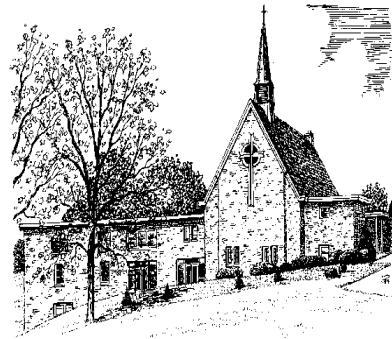


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## The Pastor's Page

When most people in the church think about Easter, they picture a single day filled with lilies, colorful eggs, and shouts of "Christ is risen!" Churches are filled with people in their finest clothes. Families gather for meals. It is a joyful celebration, as it should be.

Yet, for the Church, Easter is not merely a day. It is a season. In fact, Easter is the very heart of our life together as Christians. It is not only a celebration that extends for fifty full days, but a celebration that shapes every Sunday of the entire year.

Unfortunately, that's not how we always treat Easter. Easter is often treated like Christmas (which also tends to get cheated out of its full season): once the festivities are over, life returns to normal. Decorations are packed away. Attention shifts to the next item on the calendar.

But, for the Church, Easter is not something we move past. It is the continual reality that defines who we are. Christ's resurrection from the dead is not only the central event of history. It is the source of our faith, our hope, and our eternal life. As St. Paul says, *"If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17).*

But Christ has been raised. Death has been conquered. Sin has been defeated. The devil has been overthrown. And this victory is too great to be confined to a single morning!

That is why the Church celebrates Easter as a full season. The Easter season lasts for seven weeks, culminating in the Feast of Pentecost. During these weeks, the Church continues to gather around the risen Lord in Word and Sacrament. We continue to sing the Easter hymns, hear the resurrection appearances of Jesus, and receive His peace through the forgiveness of sins. We continue to rejoice that Christ, once crucified for our transgressions, now lives and reigns for all eternity. Each Sunday in the Easter season is like another little Easter, another day of resurrection joy.

But even beyond these seven weeks, every Sunday throughout the year is a "little Easter." A celebration of Christ's victory over death. That is why Christians worship on Sunday rather than Saturday, and have since the days of the early church. Already in the book of Acts, St Luke writes, *"On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread..." (Acts 20:7).* For those first Christians, Sunday almost immediately became the day that the Church met to hear the Word, receive the Sacrament, and celebrate the risen Christ.

Easter, therefore, is not a single holiday we remember once a year. It is the ongoing reality in which we live. We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. We daily die to sin and rise to newness of life through repentance and forgiveness. We live every day in the sure hope that because Christ lives, we too shall live.

This is a great comfort to us in a world still full of death, sorrow, and suffering. When troubles come, when grief overwhelms us, when death casts its long shadow over our lives, we are not left without hope. Christ has already entered into death for us and shattered its power. The empty tomb stands as a promise that those who trust in Him will not remain in the grave. As Jesus Himself says, *"Because I live, you also will live" (John 14:19).*

So how can we, as Christians, keep the Easter season? First and foremost, by continuing to gather around Christ's gifts each Sunday. By hearing His Word, receiving His Body and Blood, and singing with joy the hymns of resurrection. By remembering daily in our prayers and devotions that we are the redeemed children of the risen Lord. By living in the freedom and hope that the resurrection brings. Not being enslaved to sin, not living in fear of death, but walking in the new life given to us by grace.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! These words are not only for Easter morning. They are for every

day of our lives. In the Church, Easter never really ends, because Christ's victory never ends. His resurrection is not just an event we remember; it is the reality in which we now live, and the glory that we shall one day see with our own eyes.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!  
- 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](mailto:Immanuel.Boonville@gmail.com) or at 660-882-2208, Option 1 with your current information. Thank you.*

### **Office Hours**

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

### **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.

### **Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Preschool Teacher Assistant:** Trina Derendinger

**Kindergarten Teachers:** Stefani Ketelsen

Glenda Gerhardt

**Office Manager:** Patty Mangels

**Custodians:** Cora Linneman/Doug Thoma

**Production/Distribution of Newsletter:** Patty Mangels

**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. - 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)

### **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.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING****April 15, 2025**

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

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

**Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda:** Gayle Linneman requests to add the school budget to the agenda and the meeting proceeded with the amendment.

**Approve Minutes of March 18, 2025:** Jason Linneman motions to approve the minutes of March 18; Craig Meyer seconds the motion. The motion carries.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Ketelsen presents a verbal report:

- a. He will be on vacation from May 17 – May 25 and has secured substitutes for the May 18 and 25 services.
- b. He is still working on a new member class.

**Reports of Officers:**

- a. **President's Report:** No report.
- b. **Vice President's Report:** No report.
- c. **Secretary's Report:** No report.
- d. **Treasurer's Report:** Not present; no report.
- e. **Elder's Report:** Craig Meyer reports there are ongoing discussions about Elder nominations.
- f. **Property:** Not present; no report.
- g. **Board of Christian Education/LYF:** Chair Andrea Thatcher reports May 18 will be the last Sunday school session before summer break. She continues to work on vacation bible school planning.
- h. **School Board:** Chair Gayle Linneman presents a verbal report and a proposed school budget. After review and discussion, Jason motions to

approve the budget for presentation to the Congregational Assembly. Sharon Strough seconds the motion, and it carries.

- i. **Board of Stewardship/Outreach:** Chair Sharon Strough gives an update on the preparations for the Easter breakfast.

**Unfinished Business**

- a. **Election of Officers in May:** Open positions and nominations are discussed. Jason reports difficulty finding candidates for all positions.
- b. **Review of downstairs bathroom remodel:** A bid was received from Signature Construction. The bid proposal and scope of work are discussed. Additional bids will be obtained.

**New Business:**

- a. **Playground material:** Council members toured the playground with Stefani Ketelsen, and she pointed out concerns with the current surface and containment materials. Estimates for replacing the surface material with rubber mulch were reviewed and discussed. The topic will be added to the next Congregational Assembly meeting for discussion.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:** Craig motions to adjourn and Sharon seconds the motion. The motion carries.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor asked everyone to join in praying the Lord's Prayer.

**Attendees:** Pastor Ketelsen; Jason Linneman; Craig Meyer; Kim Toellner; Sharon Strough; Andrea Thacher; Tammy Meyer

Respectfully submitted,  
Tammy Meyer  
Church Council Secretary

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

I cannot believe it is the end of the school year. We have had so much fun this year learning about our alphabet, numbers, opposites, lining up, playing well with all our friends, going to chapel and learning how much God loves us.

Most of all, we have learned that we are all children of God and He takes care of us. God created a whole world just for us. Then God sent His only Son, Jesus to die for our sins. Then Jesus rose and went back to Heaven and sent us the Holy Spirit to equip and lead us every day.

We had a very busy April. We had an Easter party where we shared treats with our friends and our parents got to join in. Then we had grandparent trike day and all of us had our grandparent or parents to help us race. It was a very fun day and we got lots of medals. Now we are getting ready for our Science Day, Water Day, Graduation and End of the year Picnic. We are going to miss our friends and teachers and Pastor Ketelsen.

Thank you so much for providing this school for us. Thank you for your love, prayers and support.

### Upcoming Dates in May

5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Science Day

7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Water Day

8<sup>th</sup> MWF Preschool Graduation

9<sup>th</sup> End of the year picnic

## KEEPING UP WITH KINDERGARTEN

The end of the school year is here. It feels like just last week we were working on short vowel sounds and stumbling through words like cat and sun. Now we are reading books.

The kindergarten class went on their very first field trip. We were able to go to the Morrison Observatory on the campus of Central Methodist University. The kids enjoyed getting out of the classroom.

It seems every year we become this little family no matter what kids join our class. It helped that this year half the class is literally family. Watching kindergarteners learn and grow throughout the year never gets old.

What God does with this ministry never gets old. I'm not sure we will ever truly know the seeds of faith the Lord has planted in these young people. What we do know is if we keep God at the center of this ministry, it will be just fine.

In HIS Service,  
The Kindergarten Team

## STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH BOARD

On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, the SHINE! team tried to provide the outreach on their list. The weather was not cooperative, so some of the projects were accomplished later on in the month. The cookies that were distributed to the first responders were gratefully received.

Technology has changed how outreach is done in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. You can download the entire Bible on a phone or tablet and have access to scripture at all times. *Faith Comes By Hearing* provides audio Bibles for free through their Bible.is app.

With Lutheran Bible Translators being located on the campus of St. Paul High School in Concordia, MO, there is an opportunity to have a mission Sunday to support their program.

The *Hand of the Lord* Lenten and Easter devotion used the Old Testament Book of Exodus as their resource for the Lenten/Easter series. *Lutheran Witness* also used the Old Testament as a resource for Holy Week readings. *Thrivent* magazine has reminded readers that you can now order 2026 calendars. Ask the church staff if you are interested and need assistance ordering one.

In March there were 5 prayer requests. Prayer requests for April were 4.



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



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, 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, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

## District Youth Gathering 2025



By DCE Dan Kreiekamp

We were thrilled to welcome over 380 participants – Junior High, Senior High, and adult leaders – from across the Missouri District to the 2025 District Youth Gathering, held April 4-6 at Cross Pointe Retreat Center in Rocky Mount, MO.

This annual event brought together students in grades 6-12 for a weekend filled with worship, learning, service, and fellowship. The theme of the weekend, centered on John 20:31, invited students to deepen their belief in Jesus as the Son of God and to grow in faith as followers of the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Junior high youth participated in several hands-on projects to share God's love with others. Together, they: created 300 Christian bookmarks with prayers and Bible verses for children and teens in Hooper Bay, Alaska; made 80 salvation bracelets; prepared cross craft kits; wrote encouraging cards and thank-you notes; and stuffed 1,100 Easter eggs to bless children in need.

High school students participated in YouthLead breakout sessions, where 98 peers explored how to support struggling friends using LOAP (Listen, Observe, Ask, Pray) model through peer-led discussion and practical tools.

The weekend offered a powerful combination of spiritual growth, leadership development, and meaningful connection. It was a blessing to see students live out their faith and return home equipped to shine the light of Christ in their communities.

*DCE Dan Kreiekamp is director of family life and youth at the LCMS Missouri District.*

*But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*  
-John 20:31



### Zion Lutheran School is celebrating Mrs. Marcia Toellner's retirement after 50 years in education!

Please make plans to join us on Saturday, May 24 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran School.

We will have an open house for alumni and past families to visit and enjoy light refreshments. Feel free to honor Mrs. Toellner with cards and memories.

*The planning committee for Marcia Toellner's retirement party is asking for any photos of alumni you may have that can be part of a digital slide show. Please contact Stefani Ketelsen or email photos to Desiree Green at [dllqkc@gmail.com](mailto:dllqkc@gmail.com). Please have photos by Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>.*



2025 - May - 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
4/27 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Study and Sunday School	4/28	4/29 1p Ladies Bible Study	4/30	5/1 7a Breakfast Bible Study	5/2	5/3
4 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Bible Study and Sunday School	5 <i>Science Day</i>	6 <i>Science Day</i> 1p Ladies Bible Study 7p Elders <i>Pastor to Circuit Meeting</i>	7 <i>Water Day</i> 6p Kindergarten <i>Graduation</i>	8 7a Breakfast Bible Study <i>Water Day</i> 7p MWF <i>Preschool Graduation</i>	9 <i>10a End of Year Picnic</i>	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Study and Sunday School	1/12	13	14 6:30p Bibles & BBQ Men's Group	15 7a Breakfast Bible Study	16	17 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>
18 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Voters' Assembly 10:15a Bible Study and Sunday School <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	19 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	20 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	21 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	22 7a Breakfast Bible Study <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	23 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	24 <i>Pastor on vacation</i>
25 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Study <i>Pastor on vacation</i>	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Church Office closed</i>	27	28 6:30p Bibles & BBQ Men's Group	29 7a Breakfast Bible Study 6:30p Ascension Day Worship	30	31

Those Serving the Church				
Service:	Organists:	Readers:	Elders:	Altar Guild:
5/4	Tammy Poulsen	Gary Naumann	Craig Meyer	Carol Norman Julie Thacher
5/11	Diane Cummins	Julie Thacher		
5/18	Tammy Poulsen	Penny Cain		
5/25	Gladys Moore	Sharon Strough		
5/29 Ascension Day	Tammy Poulsen			

**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Date	Worship	Facebook Live/Total *	Sunday School/Youth/ Adult Bible Class
3 / 2	75	NA	6/NA/14
3 / 5	27	NA	Ash Wednesday
3 / 9	69	NA	0/NA/15
3/12	29	NA	Lent Midweek
3/16	78	NA	4/NA/16
3/19	30	NA	Lent Midweek
3/23	59	NA	4/NA/16
3/26	32	NA	Lent Midweek
3/30	81	NA	5/NA/16
Due to changes in Facebook, there are no March numbers available			
YTD Income including LCEF as of 2/28/2025			\$31,256.41
YTD Expenses as of 2/28/2025			\$39,299.66

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

**Mexico Veterans Home** – Tom Moore

1 Veterans Drive, Room 122, Mexico, MO 65265

**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.*

5/4 Gary Naumann

5/11 Julie Thacher

5/18 Penny Cain

5/25 Sharon Strough

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH**

<b>May 19</b>	Thomas and Gina Loesing
<b>May 25</b>	Jimmy and Ginger Gholson
<b>May 29</b>	Jimmy and Vina Gerhardt
<b>May 31</b>	Darrel and Charleen Leutung

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

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

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