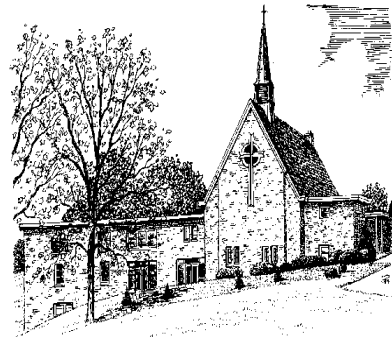


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The Pastor's Page

There was a time, not that long ago, when it was commonplace for every Lutheran household to have a hymnal. Our family had one when I was growing up. In fact, we had several, though we were also musically inclined. But it was common for most church-going families to have at least one hymnal in their home.

That's not really the case anymore. Hymnals today are confined to church pews. And even then, they're not pulled out that often. We print the entire order of service in the bulletin, after all. Which is extremely helpful to visitors, but leaves the hymnals themselves gathering dust. Many young people today aren't even familiar with how to use a hymnal or what it contains.

That's unfortunate. Because the hymnal is an extremely useful tool. I realized this the other day as we were having our bedtime family devotions.

We had just finished one devotional book the night before and I had neglected to plan something new for that evening. So, I did what I usually do in this circumstance: I pulled out the hymnal. Because our hymnal, the Lutheran Service Book, is a fantastic resource for personal or family devotions. Just look at all the wonderful tools it provides you.

It has a liturgical calendar of all the festivals and commemorations of the LCMS. Each one with its own assigned Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel reading. And for those days of the year between all those festivals, there is a full year of daily readings for you to follow. Looking for a Bible study plan? There's one in the hymnal.

After that, you've got dozens of psalms printed out for you. Psalms were the original "hymnal" of the Church, the core of the Church's ancient liturgy and music. They are deeply emotional and beautifully poetic. There is a psalm for just about every emotion: joy and sorrow, anger and fear. Read them. Memorize them. I guarantee, they will enrich your soul.

After the psalms, we have the orders of worship. Of course, many of these are meant for corporate worship, but you might be surprised how many function wonderfully as a personal or family devotional service. The orders of Morning and Evening Prayer, Compline, and Responsive Prayer are all easily adapted to the home and can give you a helpful liturgy to structure your devotional time.

Next, the hymnal has a section of prayers, beginning with one of my favorites: the Litany. The Litany is one of the most comprehensive prayers you will ever read, one that covers a whole host of prayer concerns. Along with the Litany are some very brief liturgies for daily prayer. These are not nearly as lengthy as the previous orders of worship and provide a brief, concise time of prayer that is ideal for most home situations. And following these daily prayers, there are some extremely well-written prayers to use for different specific circumstances, like preparing for worship, praying for your children, or interceding for someone who is ill.

So, the hymnal has a Bible study plan, it has devotional liturgies, it has prayers. What about some sort of Bible teaching? It has that too. Because

in every Lutheran Service Book is also a copy of Luther's Small Catechism. And a regular reading from the catechism is one of the best forms of Bible teaching you can get.

Only after all of this does the hymnal finally get around to giving us what its name implies: hymns. Which are themselves a wonderful devotional tool. You remember how I said I pulled out the hymnal when I didn't have any other family devotion ready? Well, what we ended up doing that night (and for several nights after) was reading hymns.

Not singing hymns. Reading them. Reading them as poetry. Reading them for their rich imagery and profound message. The Lutheran church has a truly marvelous library of hymns, filled with deep, meaningful theology that is waiting to be explored. Looking for a new devotional? Pull out a hymnal and read some hymns. You might enjoy it more than you expect.

Maybe you knew about all the wonderful content of the Lutheran Service Book. Maybe you didn't. Maybe you forgot what was in there. But I hope I have piqued your interest about this wonderful resource sitting in every pew of our church. If you'd like to have one, talk to me and I'll help you get it. It truly is an overlooked treasure of our church.

God's blessings to you this month
Pastor Ketelsen

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.

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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. – 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)

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. 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.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

August 18, 2024

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

Opening Prayer: Pastor Ketelsen opened with prayer.

Acceptance of New Assembly Members: None present.

Acceptance of Agenda/Amendments of Agenda: No amendments, agenda accepted.

Approval of Minutes of the May 19, 2024: Gary Nauman made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2024 congregational assembly meeting. Craig Meyer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Included with the Elder's report.

Reports of Officers:

President: No report.

Vice President: Not present, no report.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Kim Toellner presented the financial reports for the church and school, including balance sheets and profit and loss statements. The accounting firm was unable to produce a budget report as there was a short turnaround time due to her being out of town. Year to date income totals \$93,116. Year to date expenses total \$118,335. After discussion, Kim will have the accounting firm amend future reports to remove the Thrivent and Edward Jones Change in Value line items from the Other Income portion of the profit and loss report. She also indicates in June there was a need to transfer \$15,000 from the Edward Jones account to the general checking account.

Board of Elders: Craig Meyer presented the report:

- Vacation bible school went well.
- The church council voted to allow a community group access to the covered area in front of church during the August election to host a lemonade and popcorn fundraiser for the purchase of inclusive playground equipment for parks within the city. The Elders supported this effort. The fundraiser raised over \$3,000.
- There are some new church attendees so an adult instruction class will be explored.

Board of Property: Not present, no report. Craig mentioned that he and Chair Darren Linneman worked

on elimination of the groundhog on the church property. They have also discussed exterior areas around the property in need of landscaping and maintenance. A workday will be scheduled to complete the tasks before the picnic. He also stated the air conditioning line above the education room has been fixed and the ceiling tiles have been replaced. Gene mentioned the water leaks around the altar area need to be further explored and he will talk with Darren.

Board of Christian Education/LYF: Andrea Thacher reports vacation bible school was successful with an average attendance of 50 children. She thanks the many volunteers that assisted and pointed out this event brings a lot of parents and children into our church that are not otherwise here. Sunday school will resume September 8. Currently three teachers are confirmed but one additional volunteer would greatly benefit the ministry so that each teacher is only responsible for one Sunday a month.

School Board: Not present, no report.

Board of Stewardship/Outreach: Sharon Strough reports 35 pounds of food were donated to the food pantry in July. There will be a fellowship reception in the narthex following the church service on August 25. Planning has begun for the picnic, scheduled for September 29. There is discussion about having smoked pork and chicken tenders with the remainder of the food being potluck.

Earl Mangels made a motion to accept all board reports. Gary Nauman seconded, and the motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

a. Clean up of weeds, etc. on west side of parking lot

Gene indicates Santa Fe Lawn Care has submitted a bid for clean-up of weeds on the west side of the parking lot. The bid totals \$1300 and includes vegetation removal from the entire west side of the parking lot to the dumpster and out about 5-6 feet. Another commercial tree service will be needed for one tree. Pastor Ketelsen indicates the neighbor residing closest to the property line has approached the church and agreed to pay a portion of the vegetation removal. He also mentions we can request member donations to

the church to further offset the cost. Craig Meyer motions to accept the bid for Santa Fe Lawn Care to remove vegetation. Earl Mangels seconds the motion, and it carries without objection.

b. Kindergarten Scholarship Committee

Gene Cummins reports school board chair Gayle Linneman has indicated we need someone other than the preschool teacher to consider and make decisions on scholarships. Pastor Ketelsen said there is a need for school board members to be appointed and from that board a scholarship subcommittee can be formed. Two to three volunteers are desired to serve on the kindergarten/preschool board. Gene asks that anyone who is approached consider filling this need.

c. Create Kindergarten Scholarship account

Gene further reports Gayle would like to open a separate bank account for scholarships. Treasurer Kim Toellner does not object to this being a separate account that the school board oversees and manages. Roughly \$7,000 in scholarship funds remain after the 23/24 school year awards are taken out.

d. Downstairs bathroom renovation

Gene states renovations are needed to the downstairs bathrooms. A committee is needed to determine the project scope and help with design decisions. He will get with the property board chair Darren Linneman to begin the process.

Announcements: Gene makes the following announcements:

- Church property insurance is due in October; rates have remained the same for 3 years so he is estimating a 50% increase.
- The Lutheran Church Extension Fund CDs will come due 9-15-24; interest has been fairly good; Gene is considering another 5-year fixed rate CD.
- There are Pelacio donation funds totaling \$35,000 that have been in the donations account earning little interest. This money has not been used in several years. He is looking to move \$30,000 into a 12-month CD, leaving approximately \$5000 in the donations account to serve as an emergency fund.
- The proposed school budget includes a \$3000 salary raise for Glenda. Craig motions to include the raise in the school budget; Earl seconds; with no objections, the motion passed.

Terry Ehlers announced Unlimited Opportunities will host a fundraiser on October 12 at the Knights of Columbus. Also, Neighbors Helping Neighbors will host a trivia night at the Isle of Capri on October 19.

Stefani Ketelsen announced she needs church officer biographies to share on Facebook Ministry Monday posts. She reports these are seeing lots of hits; the largest reach was 2000 views with no one being directly tagged. Stefanie also did some additional Facebook exposure during VBS. She has also had school parents sign a release to allow student pictures to be posted on Facebook throughout the year; she asks that everyone like, share and comment.

Adjournment: Larry Davis motioned to adjourn and Earl Mangels seconded. Meeting adjourned.

The meeting closed with all reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Attendees:

Twenty-four (23) members and one (1) guest were in attendance.

Gene Cummins, Sharon Strough, Larry Davis, Georgia Davis, Randy Strough, Kelly Derendinger, Earl Mangels, Tim Derendinger, Kim Toellner, Josh Derendinger, Wanda Derendinger, Don Meyer, Craig Meyer, Patty Mangels (guest), Andrea Thacher, Luanna Carpenter, Pastor Joshua Ketelsen, Stefani Ketelsen, Terry Ehlers, Gladys Moore, Glenda Gerhardt, Diane Cummins, Gary Nauman, Tammy Meyer

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Meyer
Church Council Secretary



⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks^[d] to the Father, who has qualified you^[e] to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Colossians 1:9-12

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Our school year is off to a great start. We have been in school for a week.

We have started learning our names, alphabet, numbers, who our friends are and lots of playing together. We heard about Creation from Ms. Gerhardt and an introduction to the 10 Commandments from Pastor Ketelsen. We have played outside on the playground and inside when it was too hot. We read some fun books about starting school and danced to music.

Upcoming in September, we will have our school pictures taken on the 25th & 26th, learn about our bodies and what is inside them. We will start learning a new song so we can sing for Immanuel's church service on Sunday, Sept. 29th. We are so excited. We have also celebrated a birthday already. We love school!!!!

Upcoming Dates in September

25th & 26th School pictures taken
 29th 9 a.m. Sing for church

KEEPING UP WITH KINDERGARTEN

Another school year is about to begin. This is my 5th year in Kindergarten. We have 4 students this year. As I have learned in the past, the quantity of students can change dramatically from year to year, but the Lord has reasons. I look forward to watching this group grow and learn!

As always, we would love your prayers for another successful year of this important ministry.

In HIS Service,
 The Kindergarten Team



STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH BOARD

Immanuel donated 35 pounds of food in July to the NHN food pantry. Be sure to check the suggested donations every month in the newsletter, and remember, monetary contributions are always welcome.

There is updated LCMS information on the table in the narthex. The history of Lutheran schools is the feature article in this month's Lutheran Witness.

Our VBS was an outstanding outreach in our Boonslick community. Several people have expressed satisfaction with our week of Jungle Journey VBS. I was informed that our VBS was the best their family attended in this season of VBS's.

There were eight prayer requests in July. In August there have been 10 prayer requests.



The suggested donations in the month of September for the NHN Food Pantry are soups, saltine crackers, and canned beans (suitable for chili or other homemade soups). 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, September 3rd, 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, September 10th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, September 17th, 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.*



**Annual Church Picnic
Sunday, September 29th
11:00 am**

The meal will be potluck style with the meat and drinks provided. Members are asked to bring a side dish/salad or dessert, so bring your favorite dish or try a new recipe. Dress casual and comfortable as everyone is encouraged to stay after the church service. Entertainment will be provided while the crew is putting everything together.

**Unlimited Opportunities Fish Fry
Saturday, October 12th**

11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Building
\$15.00 for Adults
\$10.00 for Children

**The 2nd Annual Neighbors Helping
Neighbors Trivia Night Saturday,
October 19th**

Isle of Capri
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Trivia starts at 7:00 pm
\$10 a person or \$100 a table
See Patty for more information

**Fall Festival and Bazaar &
German Brat Dinner
Campus Lutheran Church
304 S. College Ave.,
Columbia, MO
Saturday, October 12th**

**Bazaar at 9:00 a.m. – Dinner from 4-7
p.m.**

Please join us for fellowship, food, and crafts! There will be a large selection of handmade items, delicious baked goods, homemade candies, baby items, fall and Christmas home décor and ornaments, candles, knitted and crocheted items, etc.

All donations will support international missionaries serving in Brazil and the Dominican Republic.

**Saint Paul Servants of the Saints
Fall Rummage Sale
205 S. Main St.
Concordia, MO**

Preview Sale - Wed., September 25th
6-8 p.m. (\$5 entry fee)
September 26th 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.,
September 27th 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
September 28th 8 a.m.-noon

This is a huge sale with a variety of goods from clothing, shoes, toys, home decor, tools, books, antiques and more. Proceeds go to Saint Paul Lutheran High School's Servants of the Saints, who support our school in a variety of ways

From the President's Desk Opportunities for Lutheran Schools

Every August thousands of students are entrusted to our Lutheran schools. All over Missouri, children from varied backgrounds walk through our school doors as their parents look for safe places for them to grow and develop. Some parents may send their children because of the excellent academic programs. In some cases, athletics may be the draw for students. However, what makes Lutheran schools distinct is that we share Christ with all of our students and their families.

The COVID-19 pandemic led many families to discover things their children were being taught of which they were unaware. Our urban and suburban schools saw significant growth from non-Lutheran families. They came because they didn't like what their children were receiving in public schools, but they have stayed because their children are learning that their lives have value because they are created in God's image and ones for whom Christ died. They are also learning how to use their unique gifts in service to God and others. In addition to learning about math and science, arts and literature, they are taught a Christian worldview that shapes how they view their place and future.

In our early childhood centers to elementary schools and high schools, God is doing great things through our teachers and servants. There are great challenges that face our schools, but also great opportunities. As another new school year kicks off, please pray for wisdom for our school administrators, joy for our Lutheran school teachers, and growing faith for our students and their families. Please join us in praying for our newest school, Faith Lutheran School in Branson. We also invite your prayers that God would raise up more Lutheran school teachers. This includes young people to attend one of our Concordia Universities to train to be teachers in our Lutheran schools. However, this also can include public school teachers who have also grown frustrated with the educational philosophies that undermine or even attack a Christian worldview. More and more teachers are leaving the public school system to teach in Lutheran schools so that they serve with joy and boldly confess their faith in Christ!

Fraternally in Christ,
President Lee Hagan

*Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.
Galatians 6:6*

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