakfast Bible Study <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21	22
23 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Study	24 <i>First Day of School</i>	25	26 6p Bibles & BBQ Men's Group	27 7a Breakfast Bible Study	28	29
30 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Study 12p Frieling Family Reunion	31	9/1	9/2	9/3 7a Breakfast Bible Study	9/4	9/5

Those Serving the Church

Service:	Organists:	Readers:	Security Team	Acolyte
8/2	Tammy Poulsen	Gary Nauman	Matt Scott	Will Thacher
8/9	Gladys Moore	Craig Meyer	Cody Waibel	Jagger Templemire
8/16	Tammy Poulsen	Christian Stock	Penny and Gordon Cain	Ryan Toellner
8/23	Diane Cummins	Julie Thacher	David Scott	Landon Scott
8/30	Tammy Poulsen	Penny Cain	Christian Stock	Sam Thacher
Altar Guild	Carol Norman	Sharon Thoma	Elder: Louis Stock	

CHURCH STATISTICS

Date	Worship	Sunday School/Youth/ Adult Bible Class
5 / 3	69	NA/NA/9
5/10	74	NA/NA/10
5/17	68	Voters' Assembly
5/24	64	NA/NA/10
5/31	41	NA/NA/10
YTD Income with and Other Income as of 6/30/26		\$149,817.54
YTD Expenses as of 6/30/26		\$112,062.90

You are encouraged to take time to visit with, or send a card to, those members who are no longer able to attend regular church services. How wonderful it must be to know you are remembered, prayed for, and someone has taken some of their precious hours to visit with you. Addresses for the care facilities are shown below. The Church Office can help you with other addresses when requested.

MEMBERS SHUT-IN OR IN NURSING HOME**Nursing Home:****Bristol Manor –**

Raeola Walker, 1290 W. Ashley Rd., Room 110,
Boonville, MO 65233

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**Transfer out:** None**Transfer in:** None**Reaffirmed:** None**Confirmed:** Janice Cartee and David Scott**Baptism:** None**Deceased:** None**2026-2027 Officers**

President – Gene Cummins

Vice President – Billy Wells

Secretary – Tammy Meyer

Treasurer – Kim Toellner

Chair of School Board – Gayle Linneman

Chair of Board of Property – Adam Templemire

Chair of Board of Stewardship/Outreach – Gaven Linneman

Elders:

Craig Meyer, Tim Derendinger, Jason Linneman, Kyle Thacher, and Louis Stock

*Anniversaries and Birthdays***ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH**

August 3	Wilbert and Nancy Meyer
August 7	Larry and Georgia Davis
August 9	Dennis and Gloria Stephenson
August 10	Earl and Patty Mangels David Matthew and Amber Scott
August 28	Carol and Randall Kollmeyer

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

August 1	Laci Fuhlage
August 2	William Stock
August 3	Doris Linneman Emily Moore Darren Linneman
August 4	Bobby Schnetzler
August 5	Gayle Linneman
August 8	Violet Herman
August 9	Glenda Gerhardt Caleb Moore
August 11	Melissa Frederick
August 13	Kelsey Ehlers
August 14	Karen Dierking Blake Huggins
August 17	Rachel Walk Courtney Franklin
August 19	Quincie Leeling
August 20	Steven Fornshell
August 22	Mari Loesing Billy Wells Emily Mawia
August 24	Emily Bozarth Susan Templemire Aarica Shay
August 25	Teresa Windsor
August 27	Lacey Twenter
August 38	Ashley Schnetzler Sonya Fuemmeler
August 29	Cole Shay Leah Williams Taylor Williams
August 31	Phyllis Barnes Luanna Carpenter Ashley Huber

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