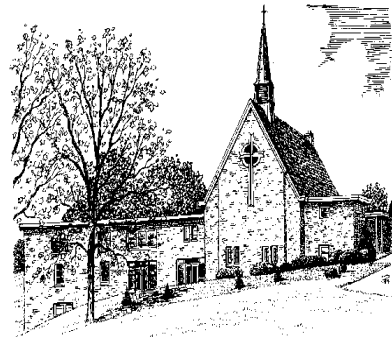


The King's Business

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The Pastor's Page

Last week, I saw the best new Disney movie I've seen in a long time. Inside Out 2 was truly a wonderful movie and one that, as a father and a pastor, I can wholeheartedly recommend. It was funny, poignant, and really quite insightful, just as its predecessor was.

If you're not familiar with the premise, both of the Inside Out movies revolve around the inner workings of the mind in a girl named Riley, where her emotions are personified as characters taking turns controlling her reactions to different events. In the first movie, Riley was 11 and dealing with the emotions of Joy, Anger, Fear, Disgust, and Sadness. In this second film, she is now 13 and struggling with the new emotions of Anxiety, Envy, Ennui, and Embarrassment.

Yet, I recently read an interview with the director of Inside Out 2, Kelsey Mann, and found that he almost included another emotion for Riley to experience: Shame. Having seen the movie now, I can definitely imagine where Shame would have fit into the plot. But Mann decided not to include Shame in the end.

His reason was that Shame "was not fun to watch... It was too heavy." That's understandable. Shame is a powerful emotion and not a cheerful one. For a kids' movie, it makes sense to leave Shame out.

On the other hand, I can't help feeling like the movie sacrificed something important through this editorial decision. Shame is a very real emotion, one that teenagers definitely experience. In fact, shame emerges in a child's life long before the age of 13.

That's because shame is a function of God's Law. As Paul writes in Romans 3, the Law does not exist to justify us, but to make aware of our sin. The Law is a mirror that reminds us of all the sinful things we have done. And the end result is that we feel guilt and shame for being less than God created us to be.

This is what Adam and Eve experienced in the Garden of Eden. They disobeyed God by eating the forbidden fruit and immediately looked at themselves and felt shame. They hadn't physically changed by eating the fruit, but they had changed spiritually. In fact, God's warning to them had been fulfilled: they spiritually died the moment they disobeyed him. And they were ashamed at what they had become.

Shame is a powerful emotion. And it is not a fun emotion to experience, especially for an unbeliever. Which, I think, may be the real reason why Kelsey Mann left Shame out of Inside Out 2. Without Christ, there is no real solution to the feeling of shame. You can hide it under a veneer of self-righteousness. Subdue it a bit through reconciliation with those you've wronged. Drown-out its voice with other voices – internal and external – that say you're a good person. But you can't really make shame go away. Not by your own power, at least.

The only one who can drive shame out of our lives is the God whose Law put shame into our lives in the first place. Only the Creator can repair his creation. Only the Author of Life can raise us from the dead – physically and spiritually.

And so, later in the book of Romans, Paul tells us with confidence, "*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.*" By faith in the work of Christ, you are set free from your sins. You are set free from death. You are set free from your shame. Shame may say you have sinned, but Christ says you have a Savior.

Kelsey Mann says he left Shame out of Inside Out 2 because it was not fun to watch and too heavy. But, really, he left Shame out because the character of Riley isn't a Christian, and Shame is an overwhelming emotion

without the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Kelsey Mann solved the problem of Shame by ignoring it. But I have a better solution to the problem of Shame: give your Shame to Jesus. Nail it to His cross. And be free from it forever.

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 for junior and senior high meets in the youth room in the sub-basement.

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

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class meets on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the large classroom on the main floor.

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.

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 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!*

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.

Remember, there is nothing too big or too small to share with your Heavenly Father!

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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)

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 18, 2024

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

Opening Prayer: Pastor Ketelsen opened the meeting with prayer.

Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda: Craig Meyer moved for acceptance of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Jason Linneman and the motion carried.

Approve Minutes of March 21 Church Council & May 19 Congregational Assembly: The minutes of the March 21

council meeting were accepted as presented. Minutes of the May 19 Congregational Assembly meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report

- a. Pastor Ketelsen reports confirmation will be held June 30 with celebration of holy communion.
- b. Pastor will take vacation the week of July 14-21; leaving after church service on the 14th. He will arrange for a pastoral fill-in for Sunday, July 21.
- c. Vacation Bible School will be held July 29 – August 2.

President's Report: No report.

Vice President's Report: No report.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report

- a. Not present. Written report submitted and reviewed.
- b. Gayle Linneman inquired about the kindergarten/preschool budget information; President Cummins advised it is separate and was not included in the council's report by the accounting firm.
- c. Craig commented that the profit/loss line item is the change in value of the investment accounts. These values are not indicative of the performance of the church budget. President Cummins commented that while it is not, that change in value could be used in budgetary needs.
- d. Gayle inquired about the donations account line item on the monthly balance sheet; this is the electronic giving program (ECH) through LCEF; Pastor reports he believes there are 8-10 members currently using the program; there will be an announcement made to remind the congregation of this service.

Elder's Report

Written report presented and discussed.

- a. Social media (Facebook) continues to be used to share information with the community.
- b. Pastor reminded officers to submit bio information to Stefani to be used in the "Ministry Monday" postings.
- c. Discussion and planning has started for the church picnic in September.
- d. Elders will meet with confirmands on the evening of June 23.

Board of Property

- a. Chair Darren Linneman reports he plans to meet with the prior Chair for an overview and status of facilities.
- b. Pastor Ketelsen reports the low water pressure has been corrected with the pressure pump installation.
- c. There was discussion of having congregational participation in church workdays for various needs around the church property.

Board of Christian Education

Not present; reported by Pastor Ketelsen.

- a. Sunday school is on summer break.
- b. Vacation Bible School planning underway.
- c. Currently there are 3 Sunday school teachers on rotation, but we could use 1 more; an announcement will be placed in the bulletin.

School Board

Gayle reports she will work on a budget.

Board of Stewardship/Outreach

Sharon Strough presented a verbal report.

- a. There will be light refreshments served following church service on June 23, 2024.
- b. There will also be a small reception with light refreshments on June 30 in celebration of the confirmands.
- c. July 15 will be the next fellowship Sunday in conjunction with commemoration of Pastor's 15th year in the ministry.

Craig moved and Jason seconded a motion to approve the board reports as presented. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business

- a. Potential renovation needs for the downstairs bathrooms were discussed.
- b. Current bathrooms are original to the church building and in need of update.
- c. Investment funds are available, but design concepts and estimates are needed to present to the Congregational Assembly.
- d. The Chair of the Board of Property will consult with janitorial staff and explore available contractors for estimates.
- e. A separate subcommittee may be established for planning and design concepts.

- f. There was also discussion about replacement of ceiling tiles throughout the church to complete the lighting upgrade project.

Announcements

None.

Adjournment

Gayle Linneman motioned to adjourn. Jason Linneman seconded, and the motion passed.

Closing Prayer

Pastor Ketelsen asked all to join in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Attendees: Pastor Ketelsen, Gene Cummins, Jason Linneman, Craig Meyer, Sharon Strough; Gayle Linneman; Darren Linneman; Tammy Meyer

Respectfully submitted,
 Tammy Meyer
 Church Council Secretary

STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH BOARD

The Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry (NHN) suggested donations list has been updated and is posted on the bulletin board. There is a Food Pantry Schedule for the suggested monthly donations posted by the donations barrel. As well as products, NHN is also requesting monetary donations or C&R gift certificates. Please continue to support this important outreach program.

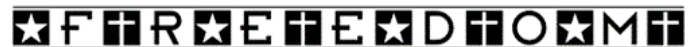
The YMCA Free Grab & Go summer youth meal program has begun. A representative from the YMCA gave a report on this program and other programs available at the Y at a recent Boonville Lions Club meeting. There are 475 youth registered for the Free Grab & Go between the Boonville and Glasgow facilities. More information about the program is available on the bulletin board.

For our recent high school graduates, who are continuing with post high school education, check with Pastor Ketelsen or the office to help you locate a local Lutheran Church to attend. Many colleges also have a Lutheran Campus Center.

If you are a recent college graduate and are moving to a new town/city for employment, you can also check with Pastor or the office to help you locate a local Lutheran church to attend.

There are updated LCMS magazines and newsletters on the narthex table and the table outside the office to help you stay current on LCMS news.

There were 6 prayer requests for May. For June, there were 3 prayer requests.



The suggested donations in the month of June for the NHN Food Pantry are drink mixes, juice boxes, or canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken, beef, Vienna sausages). 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, June 2nd, 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, June 9th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 16th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

**Please note that the distribution dates for 2024 have changed. Beginning in January, the distribution will be on the first Tuesday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the second and third Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.*



If you are interested in donating the altar flowers for the Sunday service, please check the flower chart on the door across from the lounge. There are still Sundays available in 2024. Simply sign your name and supply a phone number. The Altar Guild members for that month will contact you concerning details. Thanks!

REGARDING SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS

Beginning JULY 1, 2024, the price for regular Sunday altar flowers will be \$40 plus tax (\$20 / per vase) rather than \$35. A-Bow-K Floral, who does the arrangements, regrets this increase. However, their costs from floral suppliers and delivery costs have continually risen.

Regular Sunday flowers means A-Bow-K will use flowers they have available in the shop that week. If special arrangements are requested, the cost will be higher.

This price increase is the first in many years. It is hoped this will not deter members from donating. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Diane Cummins (660.621.1903). The Altar Guild is truly thankful and appreciative for everyone's support.



The Ten Commandments for a Worship Service

- Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God with all thy strength, with all thy mind, and with all thy might.
- Thou shalt enter the sanctuary in a reverent, prayerful attitude.
- Thou shalt breathe a prayer of blessing on God's messenger as he brings forth the word for they edification.
- Thou shalt become a part of the service joining in the singing, in the prayer time, and in scripture reading.
- Thou shalt not annoy others by whispering.
- Thou shalt not chew gum.
- Thou shalt not scribble in the hymn books, misuse them, or permit the babies or small children to use them as a toy for "pass-time"
- Thou shalt not crumble up thy church paper or bulletin.
- Thou shalt cheerfully and liberally by tithes and offerings.
- Thou shalt give earnest heed to the immutable word of God as it is preached, and make every effort to put it into practice in they own life.



VBS Dates

Monday July 29 – Friday, Aug. 2

Time

5:30 – 7:30

Join us in a world of wonder that will delight our senses while captivating our hearts and minds at The Great Jungle Journey An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation. We will cruise through jungle rivers, stopping at ports along the way. We will learn about Creation, Corruption, Confusion, Christ and the Cross and Consummation. Excitement and adventure awaits from the first minute of each day when children join in travel group at the JUNGLE JAM ASSEMBLY.

They will travel to

Rain or Shine Bible Time

Tree-mendous Science and Crafts

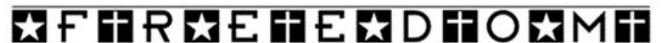
Canopy Café Snacks

Rainforest Recreation

And back to JUNGLE JAM CLOSING ASSEMBLY

Click to register at the link below:

<https://forms.gle/SawcmwGfi77PrwL8A>



Farmer's Market Benefits are available for those who are over 60 years of age and meet other qualifications. If you qualify, you will receive \$50.00 at the Farmer's Market for fresh fruits and vegetables. Applications will be taken at the Boonville Senior Center on July 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information about what to bring with you, please see the flyer on the bulletin board at the church. Call 660-882-3444 to make an appointment, although walk-ins are welcome. For other questions, call 1-800-369-5211.

MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS:

Did you know that the first 30 days on a college campus sets up habits for the whole year? There are over 16 LCMS campus ministries right here in Missouri, working hard to try and greet these new students as early as possible. However, they often don't have the contact information of new students, and it can take months for these ministries to make the first contact. This is where you can help. Students, parents, and church workers can use the Campus Ministry Network to help connect students with their college's LCMS campus ministry.

It's an easy process. Simply visit <https://www.molcms.college/>, click on the school where the student is attending, fill out the short form, and the information will be passed on directly to that campus ministry. It might only take a couple of minutes to complete a form, but helping to make that connection for a student will have a lasting impact. Thank you for helping students form their faith as they move into the next chapter of their lives!



Our Synod at a Glance

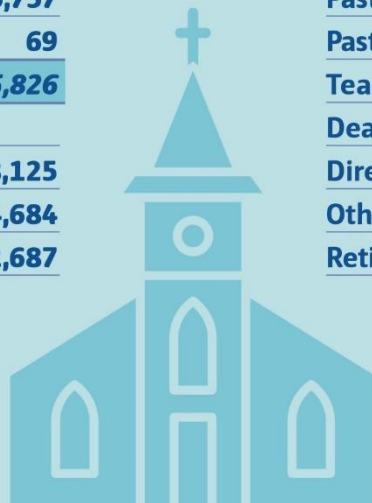
CONGREGATIONS

Continuing congregations	5,757
New church starts	69
Total	5,826

Baptized congregants	1,708,125
Confirmed congregants	1,354,684
Reported weekly attendance	522,687

CHURCH WORKERS

Pastors (Active assignment)	5,574
Pastors (Candidates for calls)	336
Teachers	5,019
Deaconesses	190
Directors of Christian Education	552
Other rostered workers	214
Retired workers, including pastors	7,492



LCMS Missionaries and Military Chaplains at a Glance

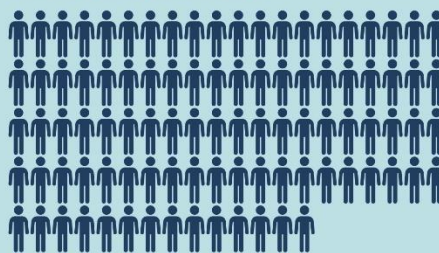
LCMS MISSIONARY TEAM

International regions	4
Missionaries (headcount)	94
Missionaries (households)	83
Alliance missionaries	19

MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES

LCMS Military Service Branch Chaplains	136
Ministry Staff	3

As of December 2023, the current force of 94 LCMS missionaries serving internationally:



EXECUTIVE STAFF



International Mission - Int'l. Center Staff w/missionary support or oversight roles.

Missionaries are shown by headcount, not households. For example, a couple comprised of an LCMS pastor and his LCMS deaconess wife are counted as two missionaries if both have calls to serve as LCMS missionaries. A couple where only one individual holds the call or appointment to serve is counted as only one missionary.



Our Synod at a Glance

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

Preschools	1,722
Elementary Schools (K-8)	736
High Schools	110
International Schools	3
Colleges/Universities	6
Seminaries	2

2024-2025 ILC OFFICERS

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