



In Word & Deed

“God With Us”



June & July 2023

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Immanuel Lutheran Community,

As spring makes its slow (but steady) progression towards the heat, humidity, and loveliness that is summer, I thought I'd take a moment to recognize those in our community who plant and grow. Many of you have been busy getting equipment ready, seed and fertilizer bought, land tilled, rows of crops finally planted and covered with earth.

I never truly realized how important farming and gardening were to a community until I moved to Cresco. Being raised in the suburbs of a city like I was, I was blinded in a way to how much effort, time, and money goes into crops and livestock production. The supermarket was our one-stop shop to grab anything we could think of. If our local Cub Foods didn't have it, you didn't need it. I was also not aware of men like Norman Borlaug whose life work was helping to find solutions to hunger across our world.

That being said, take the time to pray for those who work the soil. Pray that their crop and yield may be plentiful, pray that they are provided the rain, sun, and wind that allows their bounty to flourish. Give thanks for the blessings that our Lord provides. And give thanks for those who help provide for our nourishment both here and abroad.

Prayer:

“Holy and Loving God, we give you thanks for all that you provide.

Grant that we may continue to be stewards of the earth you so wonderfully made. Allow us to see those in need around us. Provide us the courage to share what you have given to us in abundance with our community. Allow our hands and feet to do the work of your will, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.”

- Adam J. Nelson





SAVE THE DATE!! 7th & 8th Grade CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION will be on August 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to go over the expectations, curriculum and responsibilities of each confirmand and their families. A parent must attend with each student!! We look forward to seeing you all there!!

Confirmation class will officially start Wednesday (August 30) at 6:00 p.m.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY (& Silver Cord Hours for High schoolers) - Mobile Food Bank - Tuesday June 6, July 11 & Aug 1! - Every first Tuesday of the month, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Featherlite Bldg, Cresco Fairgrounds, there is an opportunity for youth to volunteer their time with the mobile food bank. This is a great way to help the community. Cindy Yslas is the contact for this and you can reach her at the church office 563-547-2108 or her cell 719/237-6102. Yes ... you can start getting Silver Cord hours over the summer for this!!

GLOW CLASSES will start again in September ...More information will be sent home as we finalize our plans!



Youth & Education Ministry

A Survey is coming!!! Plan to receive an (entire congregational) survey coming to you soon regarding our YOUTH & EDUCATION programs (Glow, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, Wednesday Night WoW services, Wednesday night meals, etc, etc) as we are gathering information and data about the successes and concerns after our past year!! We can only make things better if we know how we did (and who better to get that information from, than from those that it concerns. Even if you do not have youth in these programs, please take a moment to review the survey as there still may be areas you have input on as it comes to advertising, Facebook, impact on others you may know (neighbors, grandchildren, etc, etc) and areas that you may have valuable advice to pass on to us regarding things you may have heard from others! We want to hear back from everyone as our children truly ARE our church's future!!

The Moo Mobile will be at the Mighty Howard County Fair in June, Art in the Park and Borlaug Days in August again!! We look forward to our Youth running the Moo Mobile one day during each of these great events and hope you all come out and support their hard work!! Proceeds go toward upcoming Youth events & the 2024 Youth



Fundraising Opportunities!! We need everyone's help!!

MOO-MOBILE

Friday, June 23rd at the
Mighty Howard County Fair



Please reach out to Cindy in church office 563-547-2108 or Adam at 763-486-5240 to sign up for a shift! You can also sign up on the sheet in church!! We need all the youth and parents help we can get!!

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ART IN THE PARK

**August 6th at
Beadle Park**

Another Opportunity to help in the Moo Mobile!!!

*All proceeds go to help cover costs with
upcoming Youth Events and the 2024 Youth
Gathering in New Orleans next year!!!*

Norman Borlaug Days

August 25 - 27, 2023

One more chance to help in the Moo Mobile!!

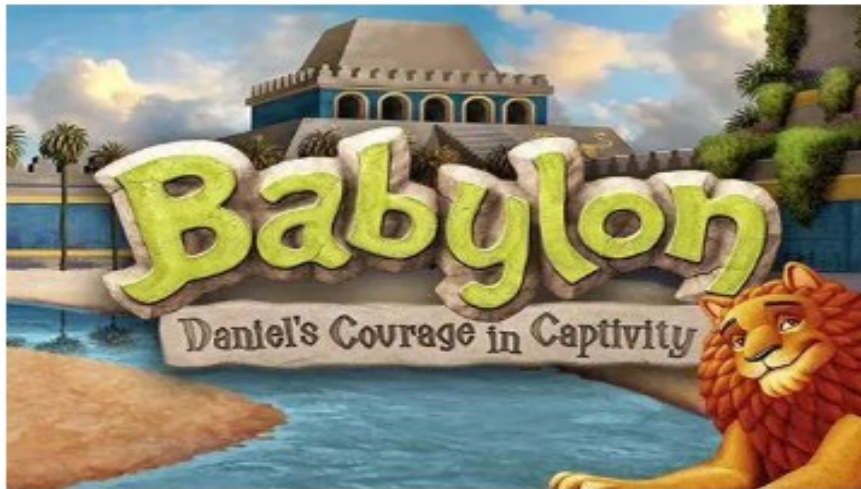


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PRESENTS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

3 NIGHT EVENT!!

TUESDAY, JULY 18 5-8PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 5-8PM

THURSDAY, JULY 20 5-8PM



GRADES : PRE K - 8TH
FREE!!



PLEASE TURN IN REGISTRATION FORM TO
OFFICE OR CALL 563-547-2108 TO REGISTER

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
...Presents...



**Attention all 6th - 12th Graders
(2023-2024 School Year)**

Please make every attempt to attend these meetings! As members of the church we have TONS of valuable information of upcoming events and activities we need YOUR help and involvement!! We won't take much of your time....we'll make it FUN and we WILL FEED YOU!!!

(Lots of Silver Cord Hours available)

See you all there!!!
Feel free to bring a friend!!

**Sunday June 4th 2023
Time - 11:00am**

Please let Adam know if you can
make it! 763-486-5240

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**Sunday, July 16th
10:00am**

We will begin decorating for VBS!!!



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2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

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Young Adult Gathering

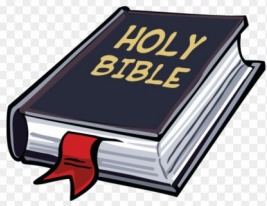
JULY 16–20, 2024

What is the ELCA Youth Gathering?

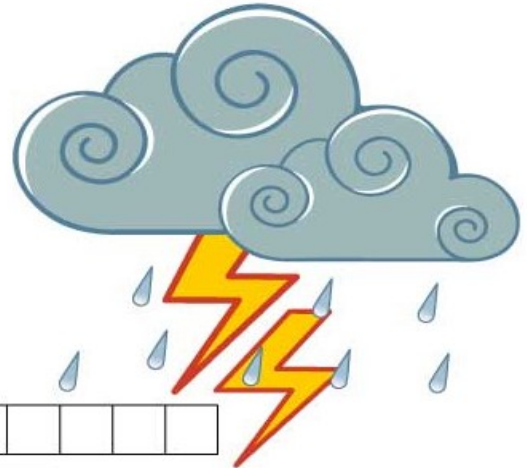
Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation and fellowship known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through inspiring speakers, conversations with partners, Bible study and being immersed in the host city, young people will be inspired, challenged and called to live out their faith in their daily lives.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

Reach out to Adam Nelson!
763-486-5240 or
immanuel.yfm@gmail.com



Summer Weather Word Merge!



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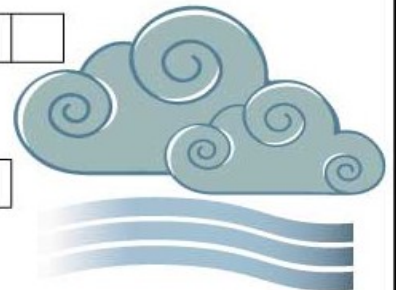
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Treasurer's Report Summary

GENERAL FUND	March	Year to Date	
Beginning Balance	\$16,271.21	\$40,250.27	General Fund
General Fund Income	\$9,219.97	\$33,537.36	Savings Account
Reimbursed Income	\$310.00	\$380.00	
Reimbursed Expenses	\$0.00	-\$434.00	
Miscellaneous Income	\$4,557.68	\$6,224.85	Parsonage
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	-\$16,027.70	Rent 2023
Coffee Fellowship	\$76.00	\$224.50	\$1,600.00
General Fund Expenses	-\$4,382.54	-\$21,861.66	
General Executive Committee Expenses (Payroll)	-\$8,106.41	-\$24,407.71	ILC Miller Fund
GENERAL FUND	\$17,945.91	\$17,885.91	Account Balance
Operating Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$281,569.07
Savings income	\$0.00	\$0.00	28-Feb-2023
Savings expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Debt Reduction Income / Fall Dinner	\$25.00	\$85.00	Prop Sales CD
Debt Reduction Exp /Op Loan / Savings / Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,701.80
General Fund Ending Balance	\$17,970.91	\$17,970.91	
Men's Breakfast			A Sommer CD
Beginning Balance	\$247.94	\$274.94	\$12,403.43
Men's Breakfast Income	\$170.00	\$423.00	
Men's Breakfast Expense	-\$161.74	-\$441.74	
Ending Balance	\$256.20	\$256.20	
Hands of the Master			
Beginning Balance	\$987.59	\$987.59	
Hands of the Master Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hands of the Master Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$987.59	\$987.59	
BENEVOLENCE FUND			Sent to the ELCA
Beginning Balance	\$3,590.00	\$2,680.00	March
Income	\$1,984.72	\$5,109.72	#REF!
Expenses	-\$850.00	-\$3,065.00	2023
Ending Balance	\$4,724.72	\$4,724.72	#REF!
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND			Pledged
Beginning Balance	\$33,727.68	\$33,387.68	\$15,500.00
Income	\$150.00	\$490.00	
Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$33,877.68	\$33,877.68	
Luther League Account			
Beginning Balance	\$14,932.13	\$14,132.13	
Youth Income	\$0.00	\$800.00	
Youth Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$14,932.13	\$14,932.13	
Checking Account Balance	\$72,749.23	\$72,749.23	

Treasurer's Report Summary

GENERAL FUND	April	Year to Date	
Beginning Balance	\$17,970.91	\$40,250.27	General Fund
General Fund Income	\$8,641.51	\$42,178.87	Savings Account
Reimbursed Income	\$1,810.00	\$2,190.00	\$103,550.42
Reimbursed Expenses	-\$182.52	-\$616.52	
Miscellaneous Income	\$833.31	\$7,058.16	Parsonage
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	-\$16,027.70	Rent 2023
Coffee Fellowship	\$38.00	\$262.50	\$1,600.00
General Fund Expenses	-\$2,832.92	-\$24,694.58	
General Executive Committee Expenses (Payroll)	-\$7,664.92	-\$32,072.63	ILC Miller Fund
GENERAL FUND	\$18,613.37	\$18,528.37	Account Balance
Operating Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$286,222.86
Savings income	\$0.00	\$0.00	31-Mar-2023
Savings expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Debt Reduction Income / Fall Dinner	\$50.00	\$135.00	Prop Sales CD
Debt Reduction Exp /Op Loan / Savings / Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,701.80
General Fund Ending Balance	\$18,663.37	\$18,663.37	
Men's Breakfast			A Sommer CD
Beginning Balance	\$256.20	\$274.94	\$12,403.43
Men's Breakfast Income	\$185.00	\$608.00	
Men's Breakfast Expense	-\$140.00	-\$581.74	
Ending Balance	\$301.20	\$301.20	
Hands of the Master			
Beginning Balance	\$987.59	\$987.59	
Hands of the Master Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Hands of the Master Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$987.59	\$987.59	
BENEVOLENCE FUND			Sent to the ELCA
Beginning Balance	\$4,724.72	\$2,680.00	April
Income	\$3,230.00	\$8,339.72	#REF!
Expenses	-\$985.00	-\$4,050.00	2023
Ending Balance	\$6,969.72	\$6,969.72	#REF!
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND			Pledged
Beginning Balance	\$33,877.68	\$33,387.68	\$15,500.00
Income	\$652.50	\$1,142.50	
Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$34,530.18	\$34,530.18	
Luther League Account			
Beginning Balance	\$14,932.13	\$14,132.13	
Youth Income	\$341.00	\$1,141.00	
Youth Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$15,273.13	\$15,273.13	
Checking Account Balance	\$76,725.19	\$76,725.19	

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 3, 2023

TREASURER’S REPORT: General Fund Ending Balance \$17,970.91, Benevolence year to date sent to ELCA \$3,141.15, Capital Improvement \$33,877.68, Checking Account balance \$72,749.23, Savings Account \$103,550.42, ILC Miller Fund \$281,569.07, Property Sales CD \$18,701.80 and Alvin Sommer CD \$12,403.43.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Adam Nelson said at April 5th GLOW there will be an Easter egg hunt and April 16th the youth will make blankets. The noisy offering will be used to buy Play Doh and Legos and some of the youth will personally take it and the tie blankets to Mayo Clinic and the Ronald McDonald House. April 26 will be the last day for GLOW and confirmation before resuming in the fall. May 7th the four graduating seniors will be honored. Vacation Bible School will be July 18-20 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and volunteers are needed. Adam would like to have a Human Library Event which entails youth visiting with adults who share their life experiences. There are plans for a family baseball outing in St. Paul, a church movie night and a youth gathering with other churches in the Northeastern Iowa Synod. There are currently 12 youth who are interested in attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. \$341.00 was raised at the Palm Sunday breakfast. This summer the Moo Mobile will be a fund raiser. Also, several people have donated a hog, the processing of the hog and the gambling license fee for a raffle of the hog.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was discussion about an honorarium for the GLOW meal coordinator. A decision was tabled until the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: There was discussion about the church helping pay for camperships and other youth events.

Motion passed to put memorial decorations on Marvalee Miller’s grave at Oak Lawn.

Motion passed that the church pay for the replacement parts needed for the repair of Matt Hemann’s bicycle that was vandalized at the church.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Endowment/Memorial Committee proposed spending \$1,720.00 of Endowment interest as follows: ILC camper scholarships \$750.00, Lutheran Campus Ministry at Ames \$190.00, Lutheran Chaplaincy at Iowa City \$190.00, Lutheran Campus Ministry at Cedar Falls \$190.00, Young Adults in Global Mission \$400.00. Motion passed to approve the distribution of Endowment interest as proposed by the Endowment/Memorial Committee.

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship & Finance – Church finances are in good shape.

Worship & Music – Three people will strip the altar Maundy Thursday. Good Friday services are at First Lutheran. The tomb will be set up on Friday and the flowers will be put at the front of the church.

Church Properties – No report.

Information pertaining to the Boards of Evangelism & Social Concerns, Youth Ministry, Christian Education, and Parish Fellowship has already been reported--see above.

ADJOURNMENT: The next council meeting is May 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The boards meet at 6:30.

*This is a summary of minutes of the April council meeting.
Full minutes will be available after formal approval by council at the next meeting.*

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 1, 2023

TREASURER’S REPORT: The treasurer informed the council that when the members use the special envelopes for Palm Sunday, Lent, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, the amounts have traditionally been divided according to the following formula: Lutheran Services in Iowa 33%, Lutheran World Relief 27%, local missions 24%, EWALU 7%, Bread for the World 6% and Pine Ridge 3%.

The weekly offering envelopes have four categories—General, Benevolence, Capital Improvement and Other. Currently the amount designated “Other” has been put into Debt Service. However, Immanuel does not have any debt. Motion passed that when a member gives to “Other” and there is no further designation, it should henceforth be put into the General Fund.

The April Treasurer’s Report: General Fund Ending Balance \$18,663.37, Benevolence year to date sent to ELCA \$3,931.75, Capital Improvement \$34,530.18, Checking Account balance \$76,725.19, Savings Account \$103,550.42, ILC Miller Fund \$286,222.86, Property Sales CD \$18,701.80 and Alvin Sommer CD \$12,403.43.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Adam Nelson said April 26th was the last day for GLOW before resuming in the fall. The end of the academic year wrapped up with a glow-in-the-dark dance party with light-up games, glow sticks, snacks, dancing and neon colored crafts. There are still two weeks of Confirmation remaining. During those two weeks the Confirmands will work on their faith statements and the 7th graders will write practice faith statements. Vacation Bible School will be July 18-20 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and the theme is Daniel in the Lion’s Den. A Lock-In is planned for July 21st either at the church or at the Cresco Fitness Center.

NEW BUSINESS: There was discussion about the new sidewalk on the west side of the education unit. Motion passed to replace the grass with landscaping rock.

It was the consensus of the council that the “tomb” made by Hands of the Master be put up prior to Ash Wednesday and that it be removed after the service the Sunday after Easter (eight Wednesdays and eight Sundays).

CALL COMMITTEE REPORT: The parsonage has been leased for a year to a renter who understands she will have to move when a pastor is called. The Call Committee submitted the required profile to the Northeastern Iowa Synod and Steve Brackett provided some suggestions.

BOARD REPORTS:

Stewardship & Finance – Church finances are in good shape.

Church Properties – The following is policy information about using church property. When an outside group that has no Immanuel church affiliation, they must sign a waiver. Everyone who uses the church must pay a \$150.00 security deposit and receive permission from the Church Properties Board. Also there must be an Immanuel church member present at the event or our insurance will not cover the event.

Evangelism & Social Concerns - Ten to eleven meals were taken to the shut-ins on Wednesdays during Lent. Preparations for the Clothing Giveaway are already underway and posters will be distributed among the area towns.

Youth Ministry – Four graduating seniors will be honored Sunday May 7th and the flowers and cake have been ordered. There will be future fundraising events for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

ADJOURNMENT: The next council meeting is June 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The boards meet at 6:30.

This is a summary of minutes of the May council meeting.

Full minutes will be available after formal approval by council at the next meeting



June 2023 Worship Assistants

DATE	GREETERS/USHERS	COMM. ASSISTANTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
June 4th, 2023	Lewie & Thea Perkins	Marlene Michel John Wiedeman Matt Hemann Kat Zachary	Jim Hughes	Sharon Perry	Jaxon & Mitchell Barnes	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	Jenny Matt
June 11th, 2023	Dave & Jenny Matt	Jim & Penny Hughes Ken & Charlotte Hebrink	Dale Vagts	Sharon Johnson	Cole & Taylor Lickteig	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	Matt Gates
June 18th, 2023	Leonard Zeller Bob Omar	Rod & Nancy Bakken Dale & Joyce Vagts	Cindy Yslas	Rod Bakken	Brock Trenten Voyna	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	Jenny Matt
June 25th, 2023	Ken & Wendy Lueschow	Mike & Cindy Yslas Gary & Sharon Johnson	Scott Wiley	Penny Hughes	Kaelyn Darland Brennan VanDyke	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	CJ Yslas

IN NEED OF DONATIONS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

ITEMS NEEDED:

- *OLD BROWN / TAN SHEETS OR FABRIC
- *BROWN OR TAN SMALL CHAIR CUSHIONS
- *STUFFED ANIMALS (lions, lizards, birds, ox and deer. Other animals welcome)



- *CARDBOARD
- *STRONG BOXES
- *SMALL PLANT POTS
- *SMALL SECTIONS OF PLANTS TO BE REPLANTED
- *POOL NOODLES
- *GUNNY SACKS
- *FAKE GREENERY
- *POTTING SOIL (3 Bags)
- *BIG PAPER SACKS
- *THIN TO MEDIUM ROPES
- *TUBE SOCKS
- *BURLAP

**Please have
donations in by
July 1st. Thank
you!**



PLEASE TURN IN TO OFFICE OR CALL
563-547-2108 TO DONATE



July 2023 Worship Assistants

	GREETERS/USHERS	COMM. ASSISTANTS	WORSHIP LEADER	LECTOR	ACOLYTES	SOUND SYSTEM	PROJECTION
July 2, 2023	Mick & Jolene Gamez	Marlene Michel John Wiedeman Matt Hemann Kat Zachary	Jim Hughes	Tanya Fencel	Jason & Nathan Ahern	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	AL Voyna
July 9th, 2023	Ken & Charlotte Hebrink	Manly & Linda Bigalk	Cindy Yslas	Marlene Michel	Kenzie & Bryce Moellers	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	Kenny Lueschow
July 16th, 2023	Steve & Wendy Johnson	Bill & Cheryl Seele Merle & Marge Sovereign	Dale Vagts	Vickie Grube	Ariel Steven Lindsey Johnson	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	CJ Yslas
July 23rd, 2023	Richard & Florene Holten	Dave & Jenny Matt Ken Lueschow Bob Omar	Scott Wiley	Wendy Johnson	Becka Kappes Lizzy Koch	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	John Wiedeman
July 30th, 2023	Rod & Nancy Bakken	Sonia Ollendieck Phyllis Barth Sue Easler Barb Larson	Dale Vagts	Sonia Ollendieck	Austin & Keelen	Al Voyna Arlyn Grube Matt Gates	Jenny Matt



Local Food Bank Needs Donations!

Check out the “Clothes Line” in the entry with needed food & personal hygiene items clipped to it for June & July!! Take a few items off the lines and return to the shopping cart located in the entry! Thanks so much from the Howard County Food Bank!!



Bible Study Opportunities
Sunday: 7:45 a.m. in the Conference Room
Coffee & Treats Provided

WELCA Circle of Grace will meet on Wednesdays, June 14th, July 12th & August 9th at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome to come for fellowship, prayer, devotions & laughter.



Lutheran World Relief will soon be asking for School Supply Backpacks again!! As you do your school shopping, or see things on sale, please consider picking up notebooks, backpacks, folders, rulers, pencils, pens, crayons, markers, headphones, erasers, tissues or Clorox wipes Thanks so much!!!

SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING - Last Sunday in July - July 30, 2023 (after Worship) See you ALL there!!



Congregational Meeting

Men's Breakfast Club meets each Thursday Morning at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall - All men interested in *Bible Study & Waffles* are welcome to attend!



Coffee Fellowship

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Every Sunday after church, donuts provided! Everyone is invited to join for a time of fellowship with our visiting pastor each week!

Clothing is being accepted NOW!! As you clean our closets or hold garage sales, feel free to bring in your “gently used” and clean clothing for our Pay It Forward/Back to School clothing giveaway in August!! Looking for INFANT through young adult clothing & shoes!! Please no women's heels - as they just don't go!! But we are always in need of BOYS jeans (as boys are rough on clothing) and there is always a great demand for those!! Thanks for your support of this important ministry!!

Clothing Drive





12th Annual Pay It Forward

“Back to School & Family”

Clothing Give-Away

Thursday - Saturday, August 3-5

Thursday ~ 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday ~ 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday ~ 8 a.m. - Noon

Donations being taken NOW

**for infant through adult/teen “gently used” & clean
clothing, coats & shoes!!**

(Feel free to drop off anytime)

**(Monetary donations always appreciated to buy
NEW socks & underwear!! *Thanks!*)**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church (The Church with the Clock)
305 2nd Ave West, Cresco, IA**

NO DONATIONS TAKEN AFTER JULY 31st! Sorry!

Any questions please contact:

Church office at 563/547-2108

Sue Easler at 563/379-9293

Martha Rasmusson at 563/547-2423

Pine Ridge 2023 Update

Since the last Pine Ridge trip in 2019, there have been quite a number of changes.

Staff: **Pastor Dan Johnson** is the Executive Director of the Reconciliation Center (Retreat Center) Pastor Dan and his wife, Jackie, live in the parsonage by Holy Cross Episcopal Church and he works with the Episcopal Church including preaching out at the Episcopal, Calico “Advent Chapel.” He was to preach and have two baptisms there on May 21.



Henry Brown (Native American) lives at the Retreat Center. He is the leader of immersion groups like ours in visiting the various places on the reservation **Henry and Pastor Dan** and engages the evening speakers. He also leads the various youth groups including kids time (about 70 children) at the center. Pastor Dan and Henry use what used to be the computer room for their office.

Mary - Pastor Dan’s right hand person who is “housemother, cook, laundress and cleaner. She frisks the homeless (no weapons are allowed) who come into the basement at 9:00 a.m. for coffee & breakfast (oatmeal) and has towels ready for them to shower and assess need for their laundry.

Three Job Corps participants: They do cooking providing the homeless with a hot meal and meals for “kids time” twice a week as well as cleaning.

The Reconciliation Center (Retreat Center):

The front of the center is now adorned with a mural by a local native artist. The office wall was taken out to make the kitchen area larger. There are two large refrigerators and more cupboard space. Plans are to make an extra sleeping room for guests downstairs. During the winter, the homeless could spend time there in the basement during the day and then go to the homeless shelter for the night.



Kids Time: Kids Time continues. There are enough children (around 70) so that they are divided into two groups (older and younger). They are given two hot meals each week and get food backpacks for weekends. Henry works with youth groups to help them navigate their way through growing up in both difficult and celebratory times.

White Clay: You won’t recognize White Clay when you drive through there. Nebraska finally closed down the liquor selling establishments a few years ago. Now there is a Dollar General Store, a Grocery Store, a car repair shop and all is cleaned up.

Homelessness: What happened to the people who hung out at White Clay? It is assumed that all have moved over to Pine Ridge. We surmise that the Tribe officials didn’t plan for that and it is why there is now a larger than ever homeless population in the town of Pine Ridge.

Addressing the homeless issue in the Reconciliation Center's neighborhood:

Abram Neumann, who replaced Bruce who retired from the White Clay ministry, now lives in the apartment at the Reconciliation Center. He and Pastor Dan work together a lot on addressing the homeless issues and Abram works with the AA groups and administers services that include counseling designed to help lift clients out of addiction, homelessness, and poverty. He and Pastor Dan have worked together on grants for providing services. They address the basic human needs of food, shelter, cleanliness along with the counseling, AA, NA (narcotics anonymous), and Al-Anon to work on a path to sobriety. Not all of the homeless have alcohol problems, some have lost jobs, recently got out of the hospital with no place to go, etc. Pastor Dan and Abram report success stories, with some getting jobs and others were helped with finding housing. Abram and Pastor Dan have worked hard getting grant money to set up winter shelter. The Tribe did let them use the Billy Mills Hall for a few months but abruptly ended that April 19.



Pastor Dan and Abram both said that the Tribe just wants the homeless situation to go away but hasn't helped them much in dealing with the situation. At a tribal counsel mtg. the day we arrived, they said some on the Tribal Council think they are doing too much to help the homeless and others say that they aren't doing enough.

The Presbyterian Church Next Door: As always, it continues to be controversial. However, Abram is able to use it for an 11:00 service on Sunday and the various AA meetings he holds.

Town of Pine Ridge:

There are some new businesses. There is a Victims Center for those abused. Yes, the Higher Ground coffee shop is still going. We only heard one siren during the night time! Vehicles seemed to look in better shape. Housing continues to be a big issue as well as everyone having access to running water and electricity. **Homeless person sleeping on the Pres Church steps with duffel bag and a "Res Dog" in early a.m. -- Others were up but had their blankets folded up on the steps.**

Private Ownership Homes: There were houses being constructed in the "Fragle Rock" area just south of the town of Pine Ridge and the new community at Sharps Corner continues to grow. We heard an announcement on the KILI radio station that the Tribe is offering small plots of land for private ownership for \$16,000.

Reconciliation Center Needs: Blankets/quilts, Towels, hygiene kits, Diapers, Adult socks and underwear & Funding for fuel assistance is always appreciated!!

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JUNE & JULY 2023 RADIO BROADCAST

- June 4, 2023 In loving memory of Ray Vobr. Ray was born on June 7, 1925 and passed away on February 13, 2022. Sponsored today by Dennis and Rhonda Vobr and family.
- June 11, 2023 In loving memory of Ellen Halstead. Helen was born on June 12, 1935 and passed away on April 2, 2016. Sponsored by the entire Halstead Family.
- June 18, 2023 In loving memory of her father, George Peter. George was born March 6, 1905 and passed away on January 5, 1991. Sponsored by Janice Mecklenburg and Family.
- June 25, 2023 In loving memory of Dawn (Davis) Meyer. Dawn was born on December 31, 1974 and passed away on June 25, 2007. Sponsored by her Mother Sue Easler and the entire Family.
- July 2, 2023 To honor and Congratulate Ken & Wendy Lueschow on their 40th Wedding Anniversary. They were married here at Immanuel Lutheran on July 2, 1983.
- July 9, 2023 In honor of Roger Wentworth. Roger was born on August 11, 1929 and passed away on May 5, 2023. Sponsored today by members of Immanuel Lutheran Church.
- July 16, 2023 In loving memory of Danny Courtney, who passed away July 16th, 2011. Sponsored by Evan, Cari, Mason, Blake, Maverick & Max Carman.
- July 23, 2023 In honor of the Radio and Facebook postings that allow our Community to share in our weekly worships; keeping so many of our Congregation connected! Sponsored by Neal & Sarah Lienhard, currently residing in Downey, California.
- July 30, 2023 In loving memory of Grandson Kyler and Husband Ray Bina. Kyler's birthday is February 1, 2001 and he passed on April 17, 2017. Ray's birthday is August 5, 1945 and he passed away on November 29, 2016. Sponsored by Judi Bina and the entire Bina family.

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS-DAILY BREAD—Our Daily Bread weekday devotions are broadcast every Mon., Wed., and Fri. morning at 8:05 a.m. **Sponsorship is still needed Sanctuary Candle Sponsorship** is no longer required as we have moved to an electric candle but if anyone is interested in sponsoring the *“Christ in Our Home”* or *“Our Daily Bread”* prayer books that are published quarterly, please let the office know. **Thanks!**



June & July Altar Guild - We need You!!

Altar Linens
Communion Cards & Pew Pencils
Filling Candles
Busy Bags





Prayers of Healing, Comfort and Guidance

Brad McCarroll, SueAnn Ferrie, Sammy Evenson, Stacey Anderson, Sarah Lienhard, Ron Herbison, Roger Rodden, Blake Stevenson, Kat Zachary, Sandra Peter, Pastor Allen Vik, Dick Franks, Kenny Hebrink & Chuck Curtis

Loved Ones Serving Our Country

Ariel Grinhaug, Joshua Kappes & Cameron Krueger
Brandon Ludeman & Landon Nordby

(If you know of others serving ... please let the office know!!)

Friends & Family in Assisted Living

JoAnne Kratz & Perry Blaser

Friends & Family in Nursing Homes

Sandy Peters & Everett Schacht



Mid Month Communion!!

While there currently is NO midmonth communion, our Joy Visitors work hard to visit those at home who wish communion brought to them & to share a little fellowship! If you, or someone you know, would like a visit please let the office know! We'll be out to see you!!!

Official acts in April & May

**Funerals: Malvera Wohlsdorf 4.13.23
Roger Wentworth 5.11.23**

Baptisms: None
Senior Recognition - 5.7.23
Cyndal Klein
Hailey Norby-Sill
Olivia Ollendick
Jared Saltou



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