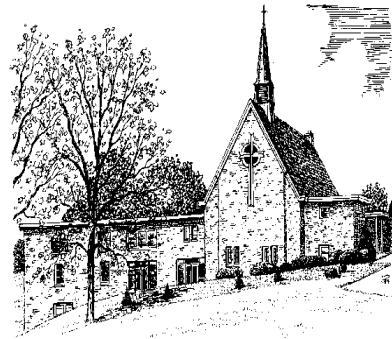


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The Pastor's Page

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." (1 Corinthians 11:26)

I'm always amazed at how much meaning can be packed into a single Bible verse. A great example of this is found in 1 Corinthians 11:26. One verse, twenty words, but an entire library of theology. It's no wonder that this verse found its way into the liturgy of the Divine Service. There's so much to unpack here.

First, this verse tells us that Jesus is the Lord, the God of heaven and earth, who became man and died for us. To proclaim "the Lord's death" is to confess the incarnation. That the eternal Son of God took on our flesh, humbled Himself, and went to the cross. This is no ordinary death. It is the death of the Lord of life. When we commune, we proclaim that the very God who made us is also the God who redeemed us, and that His divine and human natures are given to us in this Sacrament for our salvation.

Second, it tells us that the Lord's Supper is a proclamation of Christ's death for the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus didn't die by accident, after all. As he makes clear countless times throughout his ministry, his death was a very intentional sacrifice of atonement. In the eating and the drinking, the crucified and risen Christ is truly present, giving His Body and Blood for you for the forgiveness of sins. Every communicant who kneels at the rail is publicly confessing: "I am a sinner who needs the salvation Jesus purchased for me at the cross."

Third, when Paul adds, "until he comes," he tells us that the Lord's Supper is also a proclamation of Christ's resurrection and imminent return. In other

words, the Supper does not only look backward to the cross, but also forward to the day of Christ's second coming. It is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, a pledge of the resurrection of our bodies, and a sign that the world's history is moving toward its glorious conclusion in Christ. Each time we commune, we are proclaiming that death does not have the last word and that Jesus will soon return to make all things new.

Finally, Paul reminds us that the Lord's Supper is a proclamation to the world and to those around us – especially, I think, to our children and grandchildren – that we each personally believe the Body and Blood of Jesus are present in this Supper for the forgiveness of our sins. In an age when many parents think children should be left to make their own decisions about faith, the Lord's Supper stands as a counter-testimony. By coming to the Table, parents and grandparents show with their actions that faith in Christ is not an optional hobby, but the very center of life. And that here, in church, at this Supper, are where forgiveness, life, and salvation are found.

This public proclamation is also more important than ever in a time when churches are increasingly attacked during their worship services. While we rightly take precautions for safety, we also know that there is no better way to live or die than proclaiming Jesus Christ through the Lord's Supper. Here we receive His Body and Blood, and here we confess with our lives that "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again."

As we gather at the Table on Sunday morning, remember what is happening. You are proclaiming that Jesus is Lord, the eternal God made flesh for

you. You are proclaiming Christ's death for your forgiveness. You are proclaiming His resurrection and return. You are proclaiming your faith to your family, your neighbors, and even to the world. In this meal, Christ gives you Himself. And with Him, forgiveness, life, and salvation.

God's richest blessings to you this month,
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 or at 660-882-2208, Option 1 with your current information. Thank you.

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.

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!

Office Hours

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

Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Derenderinger

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Glenda Gerhardt

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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. - 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)

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.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

August 17, 2025

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

Opening Prayer: Pastor Ketelsen opened with prayer.

Acceptance of New Assembly Members: Gordon Cain was welcomed and signed the Constitution.

Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda: No amendments; agenda accepted. Gary Naumann motions to approve the agenda as presented, Earl Mangels seconds. The motion carried.

Approve Minutes from May 18, 2025 Congregational Assembly Meeting: Gaven Linneman motions to approve the minutes; Earl Mangels seconds. The motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- a. VBS went well; Pastor thanks to all who participated.
- b. This fall a new member class will be formed and new acolytes trained.

Reports of Officers:

President: No report.

Vice President: No report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Treasurer Kim Toellner not present; financial reports were not available from the accountant.

Board of Elders: Craig Meyer presents a written and verbal report:

- a. There continues to be discussion about security protocols.
- b. Josh and Taylor (Baker) Derendinger were married August 9.

Board of Property: Chair Darren Linneman presented a verbal report:

- a. The sewer repairs will be completed next summer.

Board of Christian Education: Chair Jasmine Campbell requests another volunteer for Sunday school. Children's study will possibly resume in 2 weeks.

School Board: Chair Gayle Linneman not present; no report. Teachers Glenda Gerhardt and Stefani Ketelsen report seven children enrolled in kindergarten, 14 Monday/Wednesday/Friday preschoolers; and 11 Tuesday/Thursday preschoolers. The school open house is today from 3-4. Stefani also thanks everyone who has worked on the playground project.

Board of Stewardship: Chair Gaven Linneman presents a verbal report:

- a. Fifth Sunday fellowship will be August 31.
- b. The church picnic will be held in September.
- c. Stefani requests that Glenda be recognized at the church picnic for her 25 years of service; there will be a community announcement, and all former students/families will be invited.

Craig Meyer motions to approve the board reports; Earl Mangels seconds. The motion carried.

Unfinished business:

- a. **Playground fencing options:** Work continues on the playground. Concrete blocks were placed but then moved after a better design was determined. Council members have considered whether the old fencing material should be reused or if a company should be hired to install a new fence. If the old fencing will be reinstalled, a church workday will be needed. Wood Link Fence Co. has submitted bids totaling \$5765 for installation of a new galvanized fence or \$7000 for black vinyl to be installed. They can begin work within 10 days. Guier Fence bid \$7700 to install a new galvanized fence and \$10,000 for black vinyl. After discussion, Gary Naumann motions to accept the bid from Wood Link for black vinyl fence; Earl Mangels seconds. The motion carried. A Saturday workday will be scheduled to lay the rubber mulch after the fence is complete.
- b. **Downstairs bathroom renovations:** Darren reports Signature Construction is working on a bid to add bathrooms across from the classrooms.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

Pat Lenger mentions the prayer chain will be opened soon to add members. Pastor advises that some technology is being researched to make the prayer chain more manageable. There are approximately 27 members currently.

Craig requests anyone that wants to be added to the reader list to let him know.

Gaven Linneman motions to adjourn; Jasmine Campbell seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Closing Prayer: The meeting closed with everyone reciting the Lord's prayer.

Attendees: Twenty-seven members and one guest were in attendance:

Norman Lenger; Pat Lenger; Earl Mangels; Patty Mangels (guest); Gordon Cain; Georgia Davis; Larry Davis; Julie Thacher; Tim Fahrenbrink; Tom Toellner; Sharron Toellner; Randy Strough; Donald Meyer; Gaven Linneman; James Campbell; Diane Cummins; Craig Meyer; Gary Naumann; Lori Linneman; Darren Linneman; Terry Ehlers; Gene Cummins; Sharon Strough; Pastor Joshua Ketelsen; Stefani Ketelsen; Glenda Gerhardt; Cody Waibel; Tammy Meyer

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Meyer
Church Council Secretary

PRESCHOOL NEWS

September Highlights

We've had a wonderful month full of learning, laughter, and growing together! Here's what we've been up to:

Our little learners have been working hard on recognizing letters and numbers. We're so proud of how quickly they're picking up these important skills!

Hands-on fun in art time! The children explored how primary colors mix to create new ones. Watching their excitement as colors changed was a joy!

Each week, we gather for Chapel to learn more about God's love through stories, songs, and prayer. It's a sweet and peaceful part of our day.

Music time has been full of rhythm and joy! We've explored different instruments and practiced songs we'll be singing for church soon. Their voices are pure sunshine!

Say cheese! School pictures were taken this month — we can't wait for you to see how adorable they turned out.

What a fun time we had at the church picnic! Thank you to all the families who came out to enjoy fellowship, food, and fun together.

In science, we've been discovering how our amazing bodies work. From our five senses to bones and muscles — curiosity is blooming!

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us. We're so grateful for each of them and all they're learning and becoming!

Upcoming in October:

Oct. 3	911 visit
Oct. 6-7	Firefighters visit
Oct. 17- 20	NO SCHOOL (Fall Break)
Oct. 28 & 29	Fall Festival Party
Oct. 30 & 31	NO SCHOOL

KEEPING UP WITH KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten is off to a wonderful start! We are finding our groove as a class. Recently, Mrs. Ketelsen made some fun nature discoveries right in our church parking lot—a turtle and even a snail shell! The children were so excited to see how God's creation shows up in surprising places.

In the classroom, we've been working hard on learning blends in reading and phonics. They will be reading before they know it!! The students are excelling in math. It's such a joy to see their curiosity grow, whether it's through exploring letters and numbers or marveling at the world around them.

We look forward to all that's ahead in kindergarten!

In HIS Service,
The Kindergarten Team

2025-2026 Immanuel Preschool and Kindergarten Enrollment is open. For an application, please contact Glenda Gerhardt at 660-888-9996.

²²Then Jesus said to his disciples: Therefore I tell you, tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.

Luke 12:22

PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with the renovation of the playground. Everything from emails, phone calls, quotes, wall building (twice!), demolition, leveling the ground, rolling out fabric, hauling mulch, and raking it to a safe 5-inch depth. Because of your hard work, our school kids now have a fresh, safe, and awesome place to run, climb, and laugh together.

We couldn't have done it without your strong arms and willing hearts. The results look amazing. Thank you for making our playground shine!

Gaven Linneman	Jason Linneman
Gordon Cain	Penny Cain
Gary Naumann	Craig Meyer
Gene Cummins	Adam Templemire
Jaxson Templemire	Brad Toellner
Ryan Toellner	Tim Fahrenbrink
Jimmie Gerhardt	Emily Ayers
Deb Burgess	Paige Fehling
Ryan Fehling	Stefani Ketelsen



The suggested donations in the month of September for the NHN Food Pantry is cash donations for Thanksgiving meals. 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, October 7nd, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 14th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21st, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.



STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH BOARD

The annual church picnic was held on Sunday, September 28th, along with a celebration of Glenda Gerhardt's 25 years of preschool ministry.

Thank you to Terry Ehlers for picking up the trash around the church's dumpster earlier in September. Please be sure that the dumpster lids are closed, as there are animals that will pull the bags out and create a mess. If you notice them open and are unable to close them, please contact Terry Ehlers or the church office and someone will make sure they get closed.

Check the bulletin board and the Sunday bulletins for notices of the many Missouri District events that are coming up, such as Trinity's 100th anniversary celebration (Columbia), Zion School's Turkey Dinner, and Lutheran Family and Children's Services tailgate. Flyers for all these can be found on the bulletin board.

Prayer requests in August were seven. In September we have had three.



Confession of Faith in Your Will

The Pastor's Page last month had a good article about including a confession of faith in our wills. Pastor pointed out why we need to include a statement of faith in our will.

Easy to say, but how do you start, what do you say? I was at that point a few years ago when I was updating my will and I was attending an LWML convention. There was a booth about gift plans with a sample statement of faith.

The sample is now on the website at www.lwmlgiftplan.org, scroll down to **Resources**, then **Christian Preamble and Family Blessing**. You will find a sample letter and some paragraphs for you to pick and customize. There's more information on the website, its free.

Blessings, Bev Vietor



Caring Connections: Supporting Peers Through Christ

October 24–25, 2025

Lutheran High School of Kansas City

Participants will stay overnight at the host site.

Registration Deadline: Oct. 15

High school youth from across the Missouri District are invited to a two-day training event focused on becoming Christ-centered leaders in their churches, schools, and communities.

This year's theme—"Caring Connections: Supporting Peers Through Christ"—equips students with practical, Gospel-centered tools to support others in meaningful, compassionate ways. Youth will be introduced to the **LOAP** approach: **Listen, Observe, Ask, and Pray**. This model helps teens recognize when peers are struggling and respond with Christ-like care and encouragement.

Over the course of the weekend, students will engage with:

- **Video teaching sessions**
- **Interactive talks and devotionals**
- **Small-group discussions**
- **Opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship**

Participants will leave better prepared to care for both Christian and non-Christian friends with empathy and the hope we have in Jesus.

Cost: \$75 per participant

Schedule: Starts at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and ends at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25.

For more information, contact:

DCE Cindy Twillman – cindce@gmail.com

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With gratitude and hope,
Kent Kunkel, Development Officer
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