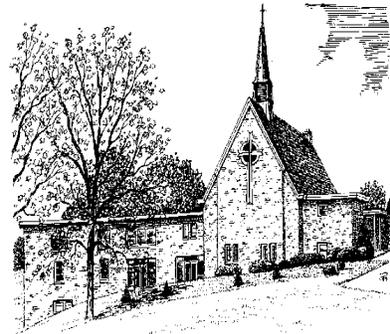


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The Pastor's Page

*Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.
Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God.
Psalm 146:3-5*

Last week, I had the pleasure of “attending” a virtual conference for the pastors, teachers, and other church workers of the Missouri District. Our keynote speaker was Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, former Lutheran Hour Speaker and current executive director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. And it was with these words from Psalm 146 that Dr. Seltz opened our conference.

They're important words to remember, especially right now. I don't know exactly when this article will find you, but it will very likely be on or shortly after Election Day. Perhaps you're giddy with delight that your candidates were elected. Perhaps you are horrified that your candidates were defeated. Perhaps you're in a state of anxious turmoil over delayed results or controversial events. Lacking a crystal ball, I can't say what the next few weeks will bring.

What I can say is what scripture itself says: Put not your trust in princes, for good or bad. Their words, actions, and policies have no salvation in them. And nothing they do can help or hinder the work of God.

“Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?” Jesus says to Peter in the Garden of Gethsemane. Put your sword in its sheath. Your vote cannot change God's plan of salvation. Your President, Governor, or Congress cannot give you the hope of eternal life.

Good government does not preserve the kingdom of God. And yet, we pray for it nonetheless. Why? Well, to put it into Dr. Seltz's words, good government is what keeps our world “sane and civil, so that we can serve our neighbor and preach the Gospel in peace.”

Good government is important, not because it helps God save souls. No, God doesn't need Caesar's sword any more than He needed Peter's. Rather, good government is important because it helps us serve our neighbor. It helps us serve our neighbor's body. It helps us serve our neighbor's soul. It helps us preach the Gospel in peace.

Because the Gospel will be preached, whether we have good government or not. *“We must obey God rather than men,”* Peter boldly proclaimed to the Jewish leaders. And then he did just that. Despite their persecution. Despite prison and the threat of death. Despite, as tradition holds, being crucified upside down. He obeyed God rather than men.

I'd much rather preach the Gospel in peace. With a government that respects the way God has ordered the world and permits me the freedom to do so. But I will preach the Gospel in conflict if I must.

The princes of this world move to and fro, like shifting sand, but my house is built upon a Rock that cannot move. The sons of men make plans that end when their bodies return to the earth, but the Word of Lord endures forever. Governments come and go, some more sane and civil than others, but my help comes from the Lord my God and in Him alone do I hope.

God's Blessings to You This Month
Pastor Ketelsen

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Sunday Service - 8:00 am & 10:30 am**Sunday School** – none at this time**Fellowship Time** - Fifth Sundays 10:15 am as announced**Lord's Supper** - 8:00 am and 10:30 am – 1st & 3rd Sundays

& Festivals

Midweek Services –

During Advent & Lent, Weds. 6:30 p.m.

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

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.

Find us on Facebook – Immanuel Lutheran Church and School – Check it out for periodic updates of events and classes at Immanuel.



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!

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School: is looking for teachers.

Youth Class is for junior and senior high. Meets in the lounge at 9:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class Join us Tuesdays beginning at 1:00 p.m. We are doing a study on Colossians, *The Mighty & The Mysterious*. We meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall in order to socially distance ourselves. This is a video and book study.

Thursday Morning Breakfast Bible Study: has resumed on Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Patty in the church office by Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. if you are attending and would like to order breakfast. This study is available on Facebook Live.

Thanks
be to
God

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

September 15, 2020

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

Opening Prayer: Pastor Ketelsen opened with prayer.

Pastor's Verbal Report: Pastor Joshua Ketelsen presented a verbal report. The two services will continue at 8am and 10:30am to allow for social distancing. There are still no nursing home visits allowed. There will be one Confirmation student. Rick Loerzel is going to do a Sunday morning class for youth that Pastor has provided. Pastor had circuit meeting in person.

President's Report: Gene Cummins stated the giving in August was \$17,500.00. Payment protection Program was approximately \$31,000.00, we used approximately \$22,000.00, and we will have to return what was not used.

Vice President's Report: No report.

Secretary's Report: No Report.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Toellner stated she is working on the budget.

As of 08/31/2020

Citizen's Bank and Trust	51,262.11
LCEF	8,532.51
LCEF - CD's	175,000.00
Edward Jones 2	279,750.02
LCEF Offering	6535.58
P/K donations acct**	<u>34,826.29</u>
Total Bank Accounts	\$560,906.51

Good Samaritans Fund	\$2,109.06
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Elders' Report: Jason Linneman presented the typed report of Sept. 1, 2020. A few items included in that report follow. The contribution for Tim and Samantha Derendinger adoption was for \$2,204 and was presented to them on Sept 6, 2020. We sent a check for \$1,822 to Neighbors Helping Neighbors for the Food Pantry. In the future this will be sent on a regular basis. The member assignments to Elders are split according to the alphabet as follows. A – E (Craig Meyer), F-J (Cody Waibel) K-L (Wayne Adkins), M-R (Jason Linneman), S (Tim Fahrenbrink), T-Z (Gary Naumann). During the time of the Pandemic, the Elders ask for understanding of our

current practices and be aware that things may change in the future.

Board of Property Report: Billy Mac Wells gave verbal report. The sides of the walk have been painted to prevent tripping, the replacement doors for fellowship hall have been ordered. The County Clerk's office contributed \$1,500.00 to the replacement since our facility is used for voting purposes. There will be LED light replacement at the bell by the drive soon. Tim Derendinger concerned about dumpster being emptied, Billy Mac Wells is going to check on that frequency.

Board of Christian Education: Andrea Thacher is working on getting Sunday School going for the kids at 9:15am.

School Board: Christian Stock gave verbal report. Twenty-three children in the Monday, Wednesday, Friday preschool classes, 23 in the Tuesday-Thursday preschool classes and 8 in the Kindergarten. A donation was given to provide dividers for the school children classrooms. That seems to be successful.

Board of Stewardship/Outreach: Church picnic will be held Sept. 27, 2020, Pastor invited other parishes. It is going to be held after second service.

A motion by Christian Stock to approve Officers' and Boards' reports. This motion was seconded by Wilbert Meyer. The motion passed.

New business: Church Council will be responsible for the budget this year instead of the Board of Stewardship/Outreach.

A reminder to make sure to let Patty Mangels know when the Board meetings will be held so she can place them on the calendar, and send your minutes of the meetings to her to be included in the Council/Voter's Assembly meeting packets.

Attendees: Billy Mac Wells, Christian Stock, Wilbert Meyer, Andrea Thacher, Kim Toellner, Jason Linneman, Gene Cummins, Susan Templemire Pastor Joshua Ketelsen.

Adjourn: A motion by Wilbert Meyer to adjourn, was seconded by Christian Stock. The motion passed. We closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Templemire, Secretary

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have been very busy at school. We have learned the sounds and recognition of letters F-J. We have learned how to count to five and we learned what the number 7-10 looks like. We have the days of the week memorized. Ms. Gerhardt goes over the days of the week and then we tell her what day it is, sometimes what month it is and she tells us the date, then we get to count up to that number. The weather frog has been dressed up in all sorts of weather appropriate clothes. Each week we have a different unit. We have learned about our Farm Animals, Fire Safety, Apples, Fall Harvest and Pumpkins and More. We have learned positional words—we had to put our farm animals in, on, in front of and beside the barn and the duck in the pond. We also played Old McDonald animal games—we would look at a group of animals and then look away—Ms. Gerhardt would hide an animal and we would try to figure out what animal was gone.

Leah Zuber and Christina Schmidt came to see us and taught all about firefighters. Leah (Brea's mom) dressed up in all her firefighter gear and then talked to us through her mask. She sounded kind of scary. She crawled in through the door and called out to us. When she called out to us we yelled back to her so she knew where to find us. We learned that firefighters are our friends and are here to help us. We each also received a firefighter hat from Mrs. Zuber. Then we went out to see the firetruck, it was very nice. We saw the lights flashing and heard the siren—she even let us climb up in the truck. It was very fun. We also received a junior deputy firefighter badge and a sticker/coloring book from the Boonville Fire Department. We also mixed red and yellow paint to make orange and it looked like a fire.

We painted trees and then put apples on them with our fingerprints. We also glued a trunk of a tree with leaves on it and then glued five apples on it. We played and painted with ears of corn. We learned more positional words by playing a game with a scarecrow and a crow.

We continue to work on a letter bag of the week. We have fun looking at everyone's show and tell. We bring really creative things to share with the class. We hear the letter of the week at least 18 times on Friday during show and tell.

In chapel, we have learned about the Giving of the Law, Building of the Tabernacle, The Battle of Jericho and Ruth. God always keeps His promises and God always forgives us. We participated in building a little

tabernacle tent of our own. Some of us brought gold and silver, some brought wood and precious stones and others brought beautiful material. Pastor Ketelsen is teaching us about the 10 Commandments. Commandment 5 was about the Good Samaritan and how we should always help and not hurt people, Commandment 6 was about creation and Eve and how we can be kind, loving and honest to everyone we know so one day we will be a good husband or wife. Commandment 7 was about Zaccheus and how he was dishonest but then was sorry and gave everything back and then some more to the people he had stolen money from. Commandment 8 was the story of Jonathan and David and how we should never tell a lie. Commandment 9 & 10 was about the Lilies of the Valley and how we should not want what others have.

We also love reading time. We've read books about a cow that types, a duck that causes trouble, a crow that eats popcorn all by himself when none of the farm animals would help him pop the corn, a cow that oinked and a pig that moored. We've read books about firefighters, Pete the Cat that found his belly button, a Fidgety Fish, the Napping House and the full moon, ABC Newborns, God Loves You and Dr. Seuss' Ten Apples on Top.

Our upcoming units for October are:

Seasons

Shapes

Thanksgiving

Upcoming chapel stories for October:

Samuel As a Boy

David and Goliath

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Upcoming chapel stories with Pastor Ketelsen:

Introduction to the Apostles' Creed

Creation of Earth

Creation and Fall of Man

Upcoming Events in October:

November 2 NO SCHOOL

November 25-27 NO SCHOOL

October Birthdays: Lyra and Zoey

Immanuel Lutheran School is still accepting registration for Preschool and Kindergarten. For an application, please call the church office at 660-882-2208, option 1, or call Glenda Gerhardt at 660-888-9996. The application may be printed from the website at ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church.

KEEPING UP WITH KINDERGARTEN

We have made it through the first quarter. One fourth of the school year is over!

Our class recently acquired two betta fish for our class pets. Our female is named Minnie and our male is named Mickey. The kids like watching them swim and eat. The teachers like that they are quiet.

On Fridays, we started to have Mystery Readers read to us through Zoom. They have been sharing their favorite books with us. The students have enjoyed "meeting" new people with new stories to share. We are grateful for technology that allows us to have guests in our classroom while keeping everyone safe.

Students are enjoying Latin, Social Studies, Art, and Music in the afternoon. Every day when Mrs. Ketelsen leaves, they say goodbye in Latin. It is fun to hear them take to it and use it.

Thank you for your continual support. Please keep our teacher and students' health in your prayers as we approach cold and flu season.

In His Service,
Stefani Ketelsen
and
Nicole Thompson

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

New Christians in first-century Colossae were not all that different from Christians today. They, too, struggled to understand who Jesus is, how Jesus alone reconciles us to God, and why things aren't perfect in the Church.

In St. Paul's letter to these Christians he had never met, he doesn't say they should stop asking hard questions. He doesn't tell them to stop searching God's Word, to stop seeking spiritual wisdom, or to stop striving for unity within the Church. Instead, Paul focuses off of their questions and struggles on the Gospel of the mighty and mysterious God: the same God who created the universe revealed Himself among us and reclaimed us as His own through His Son, Jesus.

Walk with author Heidi Goehmann through God's Word to the Colossians. Though many things will remain a mysterious until we see our Savior face-to-face, readers will discover that God fills them right now in every way, through the mighty and mysterious Body of Christ, the Church.

This Ladies' Bible Study is offered in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 1PM. Contact Stefani Ketelsen (314-341-8512) if you would like more information.



Teachers Needed



The Board of Christian Education is looking for Board Members and Sunday School Teachers. This is a great opportunity to help the Church build its youth programs! If you are interested in either becoming a member or helping jump start Sunday School again, please contact Andrea Thacher at andrea.thacher@att.net or at 660-537-3292.



Altar Flowers

The new flower chart for 2021 is posted on the door across from the church lounge. If you wish to donate the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, please sign your name next to that date. Also, **please include a phone number where you can be reached.** The Altar Guild members for that month will contact you concerning floral details and the announcement for the bulletin.

A-Bow-K Floral supplies the arrangements for Immanuel. The cost for regular Sunday vases is \$35 (\$17.50 per vase) plus tax. For that price, they will use whatever flowers they have on hand for that week. If specific flowers or larger arrangements are requested, the cost will be more than the initial \$35. However, the donor can certainly use a florist of their choice. If this is the case, be sure to indicate this to the Altar Guild member when she calls.

If you are in need of assistance or have any other concerns, please contact any one of the Guild members. Your input is very much appreciated. Altar Guild members are: Brenda Scott, Julie Thacher, Kathy Handley, Kathy Loerzel, Stefani Ketelsen, Susan Templemire, Sharon Thoma, Lavill Morton, Nancee Swanson, Carol Norman, and Diane Cummins.

The Guild sincerely thanks all who have donated altar flowers for 2020. Your continued support is very much appreciated!

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURE READERS

- 11/1 8:00 a.m. - Norm Lenger
10:30 a.m. - Christian Stock
- 11/8 8:00 a.m. - Kathy Loerzel
10:30 a.m. - Craig Meyer
- 11/15 8:00 a.m. - Penny Cain
10:30 a.m. - Aidan Meyer
- 11/22 8:00 a.m. - Sharon Strough
10:30 a.m. - Julie Thacher
- 11/29 8:00 a.m. - Norm Lenger
10:30 a.m. - Gary Naumann

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.



The Salvation Army is asking for volunteers to be bell ringers on Saturday, December 5th, from 10:00 to 6:00 pm at Walmart in Boonville. This year because of the COVID 19

virus, they are asking all volunteers to wear masks & gloves and try to keep six feet spacing. The kettles will be sanitized at the beginning of the day and sanitizer will be available. All money collected stays in the Boonville area. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the narthex. For questions, call Kathy Handley at 660-537-1374. Thank you.



The suggested donations in the month of November for the NHN Food Pantry is cash donations for Thanksgiving turkeys. As always, any non-perishable canned and boxed goods are welcome. Food Pantry envelopes are available in the Narthex. Recently 25 pounds of food were donated by this congregation.

In 2019, the total value of the food distributed by the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Pantry was over \$695,625. Thank you for your continued generosity.

VARIETIES OF SERVICE

One of the many great parts about being a pastor for me has been seeing all of the quiet, behind-the-scenes ways that laypeople serve the Lord in their congregation without any awards or fanfare. From teaching children to trimming bushes, our congregations

are made up of servants of Christ, who respond to God's rich mercy and grace with the gifts that they have been given. In describing the body of Christ, St. Paul writes, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone." This issue of The VOICE highlights the many and various ways that the saints of God serve in their congregations and communities.

Martin Luther's doctrine of vocation emphasizes the Scriptural teaching that every Christian is called by God to a life of service. Some may be called to lives of service as pastors or teachers, while others serve their neighbors as accountants or police officers. However, each is a form of service that we offer in Christ's name. This key teaching of Lutheran doctrine gives purpose to the daily work that each Christian undertakes. In his "Freedom of a Christian," Luther writes, "A Christian is an utterly free man, lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is an utterly dutiful man, servant of all, subject to all."

We are, therefore, free to serve the Lord with gifts of music and art or by picking up trash around the church grounds. All forms of service are considered acceptable sacrifices to God on account of Jesus—the one, perfect sacrifice. For our service to Christ and His Church is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

While we need young people to consider church work vocations, it is my prayer that all of our congregation members would understand their vocation as priests of God who offer themselves and their service as spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God. The Scriptures and Lutheran theology help us to see that we do not have to attend a Lutheran college or seminary to serve God. The Table of Duties in the Small Catechism provides a great paradigm for lives of faithful service at work, but also in our homes, communities, and congregations.

How is God using you to serve others and be His chosen instrument of blessing? If you're not sure how to answer that question, please ask your pastor for help. There are so many different ways that we can serve with the gifts that God has given us. As St. Paul writes, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17) Jesus Christ has set you free to serve! May our heavenly Father use you to be a blessing to many with the gifts that He has given to you! God's blessings in your service!

Fraternally in Christ,
President Lee Hagan

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES



Thanksgiving Eve

**Wednesday, November 25*

6:30 pm

Advent Services

**Wednesday, December 2*

**Wednesday, December 9*

**Wednesday, December 16*

6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24

4:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Christmas Day Service

Friday, December 25

9:00 am

New Year's Eve Service

Friday, December 31

6:30 pm

** In order to provide a worship opportunity for those with health concerns, we are requiring that masks be worn at these midweek worship services. Thank you.*

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The Altar Guild is accepting monetary donations for poinsettia plants for the Christmas season. The plants will be purchased through A-Bow-K Floral. The suggested cost per plant is \$10. Please let us know you are donating a plant(s) by using the sign-up sheet that will be available on the table in the narthex from **November 15 – December 13**. For your convenience envelopes are available in which to place your donation. **If you are paying by check, please make it payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Please place your donation in the offering plate during the church service.** The plants may be picked up after the December 31st for those who want one. Thanks again for your continued support!