

Immanuel Lutheran Church

May 2014

The Church Messenger

“REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE, WEEP WITH THOSE WHO WEEP...” ROMANS 12:15

Greetings and blessings!

As we pass through another season into the next and enter into bloom here in Wisconsin, it is so easy to forget about the winter we have been through...hehe.

Yet as the leaves pop on the trees and the plants are sprouting up through the soil, we are also preparing for some major life passages for our high school seniors, and the 2014 Confirmation class.

Others are preparing for the life passage of marriage, having a first child, starting upon a new career. Still others may be experiencing the pain of lost relationships, loss of work, loss of health, or the impending loss of a loved one. In actuality, for the seniors who are preparing for new lives, there is a grief experienced by the parents, relatives, and friends who will be left behind. And as a pastor, and members of our church, we will grieve for many of the confirmation students that we have grown to love, and who will, as experience tells us, disappear as soon as they are confirmed. I pray that this class will be different. ☺

We are the body of Christ. We are meant to celebrate with those who are joyous, and to be compassionate for those who are struggling, in grief, or in pain. This body of faith is not just a facade, not just a veneer, not an imitation, or a club for those who seem to have it together. No, we are a body of believers, with depth, and love, who are meant to feel what others are experiencing. It is the love of God found in Christ Jesus our savior that upholds us and strengthens us.

Good luck to all the seniors! May your lives be filled with God, life, love, and prosperity!

A prayer: Almighty God, you have built your church upon the foundation of apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Grant that the people of this congregation may be joined together as a holy temple, a place where you dwell. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that, guided by your word and strengthened by your sacraments, we may plan and do things that will be for the good of your church and the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



Worship Schedule

9 AM — Sunday Worship

10 AM — Coffee Hour*

5 PM (2nd Saturday of each month) — Family Service, “kid-friendly” dinner served afterwards.

*If you would like to host or sponsor a coffee hour, please call Michelle or Ronnette at the office (715) 695-3511.

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MEMORIAL FUNDS

CBELC
 Endowment Fund
 Immanuel Chapel Fund
 Immanuel General Fund
 Immanuel Building Fund
 Immanuel Library Fund
 Immanuel Music Fund
 Immanuel Sunday School
 Immanuel Youth Fund
 Immanuel Window Fund
 Hamlin Cemetery
 St. Paul's Cemetery
 West Beef River Cemetery

When writing a check, please make the check payable to the individual memorial fund.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

If you would like to submit an article or announcement for the monthly newsletter, please submit it, preferably in writing or via email, to Michelle in the church office by 5 p.m. on the 20th of each month.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

If you would like an announcement to be published in the weekly bulletin insert, please submit your announcement to Michelle in the church office by 12 p.m. the Wednesday prior.

Thank you,
 Michelle Peaslee

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MEMORIALS



IN MEMORY OF GLADYS

OLSON

General Fund
 Phyllis Semingson
Music Fund
 Judy Foss

St. Paul's Cemetery
 Dale & Charlene Olsen
 Phyllis Olson

IN MEMORY OF HARVEY CHRISTENSON

General Fund
 Connie Davidson
 Dale & Charlene Olsen
 Mildred Finstad
 Ruby Spangberg

Hamlin Cemetery
 DeLaine Nyseth
 Andrea & Mark Nyseth

IN MEMORY OF WADE HALVERSON

Music Fund
 Dale & Charlene Olsen

IN MEMORY OF VERNON KOXLIEN

Window Fund
 Dale & Linda Franson

IN MEMORY OF BRANDON SEMINGSON

West Beef River Cemetery
 Kari & Terrance Brion

IN MEMORY OF EUGENE SEMINGSON

Youth Fund
 Inez Semingson

IN MEMORY OF BERNARD BAUER

West Beef River Cemetery
 Kari & Terrance Brion

IN HONOR OF FRANCES EIDE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Window Fund
 Dale & Linda Franson

IN MEMORY OF VERNON KOXLIEN

Creative Beginnings Early Learning Center
 Rex & Barbara Howard
 Louise Koxlien

General Fund
 Clarice Bergerson
 Yvonne & Clark Williams
 Mildred Finstad
 Ruby Spangberg
 Lois Hulberg
 Barbara & Richard Loomis
 Don & Judy Haukeness
 Donna Hanson

Window Fund
 Jeanette Berg
 David & Colleen Berge
 Phyllis Olson
 Jewel & Norma Berge

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S EARTH

By Jim Tocko

The month of May is the month of awakening! Gardens, bushes, trees, and lawns who in April were just starting to awaken from the winter slumber finally burst to full bloom. Clean out your bird houses if you haven't gotten to it as yet. The more birds around the less bugs and the less pesticides you have to use. Make a concerted effort to not use pesticides so as to decrease the possibility of killing beneficial insects especially bees which pollinate upwards of seventy percent of our fruits and vegetables. Many European countries are banning several pesticides because of the harm they do to the environment, especially the birds and bees, in addition to the possible carryover to humans.

Who plants the seeds beneath the soil, and waits to see, believes in God. Out in the garden planting seeds, eating the veggies and pulling weeds.



“Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; let the earth hear the words of my mouth. May my teaching drop like the rain, my speech condense like the dew; like gentle rain on grass, like showers on new growth.” **DEU 32:1-2 (NRSV)**

MONEY MATTERS

March 30 –Apr 5

General Fund Contributions \$3,353.23
 Expenses..... \$5,188.69
 Net Income (Loss) (\$1,835.46)

Apr 6 –Apr 12

General Fund Contributions \$6,402.00
 Expenses..... \$3,831.54
 Net Income (Loss) \$2,570.46

Apr 13 –Apr 19

General Fund Contributions \$4,848.25
 Expenses..... \$5,804.07
 Net Income (Loss) (\$955.82)

Apr 20 –Apr 26

General Fund Contributions \$4,769.50
 Expenses..... \$421.55
 Net Income (Loss) \$4,347.95

April 2014 Budget

Contributions \$18,301.00
 Expenses..... \$18,117.48
 Net Income (Loss) \$183.52

April 2014 Actual

Contributions \$17,143.98
 Expenses (including anticipated Apr 27-30). \$15,166.88
 Net Income (Loss) \$1,977.10

Loan Balance..... \$5,050.00

General Fund Balance (4/26) \$7,867.93
Stained Glass Balance Due \$3,680.00

Percent of Monthly Budget Allowance April 2014

(including anticipated expenses for April 27 through April 30)

General Fund Contributions 90.7%
 Ministry Expenses 5.2%
 Benevolences..... 100.0%
 Office Expenses..... 94.9%
 Property Expenses 8.2%
 General Expense 10.2%
 Utilities Expense 110.9%
 Pastor Expenses 95.9%
 Payroll Expenses 99.8%



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Opening prayers by Marie

Members present: Dan Bjerke, Howard Hanson, Pastor Ken, Marie Murrell, Michelle Peaslee, Jim Tocko

Members absent: Kris Husby

Motion by Marie, second by Howard to approve February minutes. Carried.

Thank you Dan for sharing B. Semingson Facebook message.

Motion by Howard, second by Dan to approve February financial report. By Friday the bank balance will be \$1400 short. The budget shortfall is the result of having to pay the stained glass bill in January. Because the stained glass fund was insufficient, money had to be taken from the general fund. Briefly discussed the option of loans from members. Insufficient funds will mandate additional bank loan.

Communion cards will be completed once per year for reporting to the synod.

Motion by Marie, second by Michelle to remove Jennifer from bank authorization to sign checks. Carried.

Motion by Marie, second by Jim to add Daughters of the King to the church accounts.

Website is making good progress. Individuals responsible for various church affiliated organizations will be contacted by Michelle for their input to the Website.

Suggested that the W/ELCA act as a welcoming committee to new people to the community.

Pastor updated the Council on home visits, Baccalaureate, mass baptism, May 4 confirmation, and conference in May.

FYI: The Council will be sponsoring the Wednesday, April 9 Lenten Soup Supper.

Motion to adjourn by Marie at 8:40 p.m. Carried.

Jim will do the opening prayer and Michelle the closing prayer for April Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Tocko

MAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



Greeters

- May 4 Todd & Laurie Lasher & Family
- May 11 Kris & Craig Cegielski & Family
- May 18 Barrey & Deanna Austin & Family
- May 25 Dan & Sherry Bjerke & Family



Readers

- May 4 Jodie Semingson
- May 11 Jim Tocko
- May 18 Sara Heck
- May 25 Ann Kisor



Acolytes

- May 4 Aubrey Lasher
- May 11 Blake Cegielski
- May 18 Grant Austin
- May 25 Abby Myren



Communion Helpers

- May 4 Jodie & Craig Semingson
- May 18 Scott & Mary Bjorgo



Altar Guild

- May 4 Sue Larson
- May 18 Lois Hulberg
- Robes Ruth Eide
- Flowers Betty Vold & Julia Bjorgo



Ushers

- *Kevin Skoug, Josh Skoug, Hensel Vold, & Lucas Wiedrich



Thank you for assisting with Worship in May

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please contact a substitute and let the church office know by the Wednesday prior.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 2014						
4 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9 am Worship/Communion 10 am Sunday School Coffee Hour Host: Scott & Mary Bjorgo; Kent & Karen Nelson	5 3:45 pm Youth Choir 4:30 pm Guitar Class	6 Text Study	7 1:45 p.m. Nursing Home Service WELCA Ladies Day Out - Bieze's Art Glass Studio	8 9 am - Noon Quilting 3 pm - 5 pm Feed My People Mobile Food Pantry Strum Village Hall	9 Pastor's Sabbath	10 11 am - noon Daughters of the King (ILC Office) 5 pm Family Service Followed by a "kid-friendly" dinner
11 "Sermon on the Mound" 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School Coffee Hour: Hot Dogs, Popcorn & Peanuts	12 3:45 pm Youth Choir 4:30 pm Guitar Class 7:00 pm Council Meeting	13 Text Study	14	15	16 Pastor's Sabbath	17
18 ACOUSTIC SUNDAY & NEW MEMBER SUNDAY SENIOR SUNDAY 9 am Worship/Communion 10 am Sunday School Fellowship Brunch: Michelle Peaslee	19 3:45 pm Youth Choir 4:30 pm Guitar Class	20 Text Study 9 am - 11 am Food Pantry at Immanuel Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall Newsletter Deadline	21 9 am Martha Circle-Sara Heck 1:30 pm Hope Circle-Diane Thronson 7:00 pm Baccalaureate	22 9 am - Noon Quilting	23 Pastor's Sabbath	24
25 9 am Worship 10 am Sunday School Baptism—Meeks Coffee Hour Host: To be determined	26 CBELC Closed ILC Office Closed	27 Text Study	28	29	30 Pastor's Sabbath	31

BIRTHDAYS

Ashwell, Richard	05/02	Bauer, Molly	05/15	Schadrie, Jordan	05/25
Hulberg, Isaac	05/02	Gilbertson, Sonja	05/16	Schorbahn, David	05/25
Kensmoe, Julie	05/02	Berge, Maria	05/17	Ulberg, Dennis	05/28
Kruger, Tammy	05/03	Hardy, Allen	05/17	Kunes, David	05/30
Myren, Bernice	05/03	Rogness, Tracy	05/17	Olson, Jacob	05/30
Hanson, Donna	05/04	Thompson, Charles	05/17	Knudtson, Bethany	05/31
Schadrie, Brian	05/04	Heinemann, Lenore	05/19	Myren, Eileen	05/31
Higley, Collin	05/05	Cole, Janet	05/20		
Prudlick, Casey Jr	05/05	Koxlien, Tammy	05/20		
Lasher, Laurie	05/06	Maki, Claire	05/20		
Simpson, Linda	05/06	Olson, Sharon	05/20		
Zingsheim, Julie	05/06	Hanson, Gerard	05/21		
Johnson, Evan	05/07	Hazelton, Thea	05/21		
Johnson, Ethan	05/07	Thronson, Marian	05/21		
Williams, James	05/07	Heck, Lyle	05/22		
Back, David	05/08	Dregney, Dominic	05/23		
Olson, Lucinda	05/08	Ottestad, Debra	05/23		
Zingsheim, Jenna	05/09	Koxlien, Easton	05/24		
Stendahl, Joshua	05/11	Mathson, Dennis	05/24		
Hanson, Howard	05/13	Nyseth, DeLaine	05/24		
Semingson, Craig	05/13	Ross, George	05/24		
Tobiason, Jeanette	05/13	Rindal, Joseph	05/25		
Banker, Teresa	05/15	Salava, Megan	05/25		

*"May you have all the joy your heart can hold,
All the smiles a day can bring,
All the blessings a life can unfold.
May you have God's best in everything."*

Happy Birthday!



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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Strum, Wisconsin! We are a church family of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who as disciples of Christ, are gathered together to *embrace, encourage, and extend faith, hope, and love in Christ*. Embrace, encourage, and extend: these three descriptive words sum up the mission of our congregation in following the command of Christ to love one another. Through worship, education, fellowship, and service, we share that love for each other and our community so that lives may be enriched and faith strengthened. Immanuel Lutheran Church is a congregation that is steeped in history while also engaging the context of the village of Strum, the community as a whole, and the world. Come and see! There is a place for you!

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Pastor Rev. K D Taylor
 Administrator Michelle Peaslee
 Custodian Ronnette Nelson
 Organist/Music Director Jeanette Tobiason
 Sunday School Directors Tera Gullicksrud & Sherry Bjerke

Creative Beginnings Early Learning Center

Director Keri Whitwam
 Lead Teacher—Forest Friends Room..... Theresa Bjorgo
 Lead Teacher—Lily Pad Room Samantha Tetzlaff
 Lead Teacher—Monkey Room Dusti Miland
 Assistant Ronnette Nelson

Council Members

President Jim Tocko
 Secretary Kris Husby
 Treasurer Michelle Peaslee
 Member-at-large Dan Bjerke
 Member-at-large Howard Hanson
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