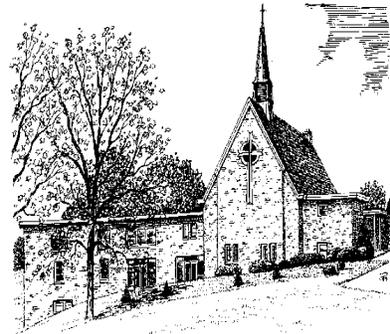


# The King's Business

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## The Pastor's Page

There's a fine line between contentment and apathy. Contentment is a good thing. Contentment is a Godly, righteous thing. Because contentment is rooted in faith. It is a reflection of your assurance in things unseen. God has given you what you need. God will always give you what you need. There is nothing to worry about. Nothing to fear. Nothing to covet.

Apathy is not a good thing. Apathy is an ungodly, sinful thing. Because apathy is rooted in selfishness. It is a reflection of your desire to serve yourself and yourself alone. God has given you what you need, therefore you don't need to care about anyone or anything else. There is nothing to be passionate about. No reason for excitement. No one to sacrifice for.

There's a fine line between contentment and apathy. And this past week I met with our elders and discussed how our congregation is treading that fine line.

Because, on the one hand, we are very content with Word and Sacrament ministry here at Immanuel. And that's a great thing. We love to study God's Word. We love to gather for worship. We love to receive the Sacrament.

Our Bible studies are as active and well-attended as I've seen since I arrived here nearly 6 years ago. Likewise, our Sunday morning attendance is healthy. Even growing. Many churches around the country are still struggling to bounce-back after pandemic restrictions. Ours is thriving. Word and Sacrament ministry should be – must be – our first priority. And I'm very, very glad to see a congregation who finds such contentment in these wonderful gifts of God.

But, I have to admit, that contentment sometimes crosses the line into apathy. Because, to be perfectly

blunt, there's very little else at Immanuel that we get passionate about. We're content to show up on Sunday morning, hear the Word, receive the Sacrament, and leave. But we're apathetic about anything else.

We're apathetic about sharing the Gospel in our community. We're apathetic about loving our neighbor in need. We're apathetic about serving others as Christ has served us. Honestly, we're a little apathetic even about selfish, self-serving things like taking care of our facility or Christian fellowship.

Is there anything at Immanuel that excites you outside of Word and Sacrament? Again, I want to emphasize, being excited about Word and Sacrament is GOOD. It is the first priority. But there can be a second, third, or fourth priority. There can be other things at your church to be passionate about. But are there?

I'd like to know your thoughts on this matter. Because it's really been weighing heavily on me. I love being your pastor. I love preaching the Word to you. Teaching you the Word. Providing you the Sacrament. These are my calling in life. But if I sit by as this congregation isolates itself from the community around us, ignores our neighbor in need, and serves only itself... well, then I've become just as apathetic as the rest of the church. And that's a recipe for disaster

So talk to me. Tell me what excites you. Inspires you. Makes you passionate about your Savior, your church, and your faith. Let's find contentment without apathy. Let's do the work of God's Kingdom and Christ's disciples in all their fullness and grace.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- Pastor Ketelsen

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Preschool Teacher Assistant: Deborah Burgess

Kindergarten Teachers: Stefani Ketelsen

Glenda Gerhardt

Office Manager: Patty Mangels

Custodians: Cora Linneman/Marvin Earley

Production/Distribution of Newsletter: Patty Mangels

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. - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

*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, 882-2208 with your current information.*

**Copies of sermons are available.** If you missed a service, or just loved one immensely, copies are available on our church website, [ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church](http://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.

## BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School: for age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade is now meeting in the kindergarten room. They are still looking for more teachers.

Youth Class is for junior and senior high. They are taking a break for the summer

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 after the May 17<sup>th</sup> class.

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!*

## *Change in time of Sunday Worship*

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, The Voters' Assembly approved the return to one service at 9:00 a.m. with Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:15 a.m.

***Please plan on worshipping at 9:00 a.m. beginning on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.***

## CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

**March 20, 2022**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Ketelsen opened with prayer.

**Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda:** Wilbert Meyer made a motion to accept the agenda with an addition to the New Business of a Vote on the one vs. two services on Sunday mornings. This motion was seconded by Earl Mangels. Kathy Loerzel also added to Agenda a discussion of donation for gifts to high school graduates from the Ministerial Alliance. Gary Naumann made a motion to add this to the agenda and that was seconded by Louis Stock.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion by Gary Naumann to approve the minutes from Nov. 21, 2021 Congregational Assembly Meeting. This motion was seconded by Wilbert Meyer. The motion passed.

**Pastor's Verbal Report.** Pastor stated the Lenten season continues, the Wednesday night services are continuing with a nice attendance and the dinners are being held prior. Dinner at 5:30pm, service 6:30pm on Wednesday evenings. Confirmation is on track for the first Sunday in June, on Pentecost.

**President's Report:** No report.

**Vice President's Report:** No report.

**Secretary's Report:** No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kim Toellner not present report presented, balances below.

Balances as of January 31, 2022

Citizens Bank and Trust	65,749.07
Citizens Bank and Trust PK Donations	43,276.89
Edward Jones 2	253,144.42
Edward Jones Guided Solutions	134,385.72
LCEF	15,462.33
LCEF Offering (ACH- electronic funds)	1,692.13
Restricted LCEF - CD's	<u>175,000.00</u>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b><u>\$688,710.56</u></b>

Good Samaritans Fund	\$2,230.57
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**Elders' Report:** Craig Meyer presented the typed report of March 1, 2022. He stated Harper Ayers was baptized on Feb. 27, 2022. A campaign for the Military Bible Sticks is underway. The Tri-Parish of Trinity - Clarks Fork, Immanuel Lutheran- Jamestown, and Immanuel Lutheran Pleasant Grove have begun the call process. Pastor Herman has retired. Good Shepherd in Centralia has been without a full time Pastor for 5 years. They will be working with Campus Lutheran in order to fill that vacancy. The Elders have determined they will return to 5 Elders instead of the 6. The ropes on the pews will be removed for April 3 and future services, except for 2nd and 4th pews in the back.

**Board of Property Report** - Billy not present - Bart's Electric has fixed the organ lights and eternal flame light. Steve's Pest control renewed annual contract, Specialist Mechanical has made some adjustments. Nolte Plumbing fixed a bathroom issue. A thank you extended to Craig Meyer for the cold/ hot water and drain working in the sacristy. The elevator phone line has been corrected. The fee was increased with the phone/internet system.

**Board of Christian Education:** Andrea Thacher stated that Glenda Gerhardt and herself have been working on VBS. It is scheduled for July.

**School Board:** Christian Stock was present he stated their last school board meeting they discussed the number of students attending our school. The MWF classes are full, for the fall 2022/2023 school year. The T TH classes have 11 students, and the kindergarten has 4 students and possibly 2 more that are unsure at this time. A member has donated \$500 so the school can advertise in the community.

**Board of Stewardship/Outreach:** In February there were nine prayers requests and so far in March there were three. Keep them informed if you have graduates, including college graduates. There will be an Easter Breakfast and a fifth Sunday Fellowship in May.

**Approval of Officers and Boards' reports:** Craig Meyer made a motion to approve/accept all Officers and Boards' reports. Earl Mangels seconded this motion and the motion passed.

**Unfinished and New Business:**

Election of officers fast approaching. Open offices include the President, Secretary, Board of Property Chair, School Board Chair and three Elders. Anyone interested in these positions please prayerfully consider and contact Gene Cummins or Craig Meyer, with any interest or questions. The election will be held at the May Congregational Assembly Meeting.

A committee consisting of Pastor Ketelsen, Craig Meyer and the church office secretary (Patty Mangels), will be looking into a new phone system.

**Financial Review Committee 2021 Report** - Wilbert Meyer discussed in detail the report. There were seven recommendations made (see 2021 Financial Review dated 02/07/2022 for details). The committee members consisted of Wilbert Meyer, Tom Toellner, Gene Cummins, and Christian Stock. A gracious thank you was extended to Glenda Gerhardt and Kim Toellner for all of their assistance.

Terry Ehlers contributed a reminder that the Church agreed to maintain the Kindergarten when it first was established. Larry Davis discussed making the school a mission for our congregation. Tom Toellner mentioned that there have been a lot of changes in expenses over the years such as part time teachers to full time teachers with benefits. Glenda Gerhardt stated the preschoolers will be singing in church for the first time in two years.

Craig Meyer made a motion to accept the Committee's report and that was seconded by Earl Mangels. Motion passed.

Volunteers for an electronic sign committee included Christian Stock, Diane Cummins and Gary Naumann. The sign would be for the church lawn. This committee will gather information and review this option.

Discussion of the change in service time proceeded. After much discussion a vote was taken to have one service on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. There was a motion by Gary Naumann to change to one service on Sunday Mornings at 9:00am, this was seconded by Craig Meyer. After much discussion there was a ballot vote taken for one service and there were 13 for one service and 8 for two services. The motion passed for one service starting the first Sunday in April at 9:00am.

Kathy Loerzel requested donation for the Ministerial Alliance to give the high school graduates a gift. It was suggested the Stewardship /Outreach Committee discuss this and they could take that out of their budget. It was then suggested that Patty Mangels mention it in the bulletin, for donations.

**Adjournment:** Earl Mangels made a motion to adjourn, and that was seconded by Christian Stock. Motion passed.

**Attendees:** Earl W. Mangels, Randy Strough, Sharon Strough, Terry Ehlers, Kathy Loerzel, Sharron Toellner, Tom Toellner, Wilbert Meyer, Don Meyer, Gene Cummins, Wanda Derendinger, Josh Derendinger, Tim Derendinger, Glenda Gerhardt, Diane Cummins,

**Christian Stock, Gary Naumann, Andrea Thacher, Larry Davis, Georgia Davis, Pastor Joshua Ketelsen, Craig Meyer, Tammy Meyer, Susan Templemire, Louis Stock**

**Closing Prayer:** All joined in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Susan Templemire, Secretary

## KEEPING UP WITH KINDERGARTEN

We have two weeks of school this month, then we send these scholars onto first grade. They worked hard. They truly became friends with zero quarrels. Which is quite the feat with just four of them. What a blessing it has been to get to know them and love them.

Thank you for all of your support this school year. The prayers and encouragement meant so much to us.

In HIS Service,  
Stefani Ketelsen  
and  
Glenda Gerhardt

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

There is no Preschool article for May. The last day of school will be Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the June newsletter for the school wrap-up article.



## MAY SCRIPTURE READERS

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

5/1 Brenden Meyer  
5/8 Craig Meyer  
5/15 Christian Stock  
5/22 Gary Naumann  
5/29 Julie Thacher

If you needed 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.

## STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH BOARD

The Lenten Services and Easter Services were well attended. The Midweek Services, Maundy Thursday Service, and Good Friday Service were well attended with an average of 28 at each service. On Palm Sunday the Monday-Wednesday-Friday preschool and the kindergarten students sang, and there was a total attendance of 154. There was a total of 143 attending at the Easter services. It was nice to see the church sanctuary so full.

The kitchen and Fellowship Hall were frequently used during the last few months. Please remember to leave the kitchen clean, and to take leftover items with you. If you leave something in the refrigerator, please mark the date. Markers are in the drawer under the coffee maker so that when the refrigerator is cleaned out it will be clear whether something should be kept or thrown out.

Our volunteers have done an amazing job in the months of March and April with the Lenten Soup Suppers, the funeral dinner, and the Easter breakfast. Thank you to all who helped.

Graduation season is upon us. Please let Patty in the church office know of any high school or college graduates you have so they can be recognized.

There was a request for coffee cans for flowers. You read and heard the need. Like manna from heaven they appeared. Thank you for the response.

During March we had 3 prayer requests for the prayer chain. As of April 15, we have had 5 requests.



The suggested donations in the month of May for the NHN Food Pantry paper products. As always, any non-perishable canned and boxed goods or cash donations are welcome. Food Pantry envelopes are available in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

## NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS DISTRIBUTION

Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.*



## Faith Comes By Hearing

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generosity toward Faith Comes By Hearing. Each investment enables people all over the world to hear God speak in their language, including our military and veterans. Your gift of \$484.00 will be used for Vision 2033: to record and freely provide God's Word in every language that needs it.

God's Word never returns void. Faith Comes By Hearing is celebrating 50 years of Ministry and Scripture recorded in more than 1,600 languages and Gospel Films in more than 1,130.

We thank God for you, just as Paul did for the Thessalonian church: *"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers."* – 1 Thessalonians 1:2.

Your Servant in Christ,

Morgan Jackson

Senior Vice President



## The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod would like to thank Immanuel Lutheran Church for their generous donation of \$1,260.00 for *Support for Displace Ukrainians*. Without you the LCMS would be less than it can be, impacting far fewer lives. But with and through you, God is performing marvelous deeds to make life-long disciples of all people! - Pastor Matthew C. Harrison, President, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

2022 - May - 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 8am & 10:30 am Worship/HC 9:15am Sunday School & Bible Class 11:30am Confirmation	2	3 1pm Ladies Bible Study 7pm Elders <i>Pastor to Circuit Meeting</i>	4	5 7am Breakfast Bible Study <i>Pastor out of office in morning</i>	6	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9am Worship 10:15am Sunday School & Bible Class No Confirmation	9 <i>Mad Science Day</i>	10 1pm Ladies Bible Study 6-7:30 pm Church Alliance Mtg. (Kathy Loerzel) <i>Mad Science Day</i>	11 <i>Water Play Day</i> <i>Last Day of School</i> 6:30pm MWF <i>Preschool Graduation</i>	12 7am Breakfast Bible Study 9am Kindergarten <i>Graduation</i> 10am School <i>Picnic</i>	13	14
15 9am Worship/HC 10:15am Sunday School & Bible Class 11:30 Voters' Assembly Confirmation after Assembly	16	17 1pm Ladies Bible Study	18	19 7am Breakfast Bible Study	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21
22 9am Worship 10:15am Sunday School & Bible Class 11:30am Confirmation	23	24	25	26 7am Breakfast Bible Study	27	28
29 9am Worship 10:15am Fellowship Breakfast 11:30am Confirmation	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	31	6/1	6/2 7am Breakfast Bible Study	6/3	6/4

Those Serving the Church in May				
Service:	Organists:	Readers:	Elders:	Altar Guild:
5/1	Gladys Moore	Brenden Meyer	9:00 a.m. - Tim Fahrenbrink and Louis Stock	Sharon Thoma
5/8	Diane Cummins	Craig Meyer		
5/15	Gladys Moore	Christian Stock		
5/22	Gladys Moore	Gary Naumann		
5/29	Diane Cummins	Julie Thacher		

**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Date	Worship	Facebook Live/Total	Sunday School/Youth/ Bible Class
3 / 2	32	4/9	NA – Ash Wednesday
3 / 6	39/34	6/14	4/0/14
3 / 9	24	2/2	NA – Lenten Midweek
3/13	35/28	9/17	4/0/8
3/16	19	2/3	NA – Lenten Midweek
3/20	42/38	3/7	4/0/11
3/23	15	5/4	NA – Lenten Midweek
3/27	44/34	9/16	3/0/13
3/30	26	5/5	NA – Lenten Midweek
YTD Income as of 3/31/2022		\$49,575.12	
YTD Expenses as of 3/31/2022		\$50,267.01	

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:**

**Candlelight Lodge** - Betty Niebruegge  
1406 Bus. Loop 70W, #105, Columbia, MO 65202

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

**Transfer out:** None  
**Transfer in:** None  
**Confirmed:** None  
**Baptism:** None  
**Deceased:** Lois Shaw



**ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH**

**May 19** Thomas and Gina Loesing  
**May 25** Jimmy and Ginger Gholson  
**May 29** Jimmy and Vina Gerhardt  
**May 315** Darrel and Charleen Leutung



**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

**May 1** Jimmy Gerhardt  
Adelynn Williams  
**May 4** Kelly Derendinger  
**May 5** Amber Scott  
**May 6** Gabriel Frederick  
**May 8** Kenneth Bittner  
Early Loesing  
Mark Friedrich  
**May 9** Ashleigh Maggard  
Lillie Schnell  
**May 12** Gaven Linneman  
**May 13** Larry Davis  
**May 14** Thomas DeWall  
**May 15** Allison McGuire  
**May 16** Gary Naumann  
**May 19** Benjamin Meyers  
**May 23** Kent Peterson  
**May 24** Nicholas Fuemmeler  
**May 25** Brandon Williams  
Ryan Toellner  
Dierks Franklin-Scott  
**May 26** Amanda Naumann  
Sharon Doler  
Joshua French  
**May 30** Suzanne Mathis  
Wanda Derendinger

*All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!*

*Psalm 145:10*

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