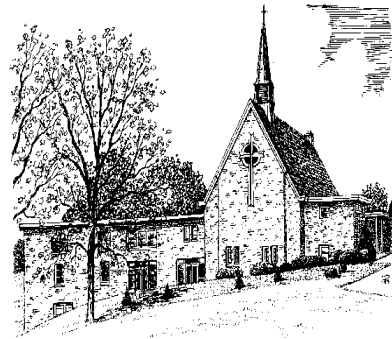


The King's Business

July, 2023

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The Pastor's Page

I don't know if Disneyland truly is the "happiest place on earth," but it certainly was a very happy place for the Ketelsen family last month. Our family makes regular pilgrimages to Disney World (in Florida) every few years, but this was the first time both Emi and I had been to Disneyland (in California), and it did not disappoint. Of course, being such Disney World 'pros', one of our top priorities was to experience all of the rides and attractions that are unique to Disneyland.

Among them was one that thoroughly surprised me. Mr. Toad's Wild Ride is one of the original Disneyland rides, built for the park opening in 1955. And while it's been polished up and improved over the years, it tells fundamentally the same story. You play the role of Mr. Toad, determined to add some excitement to your life, so you decide to go on a road-trip and find an adventure.

Except that, as it turns out, you (as Mr. Toad) are a terrible driver. You ignore every traffic sign you see and careen headlong into barns, homes, and pedestrians. When the police finally catch you, the judge promptly throws you in prison for your crimes. But you escape, continuing your foolish race through the countryside. Until you finally drive onto some train tracks, into a tunnel, and smash head-on into a train.

And here is where the ride gets really weird. Because it doesn't end there, nor does the story have you suddenly wake up and find that it was dream. No, at that point, you go into a blazing hot room, surrounded by demons and fire, with a giant Satanic figure staring down at you, laughing maniacally. For his sins, Mr. Toad goes to hell. You, the rider, go to hell.

And that's it. The ride is over. There's no happily ever after to this story. You broke the law and you suffered the consequences of the law. You sinned and you suffered the consequences of your sin. It was absolutely shocking to me. Especially coming from a company like Disney, which has completely lost its moral compass in recent years. Yes, the depiction of hell is cartoonish, but that's to be expected from a company that makes cartoons.

It's something that we just don't see in our culture anymore. There simply isn't any recognition of eternal, spiritual consequences to our actions. Although, frankly, there's barely any recognition of temporal, physical consequences to our actions, so I suppose that shouldn't surprise me.

This is one of the fundamental differences between the mindset of a Christian and the mindset of the world. Christians always have eternity in mind, in everything we do. We're always considering the spiritual implications of the things we see around us. We're always mindful of the return of Christ. We're always looking forward to the resurrection.

"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth," Paul tells us in Colossians 3:2. *"Those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit,"* he says again in Romans 8:5. *"We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal,"* he says yet again in 2 Corinthians 4:18.

Jesus makes the same point in many of His parables. Over and over again, Jesus tells parables about waiting. Servants waiting for their master to return home. Virgins waiting for the bridegroom to appear. Reapers waiting for the harvest. And each time, Jesus begins the parable by telling us, "This is what the kingdom of heaven is like." The kingdom of heaven is waiting. Waiting for Christ's return. Waiting for the last day. Waiting for God's eternal plan to be fulfilled.

We are waiting people. Waiting with minds on things above. Waiting with minds set on the things of the Spirit. Waiting with the understanding and knowledge of things unseen. Waiting for paradise.

Which is the one unfortunate thing about Mr. Toad's Wild Ride. For while it does suggest the very real end that waits for unbelievers, that end is nothing like the end that waits for those who cling to God's Son. In Christ, we do not live in fear that we will spend eternity in fire and brimstone.

No, we live in hope. The penalty for our sin has been paid. The judgement has been reversed. The transgressing has been forgiven. We live in the hope of resurrection and life eternal.

God's Blessings to You This Month
Pastor Ketelsen

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School: for age 3 – 5th grade is meeting in the Sunday School Room.

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. The Class will be on break for the summer beginning May 23rd.

Bibles and Bar-B-Q Men's Bible Discussion Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will resume on April 12th.

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.

Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Kindergarten Teachers: Stefani Ketelsen

Glenda Gerhardt

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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)

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.

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2 8-9

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

May 21, 2023

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

Opening Prayer: In Pastor Ketelsen's absence, Gene Cummins asked Craig Meyer to open with a prayer.

Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda: Gene Cummins called for any new members to sign the constitution; none present. Tim Derendinger requested to add an item to the agenda to discuss his new committee; this was added to unfinished business. Tim Derendinger moved to accept the amended agenda, Craig Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Larry Davis made a motion to approve the Congregational Assembly minutes from February 19, 2023. Earl Mangels seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: No report (Pastor absent).

President's Report: Gene Cummins reported on first quarter calculations, income vs expenses. First quarter income was approximately \$35,000 with \$7,600 to kindergarten. If that pattern continues throughout the year, that will be about \$160,000, which would be about \$35,000 short income vs expenses. If investment returns average 4%, that would result in about \$40,000 income for the general fund. Gene reported that we have lost some large donations from the passing of older members.

Vice President's Report: No report

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: Submitted report was reviewed (Kim absent).

Balances as of April 30, 2023

Citizens Bank and Trust	\$79,953.98
Citizens Bank and Trust PK Donations	35,340.69
LWML	620.70
Edward Jones 1-2	172,474.81
Edward Jones 1-6	59,102.47
Edward Jones 1-0	94,893.60
Edward Jones Guided Solutions	142,655.14
LCEF	11,265.40
LCEF Offering	5,444.31
Restricted LCEF - CD's	175,000.00
Thrivent-Credit Union	1.00
Thrivent-LS	169,747.69
School Reconciliation	(27,576.84)
Total Bank Accounts	\$918,922.95

Elder's Report:

- 1) Craig Meyer reported there was no May Elder's meeting due to low attendance.
- 2) The Wednesday Men's Bibles and BBQ would focus on revisiting children's bible stories.
- 3) Attendance at the Ascension Worship Service on May 18, 2023 was 15.
- 4) There was one funeral last month, and one baptism.
- 5) Terry Ehlers questioned the status of the elders visiting members. Craig reported it is still a work in progress.

Board of Property: Reported by Gene Cummins in Billy Mac Wells' absence.

- 1) A faucet in the bathroom needed repaired; fixtures and shutoff valves were replaced.
- 2) They are working on anchoring the loose front pews.
- 3) The playground will be sprayed now that school is out.
- 4) A stained-glass window is broken and will need repaired.
- 5) The blinds and windows in the basement will be cleaned, as well as the chairs and tables in the fellowship hall.
- 6) Craig Meyer also reported that the leak above the altar is not completely repaired; it is still leaking.
- 7) Gladys Moore questioned the quality of the roof shingles, and Larry Davis inquired about the age of the roof. Gene reported he thought it was about 15 years old.

Board of Christian Education: No report (Andrea absent).

School Board: No report (Christian absent).

Board of Stewardship and Outreach: Sharon Strough reported there are two more fifth Sundays in 2023. For July 30, there will be cookies and coffee in the narthex. For October 29, there will be a potluck dinner.

Earl Mangels made a motion to approve all board reports. Gary Naumann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Craig Meyer made a motion to approve Terry Ehlers as the voting delegate for Synod. Wilbert Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The audit report submitted by the Financial

Review Committee of Norman Lenger, Gene Cummins, and Wilbert Meyer was reviewed. Larry Davis made a motion to accept the report as submitted; Earl Mangels seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Gene reported that donations to Neighbors Helping Neighbors should be made payable to NHN, and Immanuel will forward donations to avoid processing those donations through Immanuel's financials.
4. Wilbert Meyer reported that the Financial Review Committee thinks we could donate a larger amount to Synod. Currently, we are donating 2-3%. Wilbert reported that smaller congregations are donating closer to 30%.
5. Tim Derendinger reported that his committee has met twice but they feel they are double-doing what the Board of Stewardship and Outreach does. They have failed to agree on a direction for the committee. Ideas discussed were donating 10% to District, or 5% to adopt a seminary student, or 5% to Lutheran ministry. Tim stated that he realizes no one else is on board with his ideas and wanted to move on with popular opinion. Wilbert Meyer made a motion to dissolve Tim's committee, Craig Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Craig Meyer invited Tim to the next Elder's meeting to share his ideas.

New Business: Election of officers. Kim Toellner, Andrea Thacher, Sharon Strough, Craig Meyer, Gary Naumann, and Louis Stock have all agreed to another term to their respective positions. Wilbert Meyer is stepping down as Vice President. Gene Cummins nominated Jason Linneman as the new Vice President. Norman Lenger made a motion to elect Jason Linneman as Vice President. Wilbert Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Craig Meyer to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Earl Mangels. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Closing Prayer: Gene Cummins closed the meeting asking all to join in the Lord's Prayer.

Twenty-five members were in attendance, including the following: Wilbert Meyer, Susan Templemire, Pat Lenger, Norman Lenger, Gladys Moore, Tim Derendinger, John Derendinger, Gary Naumann, Larry Davis, Georgia Davis, Diane Cummins, Craig Meyer, Luanna Carpenter, Tom Toellner, Sharron Toellner, Louis Stock, Wanda Derendinger, Lori Linneman, Darren Linneman, Earl Mangels, Randy Strough, Sharon Stough, Terry Ehlers, Gene Cummins, Don Meyer

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Linneman,
Church Council Secretary

STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH BOARD

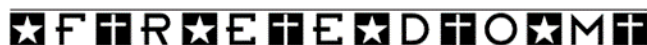
During the congregational assembly meeting on Sunday, May 25th, there was an ongoing conversation concerning how much money should be spent on Outreach concerns. First, the amount of money that is available to use in Outreach needs to be analyzed. There is a considerable amount of money that cannot be spent (our principal). The interest of the principal can be used in Outreach or to pay the bills that are not met by our Home and Missions donations. A list of LCMS-Missouri Synod organizations to receive donations can be created. Let an Elder or Pastor know your opinion of what organizations are of interest.

Another thought is to set an amount or a percentage to dedicate as a budget item. From there, allocate a percent of the budget item to local projects/missions and the remainder to Synod or to other LCMS projects.

A member cleaned the area around our sign on Bingham Road. They only eliminated those items that needed to be eliminated. The pollinators still have lots of plants to choose from.

VBS is July 24th – 28th. If you have already committed to volunteer, GREAT! This is another outreach opportunity. See the article in this newsletter for more details. Contact Pastor Ketelsen, Glenda Gerhardt, or Andrea Thacher for more information.

There have been 7 prayer request in June.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 24-28

5:30-7:30

Please come and join us for VBS. We will be going back in time to the days of knights and castles. We will be learning about the Armor of God! The evening begins at the **Opening Assembly** where we will learn really fun songs. Then we're off to four rotation sites.

Keeper of the Kingdom Lessons where our Traveling Troupes will learn about the Armor of God and Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth!

Tessa's Treats in the Town where the children will be fed a delicious, light meal.

Griffin's Games on the Green where our troupes play games as they work as teams.

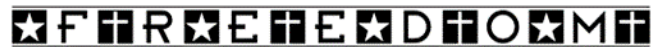
Kieran's Crafts in the Courtyard where they will make creative crafts about the Armor of God and His love for us.

After finishing the day's rotation, the troupes will head back to the closing **Assembly** for more singing and a creature feature.

To register, please go to Immanuel's Facebook page!

On behalf of the board of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, I want to thank you for your very generous donation of 181 pounds of food in March. In the first quarter of 2023, the pantry assisted an average of 264 households each month. We are very fortunate that there are so many supportive people in the community. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Jeanne M. Pascale
Board Member



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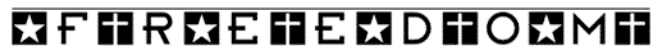
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The suggested donations in the month of July for the NHN Food Pantry is drink mixes, juice boxes, or canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken, Vienna sausages, Spam).

As always, any non-perishable canned and boxed goods are welcome. Food Pantry envelopes are available in the Narthex. **Please make checks to Neighbors Helping Neighbors.** Recently, 181 pounds of food was donated by the congregation. Thank you for your generosity.



Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS DISTRIBUTION

*Wednesday, July 5th, 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 13th, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 26th, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

*Please note the change in the day

2023 - July - 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
6/25 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Class	6/26	6/27	6/28 6:30p Bibles & BBQ Men's Group	6/29 7a Breakfast Bible Study	6/30	7/1
2 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Bible Class	3 7p Elders <i>Patty in Church Office 8a-2p</i>	4 <i>Independence Day Church Office closed</i>	5	6 7a Breakfast Bible Study	7	8
9 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Class	10 <i>Pastor out of office</i>	11 <i>Pastor out in morning</i>	12 6:30p Bibles & BBQ Men's Group	13 7a Breakfast Bible Study	14	15
16 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Bible Class	17	18 7p Council	19	20 7a Breakfast Bible Study	21	22
23 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Class	24 5:30-7:30p VBS	25 5:30-7:30p VBS	26 5:30-7:30p VBS	27 5:30-7:30p VBS No Breakfast Bible Study	28 5:30-7:30p VBS	29
30 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Class 11a- 3p Loesing Reunion in Fellowship Hall	31	8/1 7p Elders	8/2	8/3 7a Breakfast Bible Study	8/4	8/5

Those Serving the Church				
Service:	Organists:	Readers:	Elders:	Altar Guild:
7/2	Gladys Moore	Brad Toellner	Gary Naumann	Diane Cummins Stefani Ketelsen
7/9	Diane Cummins	Gary Naumann		
7/16	Diane Cummins	Julie Thacher		
7/23	Gladys Moore	Penny Cain		
7/30	Tammy Poulsen	Sharon Strough		

CHURCH STATISTICS

Date	Worship	Facebook Live/Total	Sunday School/Adult Bible Class
5 / 7	84	4/13	5/16
5/14	100	4/27	7/13
5/18	15	6/9	Ascension Day
5/21	55	NA	Voter's Assembly
5/28	41	4/9	NA/13
YTD Income including LCEF as of 5/31/2023			\$72,519.64
YTD Expenses as of 5/31/2023			\$83,240.90

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 above 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: Matthew Locke
Confirmed: None
Baptism: None
Deceased: None

JULY SCRIPTURE READERS

All services are at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

7/2 Craig Meyer
 7/9 Gary Naumann
 7/16 Julie Thacher
 7/23 Penny Cain
 7/30 Sharon Strough

If you need to change a time when you are reading, or if you would like to be added to the list of readers, please contact Craig Meyer.



ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

- July 1** Ottis and Sandra Lawson, Jr.
- July 9** Rachel and Curtis Walk
- July 11** Tyler and Melissa Frederick
- July 22** Jordan and Emily Ayers

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- July 3** Weston Fahrenbrink
- July 5** Sandy Stock
- July 7** Lori Linneman
- July 8** Sandra Lawson
Frederick Loesing
Stacey Shay
- July 9** Shain Waibel
- July 10** Courtney Payne
- July 13** Mitchell Hubbard
Amy Ivy
- July 14** Donald Meyer
- July 15** Marilyn Schwalie
- July 16** Amanda Huggins
Shance Twenter
Tret Loesing
- July 17** Brooklyn Franklin
- July 18** Marilyn Chenault
- July 19** Caleb Shay
- July 22** Angela Schrader
- July 23** Kimberly Toellner
- July 26** Wyatt Shay
- July 27** Janette Pohlman
Ted Stock
Adilynn Mathis
- July 31** Jeremiah French

*So do not fear, for I am with you;
 do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
 I will strengthen you and help you;
 I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Isaiah 41:10

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***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!