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# Immanuel's Story

## .... in Prayer Ministry



Remember This When You're Ready to Give Up Praying:

God's hope for us is: God is able. Keep on praying my friends, for all those you love whose hearts ♥ seem far away. Don't ever give up.

There may be friends and family we love who have pushed away any need of God, they have chosen another path. And maybe others we hold dear, have bought into the lie, that other things in this world can satisfy. Broken relationships, hurt, or harsh words may lead many to stay distant. And at times, there seems to be such a deep rift, it feels almost impossible that they'd ever be drawn towards the love of Christ.

Yet no matter what the reason, or how far gone our friend or loved one seems to have traveled, it doesn't change this assuring fact. God's love reaches. It is never too short to save, and He is never too weary of extending more grace. His power is limitless. His forgiveness is endless.

The very reason Christ came was to seek and save that which is lost. He came to reach. It is what He does best. And the arm of the Lord is mighty and strong.

Yet sometimes, we may start to lose hope. We don't see how anything will ever change. The answer does not seem to come quickly. Maybe we get tired of praying and waiting. Or we fear for the future and eternal security of those we love most in this world. We understand the reality that no one is guaranteed tomorrow. That deep burden can so tug at our souls, press on our minds, it is hard to keep moving forward in faith.

But we don't have to pray from an attitude of fear and worry. We can pray strong prayers in the authority of JESUS CHRIST our LORD.

Be assured again today that He is at work, often behind the scenes where we can not see. He's ordering steps. Directing pathways. He's protecting and shielding. He is covering and caring. He desires for all to come to Him and will stop at nothing to draw our loved ones to Himself. He sees your heart ♥ and hears your prayers. May He work powerfully on behalf of all these we love.

Peace.

Submitted by Eileen Patrick



Congratulations to our Class of

2020

We Wish All of You Well in Your Journey!

## .... in Scripture & Study for Worship

**Sunday May 3, 2020**

*Scripture: Psalm 23  
John 10:1-10*

**Sunday May 24, 2020**

*Scripture: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
John 17:1-11*

**Mother's Day May 10, 2020**

*Scripture: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
John: 14:1-14*

**Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2020**

*Scripture: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Acts 2:1-21*

**Sunday May 17, 2020**

*Scripture: Psalm 66:8-20  
John: 14:15-21*

**“I didn’t see that one coming”**

Okay, raise your hand if you saw this coming? Didn’t think so.

So, there I was just working my way through my first Lenten season at ILC, you know, Wednesday, Sunday, Wednesday, Sunday . . .

And “POW” “BAM” “KaBLOOEY”

It all changed. (Wait, wasn’t that my subject for last month?)

Now I know things, and not all that well mind you, about YouTube and video compression and .VOB to .MP4, (and what is a CODEC?), that I didn’t even think of as part of my job when I was hired in October of 2019.

**But God did.**

Even though these things had never entered my mind, God put me in this place, at this time, **for His purpose.**

**And He does that for all of us!**

He takes our gifts, even those we did not know we had or would need, and applies them where necessary for His glory.

**What does worship look like at Immanuel?**

It looks a whole lot different than on March 15th.

**But it looks just right to our Savior.**

So worship with us as we all go through the growing pains of a new “way of doing things”

**And Thank You for all of your well wishes!!!**

**Blessings,**

*Karlin*

## .... in Donations

**When considering Memorial/Honorarium Donations, please prioritize these ministries and needs:**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MILESTONE MINISTRIES

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Milestone Ministries, Scholarship Fund is a sub account of the Memorial Savings Account. The current balance of Milestone Ministries is -\$172.72. Milestone Ministries is used to support all Baptism and Confirmation expenses.

For a complete list of ministries, please contact Sandy in our financial office.

*A huge thank you to all who support these important ministries!*

### BUILDING FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Building Fund Savings Balance: 3/31/20</b>	<b>\$1,514.49</b>
<b>Major Capital Improvement/Maintenance Balance 3/31/20</b>	<b>\$100,912.42</b>

### General Operating Budget Report

	<u>MARCH 2020</u>	<u>MARCH 2019</u>	<u>YTD thru 3/31/2020</u>	<u>YTD thru 3/31/2019</u>
Budget*	31,844	30,073	95,532	90,219
General Fund Giving	39,172	36,788	91,616	92,763
General Fund Expense	27,485	24,724	96,937	85,733
Net Income	11,687	12,054	-5,321	7,030

Budget figures reflect approved annual budget divided by 12 months. Actual figures on a monthly basis will vary depending on giving patterns and seasonal expense variations.

.... in Pastor's Perspective

May 2020



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“Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:7

In this time of anxiousness with the corona virus, comes this timely devotional from a friend.

In a book entitled “Coffee Break with God” there is a story from aviation’s early days told by Dr. Clovis Chappell. A pilot was on an around-the-world flight when he heard the noise he recognized as a rat gnawing on something—a vital cable or control? The plane was near midpoint of an over 4-hour flight between landing places.

After a time of anxious concern, the pilot remembered that as a rodent, a rat is made to live on or under the ground, not at high altitudes. He began to climb until the plane reached more than 20,000 feet. The gnawing sound stopped. When the pilot landed at the next stop, he found the dead rat.

Dr. Chappell wrote, “Brother and sisters in Christ, worry is a rodent. It cannot live in the secret places of the Most High. It cannot breathe in the atmosphere made vital by prayer and familiarity with the Scripture. Worry dies when we ascend to the Lord through prayer and His Word.”

Lord Jesus, help us remember that on the altitude of the cross, you put to death the sins of the world. As you were then the object of people’s jeers, you want now to be the object of our cares and worries so that we might be freed to serve you by serving and telling others about the fresh breath of life you give. In your name we pray. Amen

God bless and stay well!

Pastor Paul



.... in Prayer Shawl Ministry

A Prayer Shawl is meant to be given to anyone (male or female, including children) who has had surgery, been diagnosed with an illness, lost a loved one or is dealing with a hardship.

Prayers are said while the shawl is being made, that recipients may feel comfort and love as they wrap themselves in it. Shawls are available in the Fellowship Hall in the far right hand corner on the cabinet shelves. Please be sure to check/sign the book saying to whom you are giving a shawl because we don't want to duplicate. Please let me know of anyone you believe should receive one of these Prayer Shawls.

Thank you, and if any questions, please feel free to call or contact me at 218-546-6065 or by email [mmmlarson49@gmail.com](mailto:mmmlarson49@gmail.com).

Marsha Larson



.... in Children's Ministry

Greetings Immanuel families! The last few weeks have proven to be challenging and quite confusing at times, but together-if even from a distance, we WILL come out stronger and better than ever! During the first couple of Sundays, after the decision was made to discontinue live church services and Sunday School, we were able to distribute Sunday School lesson material packages to several interested families. Sunday School lesson material is now continuously available for families to print and/or download from the Immanuel website. In collaboration with Pastor Paul, we were able to plan a “Palm Sunday Car Parade” which proved to be an amazing success, and allowed many people from all over the area to gather safely and celebrate a blessed event! I hope to continue to connect with families via Facebook, and text messages in the coming weeks. For now, let’s look to sunnier, warmer days ahead, and be thankful for health, hope, and the ability to stay connected from afar. Pray with your children, and keep the faith as a family. This TOO shall pass!

Jill DeCent, Children’s Ministry Coordinator



Our sixth annual Manna for Malawi fund raiser has been **postponed to August 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The silent auction will consist of donated items from you only. We will not be soliciting from the business community this year. Is there something you can donate for the silent auction? You can donate a new (but never used) item such as a gift that didn't fit or just wasn't something you could use. You can donate a craft item that you made. Bring your donations to the office and fill out a Drop Off Slip. If you have questions, call or email me.

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.... Thoughts From My Porch

Dear Immanuel Crosby Congregation & Friends,

Love each and every one of you, and I miss seeing my church family! A friend on facebook shared parts of this with me and I felt it was worth sharing.

The official lockdown started on March 23 and will likely end May 1st. That is exactly 40 days. The Latin root of the word quarantine is "forty."

So, what does the Bible say about 40? The flood lasted forty days, 40 years Moses fled Egypt, 40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments. The Exodus lasted 40 years. Jesus fasted 40 days. A woman was to rest for 40 days after giving birth.

Even today, optimum number of weeks for human gestation is 40 weeks.

A group of theologians think the number 40 represents "change." It is the time of preparing a person, or people to make a fundamental change. Something will happen after these 40 days. Believe & Pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is "change."

What will be our "change"? Know that during this "quarantine," rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution and most importantly, people are turning to Christ.

May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation and to the world. I know everything will not go back to where it was, and we will all hopefully be "changed", more connected to our Heavenly Father, more connected to each other and live with more grace and mercy in our lives.

**JESUS LOVES YOU AND SO DO I!**

Love and Blessings,  
Elaine Karel  
Member Ministry

.... in Special Milestones!

May Birthdays

- 05/02 Tommy Holmvg, Terrie Bunker, David Pundt, Nancy Nyvold
- 05/03 Al Doonan
- 05/04 Mason Miller
- 05/05 Austin Davis, Hunter Gibson, Lillian Thompson, MaryLou Mirau
- 05/06 Therese Norwood, Margo Sodahl
- 05/07 Megan Kayfes
- 05/08 Debbie Foote, Beckett Odegaard
- 05/09 William Thoms
- 05/10 Karen DeBoer, Taylor Popkes, Brenda Lofquist, Faye Ysseldyke
- 05/11 Sharon Simons, Brandon Johnson, Mary Carlson, Mary Kraemer, Kallie Nixon, Mike Van Horn
- 05/12 Joe Simons, Shawn Jarvela, Archie Sabyan, Gerald DeCent
- 05/13 Peggy Beseman, Judi Burson
- 05/14 Sara Moe, Isaiah Aulie
- 05/15 Dennis Rasmussen, Brady Aulie, Shannon Larson, Andrew Christopherson
- 05/16 Marian Segersten, Hazel Zauhar
- 05/17 Rashell Rudek, John Gordon, David Rued
- 05/18 Tanya Jacobs, Cindy Schneider
- 05/19 Garett Barber
- 05/20 Catherine Kraemer
- 05/22 Jean Olson, Hannah Pakarinen
- 05/23 Mallory Holmvg, Haley Reinhart, Alan Gilgen
- 05/24 Chloe Perpich
- 05/25 John Radinovich, Jocelyn Glomski
- 05/26 Robin Anderson
- 05/28 Riley Jacobs, Chase Horner
- 05/29 Phyllis Collignon, Jason Kovatovich, Amber Johnson
- 05/30 Ruth Imberi, Jenni Kannel
- 05/31 Meredith Bloedel



May

Wedding Anniversaries

Tom & Nancy Jann	05/14/1966
Beryl & Shirley Foote	05/16/1953
Jon & Holly Hunter	05/18/2002
Al & Jan Doonan	05/19/1984
Donald & JoAnn Kehl	05/25/1957
Donald & Nancy Nyvold	05/30/1981
Joshua & Nacishia Rinde	05/31/2014



.... Memorials & Honorariums Given for Easter 2020:

For the Easter Lily Fund:

- In memory of Lester A. Rono Jr. by Linda M. Rono.
- In memory of Wayne & June Leopold by Stan & Mary Nagorski.
- In memory of Avis Nelson by Orv Nelson.
- In memory of Mom, Dad, sisters & brothers by Scott & Lynette Dehing.
- In memory of my parents by Marian Segersten.
- In memory of Brian Oren by Bella Oren & John Hodges.
- In memory of Darlyne Larson by Ronald Larson.
- In memory of Peter Mattson by Paul & Jill Mattson.
- In memory of Jeff Oliphant by Bruce & Mary Oliphant.

For the Building Fund:

- In memory of Ken Landborg by Adrian & Jean Olson.
- In memory of Ken Landborg by Paul & Jill Mattson.
- In memory of Ken Landborg by Nickoli & Darlene Nelson.
- In memory of Ken Landborg by Lois Landborg, Carol Dorin & Neiofibur.

For the Handbell Fund:

- In memory of Ken Landborg by Barb Rhodes.

For the Food Shelf Fund:

- In memory of Nathan Weber by Susan Bushard.

For the Scholarship Fund:

- In memory of Terry Nagorski by Hal & Judy Kirchoff.
- In memory of Terry Nagorski by Lynn & Shelly Harker.
- For the Milestone Fund:
- In memory of Stan Nagorski's brother, Terry Nagorski by Dennis & LuAnn Heinrichs.

For the Malawi Days for Girls Fund:

- In memory of Michelle Hage's Great Aunt, Rosemary Erickson, by Ken & Barb Moe.

For the General Fund:

- In memory of Ken Landborg by Lois Landborg.

**TOTAL \$5,600.00**

**\*\*ATTENTION READERS\*\***

If anyone is interested in bringing in books to read and share, we have a table by the book store designated for these.



... in Youth CREW

Whew, what a trip! We had a very good time at the 3 Bears resort the weekend of March 6.

Chris Dahl was a great speaker and was very encouraging to our youth as to their identity in Christ. The musicians that performed, took the time to share their testimonials of their faith in the Lord. They also shared their views of the importance of God's Word, staying on a good path and family worship.

We also attended 4 "breakout sessions," which were sort of like classes. Some of the things that were taught:

- \* about a Catholic charities warming shelters. How they strive to help us understand more about homeless people.
- \*that there are many things that come to mind when we hear the words "praise" and "worship".
- \*how behind the scenes of being a musician can be lonely, frustrating and depressing.

I attended a separate session that focused on human trafficking. How devastating an epidemic that is real and close to home. Children ages 10+ are particularly vulnerable and should be protected by proactive behavior because they are not being just "snatched off the streets," they are being recruited through coercion, fraud and manipulation.

I spoke with the representative of an organization that is determined to save these children. I have invited them to our community to help raise awareness, "red flags" to watch for and how to keep our children safe. Our God is mighty to save!

We are so blessed to be part of solutions instead of problems! Time to learn more of how we can share the fruit of the Spirit with our neighbors, our community and the world.

Heavenly Father's love, peace and mercy be with you.

Faithfully,  
Tammy Freeburg, Youth Ministry Coordinator



**EVERYONE STAY SAFE & HEALTHY!!**

## ... Looking Forward

### “SPIRIT OF Christmas” BAZAAR DURING STAY-AT-HOME SOCIAL DISTANCING

As we are “sheltered in place,” this seems to be a great time for thinking of items that can be made for the “Spirit of Christmas” Bazaar.

There are many gifted crafters in our congregation, but with limited access to stores, perhaps using available items in our homes can inspire creations.

Those who sew can hopefully use existing fabric and material to make pillows, throws, quilted items, etc.

Those who are wood crafters, the nicer weather makes it possible to be in our garages creating items such as: wooden ornaments, snowmen, reindeer, wreaths, angels, trees, furniture, etc.

Perhaps some of us have old unique antique treasures that can be upscaled with floral adornments, ribbons, accessories, etc.

There’s always an interest in vintage sleds, shovels, watering cans, lanterns, mason jars, old chairs and dressers, weathered window frames, wagon wheels and more that can be transformed into desirable decorative items.

If you are a Pinterest follower, this website contains countless ideas and directions for making crafts with almost anything you may have on hand at home.

For our gifted gardeners and bakers, your homemade and canned items have been a great contribution to the success of our annual bazaar.

To give us all hope in this uncertain time, let’s embrace the reality that “this too shall pass” and think about how we can use our time for good for our lives and for our church community.

By: Karen DeBoer



## ... Worship At Home 2020

