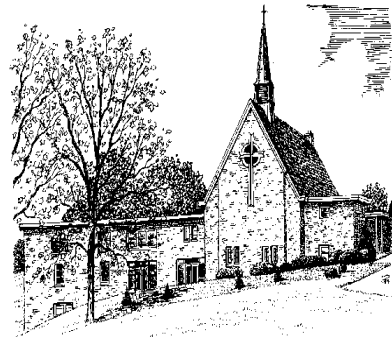


# The King's Business

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## The Pastor's Page

This month, we as a congregation do something that we do every May: we elect officers. The election of officers is a tedious, but necessary task. A task made all the more difficult because, at least in recent years, members of the congregation haven't exactly been falling over themselves to volunteer for leadership positions. Vice-President Jason Linneman has been in charge of the task and it looks like we'll have at least one willing candidate for every open office. But it hasn't been easy and I greatly appreciate his work.

Why is it so hard to find nominees for these positions? Well, being a church officer is neither easy, nor prestigious. The tasks vary, but they all require setting aside time to do something without pay or recognition. I've been told that, in years past, being in church leadership was something that was looked upon with a certain respect and honor in the community. I don't know if that's true – if it was, it was before my time – but now, it is looked upon with apathy and indifference.

Simply put, it's a sacrifice without obvious earthly reward. And I really can't sugarcoat that fact. Is there a chance that serving in church leadership will produce an observable growth or improvement in our congregation? Sure. Is it possible that you would come away from your time serving on the church council with joy, satisfaction, and strengthening of your faith? Absolutely.

But it's also possible that you will begin and end your term of office with no measurable difference in the congregation at all. That you will be exhausted and exasperated by your service. Sorry, but that's the truth.

Yet, as I said, the election of officers is a necessary task. And it always has been. In Acts 6:1-6, we see the closest thing the New Testament can offer us to the development of lay leadership in a congregation. The church in Jerusalem was growing by leaps and bounds. Thousands were being baptized and brought to faith in Christ. It was an exciting time.

But it was also tiring work for the apostles. All the more so because they weren't just preaching sermons and leading the people in prayer and worship. They were trying to demonstrate their love for their neighbor in both word and deed. To that end, they began a ministry of distributing food to the widows of Jerusalem. A sort of food pantry or soup kitchen for the poorest in their community.

Which is a great ministry. Our own community food pantry – Neighbors Helping Neighbors – does very similar work and we support them as much as we can. But it was time consuming for the apostles.

It required collecting money to fund the ministry, accounting for its income and expenditures: the work of a Treasurer and Board of Stewardship. Going to the market to buy the food and bring to a distribution location: the work of a Board of Outreach. Preparing facilities and setting up tables to distribute the food they had purchased: the work of a Board of Property. And, of course, the issue that caused the conflict in Acts 6 in the first place, having leaders to make sure everything is done fairly and efficiently, without bias or neglect: the work of a President and Vice-President and Elders.

The deacons of Acts 6 were very much a Church Council. And their appointment by the apostles was

meant to recognize them as wise, trustworthy men in the congregation. They are described as "men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom."

Yet, what happens to one of those men almost immediately after he is chosen? He is seized by the Jewish authorities and stoned to death. Being a leader in the Jerusalem congregation may have been important and necessary for the church, but it was not a position that the world looked upon with any respect or honor.

And so we need to view our own lay leadership positions in the same way. You don't serve as a church officer for your own personal benefit. You serve for the good of the church and the needs of the people in that church. You serve because I need to focus on devoting myself to "prayer and to the ministry of the Word," but the church still needs people to "serve tables," as Peter says. You serve because someone has to do it, so why not you?

And for those who aren't serving as a leader at this exact moment, I ask this: make life as easy as you can for those who are. When they ask for help, help them. When they need advice, advise them. When they lead, follow. And maybe, every once in a while, say thank you.

God's Blessings to You This Month,  
Pastor Ketelsen

## BIBLE STUDY

**Sunday School:** for age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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. – 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)

## *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](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.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

We cannot believe it is the end of the year. We have enjoyed learning with all our friends.

We had a fantastic time with our Grandparents and adults for Grandparent Trike Days. We raced on trikes, while blindfolded, dressing-up, weaving in and out of cones, riding two on a trike, relay race and holding an egg on a spoon. It was all sorts of fun.

Pastor is talking to us about the Lord's Prayer and it's a prayer we still say today. We say the Lord's Prayer with Pastor Ketelsen instead of repeating the prayer after Pastor says a line.

Miss Gerhardt has finished the Little Lambs chapel time. Our last lesson was about Pentecost. In the story there was wind that people heard but didn't feel, fire on the disciples' heads which didn't hurt them and also the disciples could spread God's Word in different languages, so that everyone could hear and understand in their own language.

Our last week of school we will have fun days. On Science day we will make Silky Soft Playdoh, Cloud Dough, Galaxy Slime and Magic Snow. During Water Day we will all get wet. The last day of school will be spent at Harley Park having a picnic and playing with all our friends. In the middle of the last week of school, the MWF class will graduate. It is going to be a busy May.

### END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

**May 6 & 7 – Science Days**

**May 8 & 9 – Water Days**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> – MWF Graduation**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> – Picnic at Harley Park  
for both classes.**



## KEEPING UP WITH KINDERGARTEN

By the time you read this we will have a little less than a week of school left. Which is wild! Watching these children grow and learn has been a great blessing.

In April, we were able to view the partial solar eclipse. The kids thought it was pretty neat. The rest of the month was business as usual. We finished the curriculum on the last day of April. We will spend the first few days in May reviewing. The last week of school will be full of special activities.

Thank you for all of your support this school year.

In HIS Service,  
The Kindergarten Team



## STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH BOARD

Immanuel Lutheran Church participated in the district SHINE! Project on Saturday April 20, 2024 and completed three tasks in the Boonslick area. 17 youth and adults met in our Fellowship Hall in the morning. Pastor Ketelsen opened with prayer, then everyone departed to accomplish our mission.

Two yards were prepared for the season. One in Howard county and one in Cooper county. Our third task was to rake and weed eat at Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN), our local food pantry. Immanuel is very involved with our pantry, by helping drive the truck to the Columbia area food bank, unloading, helping distribute the inventory, serving on the board, and assist on distribution days as needed. In addition to this manual labor we contribute financially on an individual basis and have a barrel in the Narthex for shelf-stable food donations. The day was concluded with a closing prayer by Pastor Ketelsen.

**Summer Grab and Go is back at Heartland YMCA.**

The Y will be offering Grab and Go Meals between May 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>. To be eligible a child must be of school age and a parent/guardian must complete the simple enrollment. Once registered, the following week you may begin arriving during our Thursday evening pick up time of 4-6 pm. We make it simple. Just drive up to the concession stand behind the YMCA and staff will bring the food to your vehicle. Enrollment forms become available at the Y Welcome Desk as of Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information, or call the Y at 660-882-8500. \*We are an equal opportunity provider.



The suggested donations in the month of May for the NHN Food Pantry is paper products. 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.** Thank you for your generosity.

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS DISTRIBUTION**

- Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.*

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the \$1,090.00 and 29 pounds of food donated in November, 2023. Neighbors Helping Neighbors experienced a 14% increase in families in 2023 compared to 2022. The cost of food basics has increased greatly in the last few years and keeps going up. We appreciate your continued generosity in support of families in the Boonslick area.

Sincerely, Jeanne Pascale, Board Member



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!



Dear Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for sharing God's Word in audio. Your congregation's gift of \$270.00 makes a vital difference. Bible listening heals and comforts in trying times. As we partner, Vision 2033 – to record and freely provide God's Word for every language that needs it – progresses.

The hope found in Christ spreads as more people obtain an Audio Bible in a language and format they can use. A Bible listener in Zambia heard God's Word in his heart language for the first time and shared with us, "Because I can understand what God wants when I listen to Scripture, I now know how to live in agreement with Him."

Your partnership in Vision 2033 is a blessing. Because of you, we have recorded Scripture in more than 2,000 languages. Together, we press on until everyone can hear God speak their language.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Morgan Jackson  
Senior Vice President  
Faith Come By Hearing



*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](mailto:Immanuel.Boonville@gmail.com) or at 660-882-2208, Option 1 with your current information. Thank you.*

LSMS Family Ministry has made a Family Devotions Calendar available for free at:  
<https://resources.lcms.org/general/family-devotions-calendar/>

This customizable family devotions calendar, along with flashcards for practicing memory work, was designed by LCMS Family Ministry to help families spend time together in the Word and in prayer.

Each month focuses on different Scripture memory work. Each day of the week also has its own particular focus; for example, on Mondays, pray the Lord's Prayer and learn the creeds, on Tuesday practice reciting the Ten Commandments, and so on.

The memory work is intended to be recited each day and even multiple times per day ... think in the car, while brushing teeth and especially during devotion time! The prayers can be led by the head of the household, or each family member can take turns praying out loud. This is a great opportunity for children to learn the model for prayer and the reverence of prayer.

LCMS Family Ministry is here to support and encourage you as you pass down the faith to the next generation. Whatever the age or stage of your family may be, spending time together in the Word and in prayer will keep your family firmly rooted and grounded in the One who never changes (Heb. 13:8).



### *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
 All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 What a privilege to carry  
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
 Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
 All because we do not carry  
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?  
 Is there trouble anywhere?  
 We should never be discouraged—  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Can we find a friend so faithful  
 Who will all our sorrows share?  
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.

- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
 Cumbered with a load of care?  
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

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“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”  
 (Gen. 1:27)

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” (Gen. 2:24)

We see in Genesis that when our Triune God created mankind, it was very good. He created man and woman as two complementary beings in His image to not only be stewards of the earth, but to “be fruitful and multiply” as man and woman, just as He intended (Gen. 1:28). After the fall, God's created design was completely infected with brokenness. While we rejoice in God's plan of salvation, we understand that things are still not how they should be. Society's understanding of gender, sexuality and identity, which is contrary to God's Word, is one prevalent area where we see this brokenness. It is pressing to respond to our culture's constantly-changing identity movement in a Godly and confessional way, speaking the truth in love.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Office of National Mission and the Created Male and Female Task Force have developed the following resources to catechize people of all ages, especially youth and children, with what Scripture teaches on the topics of sexuality and gender. These resources also treat how Christians should understand our identity in Christ, and equip Christians to confess the Biblical truths of God's creation and redemption of humanity.

These resources are available at:  
<https://lcmslife.org/created-male-and-female/>

2024 - May - 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
4/28 9a Worship 10:15 a Bible Study & Sunday School	4/29	4/30 1p Ladies Bible Study	5/1	5/2 7a Breakfast Bible Study	5/3	5/4
5 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Bible Class & Sunday School	6 <i>Science Day</i>	7 <i>Pastor to Circuit Meeting</i> 1p Ladies Bible Study 7p Elders <i>Science Day</i> 7:00p <i>Preschool Graduation</i>	8 <i>6p Kindergarten Graduation</i> <i>Water Day</i>	9 7a Breakfast Bible Study <i>Water Day</i> 6:30p Ascension Day Service	10 <i>10:30a End of Year Picnic at Harley Park</i>	11
12 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Class & Sunday School	13 <i>Teachers' Work Day</i>	14 1p Ladies Bible Study <i>Teachers' Work Day</i>	15 6:30p Bibles & BBQ Men's Group <i>Teachers' Work Day</i>	16 7a Breakfast Bible Study	17	18
19 <i>Pentecost</i> 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Voters' Assembly	20	21 1p Ladies Bible Study	24	23 7a Breakfast Bible Study	24	25
26 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Study & Sunday School	27 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	28	29 6:30p Bibles & BBQ Men's Group	30 7a Breakfast Bible Study	1/31	6/1

Those Serving the Church				
Service:	Organists:	Readers:	Elders:	Altar Guild:
5/5	Tammy Poulsen	Christian Stock	Gary Naumann	Stefani Ketelsen Carol Norman
5/9 Ascension Day	Diane Cummins	Craig Meyer		
5/12	Tammy Poulsen	Gary Naumann		
5/19	Diane Cummins	Julie Thacher		
5/26	Gladys Moore	Penny Cain		

*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.*  
Colossians 4:2

**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Date	Worship	Facebook Live/Total	Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class
3 / 3	72	8/15	3/7/16
3 / 6	19	N/A	Lenten Midweek
3/10	65	4/10	4/7/13
3/13	29	0/0	Lenten Midweek
3/17	96	15/34	NA/0/15
3/20	26	1/3	Lenten Midweek
3/24	148	N/A	6/NA/NA
3/28	33	1/12	Maundy Thursday
3/29	48	7/19	Good Friday
3/31	100	7/21	Easter Sunrise
3/31	26	N/A	Easter Festival
YTD Income including LCEF as of 3/31/2024			\$41,339.39
YTD Expenses as of 3/31/2024			\$50,902.83

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:** None  
**Reaffirmed:** None  
**Confirmed:** None  
**Baptism:** None  
**Deceased:** None

**MAY SCRIPTURE READERS**

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

5/5 Christian Stock  
5/9 Craig Meyer  
5/12 Gary Naumann  
5/19 Julie Thacher  
5/26 Gladys Moore



**ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH**

**May 19** Thomas and Gina Loesing  
**May 25** Jimmy and Ginger Gholson  
**May 29** Jimmy and Vina Gerhardt  
**May 31** 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  
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

*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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**DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATE IN YOUR FAMILY?**

*If you have a graduate in your family, please let Patty know so they can be acknowledged in the June Newsletter, as well as in the bulletin.*