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Immanuel's Story
told in....

Immanuel's Story

.... in Prayer Ministry



When our President says, "Make our country: America Great Again," he may or may not realize that the only way to do this is to "Make America Godly Again."

In the last couple of months, with the Covid-19, the main topic, Have you noticed the word "GOD" being called on, more and more? And in public? It seems to me that people are more willing to speak out. I hope and pray that we, at Immanuel are also speaking out praising our Lord and Savior!

Our prayers and praise are so important!! God Listens (ALWAYS). God knows what we want even before we ask, but he wants us to ask "pray". God loves you and me. Isn't that the most wonderful thing to know!! And don't we all like praise?

WHO ARE OUR ENEMIES? The war that is upon us is not one of flesh and blood, "but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." Eph. 6:12, NIV.

We can help in this war! by PRAYING & and reading our BIBLES. PRAISE BE TO GOD.

2Timothy 3:1-5--"But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious, gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasures rather than lovers of, God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these." AMEN

Submitted by Eileen Patrick



~MEAL WITH A MISSION~

Benefitting: Cuyuna Range Youth Center

Sunday, June 21, 2020~

10am-12pm

@ ILC

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.... in Scripture & Study for Worship

Holy Trinity Sunday June 7, 2020

*Scripture: Psalm 8
Matthew 28:16-20*

Sunday June 14, 2020

*Scripture: Psalm 100
Matthew 9:35-10:8*

Sunday June 21 2020

*Scripture: Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18
Matthew 10:24-39*

Sunday June 28, 2020

*Scripture: Psalm 89:1-4,15-18
Matthew 10:40-42*

The "New" Routine

Many of the worship articles I have been reading lately have had to do with what a church service might look like after the #stay at home directive has been lifted.

Most say that church attendance may be down because membership has already adapted to the video services that have been provided during the 2 months of quarantine.

The articles say that people are getting used to getting up on Sundays when they want, grabbing a coffee and sitting on the couch in their PJs and pushing play.

To me, that's like going on a diet for 2 months because I had to, and suddenly ignoring the fridge once the lock has been removed. I don't see a forced routine giving me the willpower to stay away.

Church is about fellowship and interaction. I am an introvert and not being around people is pretty easy for me. But, I go to church because it is one of the places I can fellowship comfortably. There are many church activities that I probably will always stay out of, but the services, I enjoy.

I know when we are allowed to return, it will be similar, though not the same, to what worship was before. There will be new rules and restrictions.

But it will be worship in a house that God built.

And for many of us that is all that we are asking for.

Blessings

Karlin

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.... 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 -\$270.61. Milestone Ministries is used to support all Baptism and Confirmation expenses.

For a complete list of ministries, please contact the church office.

BUILDING FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORT

Building Fund Savings Balance: 4/30/20	\$1,514.61
Major Capital Improvement/Maintenance Balance 4/30/20	\$102,286.56

General Operating Budget Report

	<u>APRIL 2020</u>	<u>APRIL 2019</u>	<u>YTD thru 4/30/2020</u>	<u>YTD thru 4/30/2019</u>
Budget*	31,844	30,073	127,376	120,292
General Fund Giving	36,868	36,188	128,484	128,951
General Fund Expense	22,184	28,745	119,121	114,478
Net Income	14,684	7,443	9,363	14,473

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.

Thank you for your faithful giving!

.... in Pastor's Perspective



Pastor Paul J. Mattson
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During the pandemic, I've already watched the Minnesota Twins win the World Series several times on the "classic" baseball channels. As I mentioned before in this newsletter, there are all kinds of "classic" offerings on the TV for viewing these days. So in that spirit, I offer to you a devotional "classic" from the famous preacher Charles Spurgeon:

Genesis 42:2 "There is corn in Egypt"

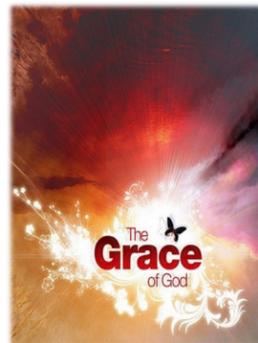
Famine pinched all the nations, and it seemed inevitable that Jacob and his family should suffer great want; but the God of all provision, who never forgets the objects of His love, had stored a granary for His people by giving the Egyptians warning of the scarcity, and leading them to treasure up the grain of the years of plenty. Little did Jacob expect deliverance from Egypt, but there was the corn in store for him.

My friend, though all things are apparently against you, rest assured that God has made a reservation on your behalf; in the rolls of your grief there is a saving clause. Somehow, He will deliver you, and somewhere He will provide for you. The place from which your rescue shall come may be a very unexpected one, but help will assuredly come, and you shall magnify the name of the Lord. If people do not feed you, the ravens shall; and if earth yield not wheat, heaven shall drop with manna.

Therefore, be of good courage, and rest quietly in the Lord. God can make the sun rise in the west if He pleases, and make the source of distress the channel of delight. The corn in Egypt was all in the hands of the beloved Joseph; he opened or closed the granaries at will. And so the riches of God's provision are all in the absolute power of our Lord Jesus, who will dispense them liberally to His people. Joseph was abundantly ready to assist and support his own family; and Jesus is unceasing in His faithful care for His own.

Our business is to go after the help which is provided for us: we must not sit still in despair, but bestir ourselves. Prayer will bring us into the presence of our royal Brother: once before His throne we have only to ask and receive: His stores are not exhausted; there is corn still: His heart is not hard, He will give the corn to us. Lord, forgive our unbelief, and this day help us to draw from Your fulness and receive grace for grace.

A classic for our time! God bless you! Stay well!



.... 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.

Marsha Larson

... in Children's Ministry

I have been missing church so much, and all the wonderful things that come with it-like our families and children! We will continue to post Sunday school lesson material on the website through May 24th, as Sunday school ends for the summer months. We will focus on getting families back to church in a safe way as we enter into Summer, and so I ask for all your prayers in this process. Our VBS program is to be determined, as we explore different options, so we may adhere to any guidance that we are given. More details to come in the future. Please continue some of the more simple ways to keep your children in faith at home-Dinner time prayers, Bed time prayers, songs, online church, etc. Look for updates and resources on our Facebook page as well. As parents, be kind to yourselves, and know that you are doing an amazing job! It's certainly a very different way of life, for both adults and children. God is in control, and will lead and guide us each and every day. Let Summer commence!



Jill DeCent, Children's Ministry Coordinator



I love November!! November is the month of gratitude. Gratitude for family, friends, and our festive annual Spirit of Christmas bazaar!! This event has a reputation of being a huge success, bringing in shoppers from miles around! The profits from the bazaar have, in the past, been distributed to local charities, as well as global missions, which benefit greatly from these donations.

Our 2020 Spirit of Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 14. A Meal with a Mission, to help fund bazaar expenses, is scheduled for August 16, 2020. Please mark your calendars!

This annual event has enjoyed success due to the cooperation and efforts of many existing committees. These committees WELCOME new members and new ideas! The committees begin meeting as a whole in early September, with several individuals and church members making crafts and bazaar items all summer.

There are numerous committees that make the bazaar a collaborative effort. Perhaps you would be interested in coming on board. With the number of committees to choose from, there's bound to be one that sparks your interest. Committees to consider joining are the Children's Shop Stop, Confections, Lefse making, bake sale, raffle tickets, wreath making, Sweet shop, Kitchen duty making rolls and coffee, publicity, cashiering, Meal with a Mission, hauling and setting up display furniture, bazaar set-up and take-down. People of all ages and talents are welcome, including our youth, and men!!

Even though the bazaar is a few months away, careful consideration now would be a good time to get ideas percolating, and perhaps decide on a committee that you would enjoy joining. Also, you may have extra buttons, ribbons, pine cones, fabric, burlap, pipe cleaners, rope, dried florals, artificial pine boughs or unused artificial Christmas trees, crafty embellishments, etc., that could be donated. Hold on to anything that could be used to make an item crafty, unique and beautiful. Also consider donations that a child would want to "purchase" for his/her parents in the Children's Shop Stop.

These days are uncertain with our current virus pandemic, but it may be beneficial for our mental health to keep focused on things that remain constant. Our prayer is that our church can be somewhat back to normal by this fall, and that our Spirit of Christmas bazaar can be sustained, even celebrated, our Lord willing.

Please know that you can contact Nancy Nyvold at 612-8)04-4917 or Karen DeBoer at 763-442-0755 with questions, ideas, and/or your desire to join a committee!



... in Special Milestones!



June Birthdays

- 06/01 Cheryl Barber, Dylan Johnson
06/02 Anthony Perkins, Bentley Pankratz
06/03 Sandy Davis, Cody Maki
06/04 Michele Snook, Birdie Walth, Greg Waffensmith, Iris Miller
06/05 Connor DeCent
06/06 Katelyn Norwood, Carson Freese, Ella Hargrove, Michael McWilliams
06/07 Jill Mattson, John Kimball
06/08 Taya Mohs
06/09 Easton Maucieri, Darlene Nelson
06/10 Helen Sharp, Don Hoemkel
06/11 Abigail Arneson, Deb Hamilton, Sawyer Hoyt
06/13 Jenna Holmvgig, Tyler Bliss, Tyler Reed, Brooks Kannel, Noah McWilliams
06/14 Logan Jarvela, Sue Schubert
06/15 Deb Koop, Jim Radinovich, Tyler Peterson, Ember Popkes, Dominyk Lerma, David Danielson
06/16 Maxwell Snook, Gordie Jacobson, Kristin Van Horn, Jeanette Radinovich, Warren Buchite
06/17 Norm Hullinger, Kay Gaudette
06/18 Nancy Heise
06/19 Mayson Rinde, Brandi Hallin, Steven Tilbury
06/20 Orlan Johnson, Via Payne
06/21 Rachel Norwood, Trenton Maile, Katie Kovatovich
06/22 Delores Beseman, David Lusian, Brett Nelson, Jess Arneson, Michael Payne
06/23 Linnea Thoms
06/24 Margaret Anderson, Lloyd Bordwell
06/27 Kim Waffensmith, Ken Johnson, Marlys Orr
06/28 Erin Koop, Elyjah Abbott
06/29 Lynette Dehning, Barbara Wallberg, Keagan Schmidt
06/30 William Taylor



Wedding Anniversaries

- Paul & Hanna Bushard 06/01/2016
Don & Ruth Imberi 06/01/1996
Dale & Vi Klugness 06/05/1964
Blaine & Debra Kreller 06/07/2014
David C. & Mary Peterson 06/07/1969
William & Bernita Harrison 06/07/1953
Denny & Sandy Davis 06/08/1996
Don & Mary Carlson 06/08/1957
Jim & Faye Ysseldyke 06/09/1966
Roger & Sandy Twigg 06/13/1970
Mike & Kristen Van Horn 06/14/2008
Jason & Joelle Duerr 06/18/2016
Stan & Mary Nagorski 06/19/1992
James & Gayle Hanes 06/19/1982
Mitch & Sue Reagan 06/20/2015
Brad & Sue Peterson 06/20/1992
Jeff & Marsha Olson 06/21/1969
Wayne & Megan Ward 06/22/2013
Jeremy & Michelle Houck 06/23/1990
Jim & Mary Ellen Stolle 06/23/1964
Orlan & Kristy Johnson 06/25/1983
Fred & Claudia Tessmer 06/25/1967
Jon & Cheryl Ustipak 06/26/2001
Mark & Melanie Christopherson 06/27/2015
Tom & Judy Thiesfeld 06/29/1968

Affirmation of Baptism



June 7, 2020

Veronica Mae Abear

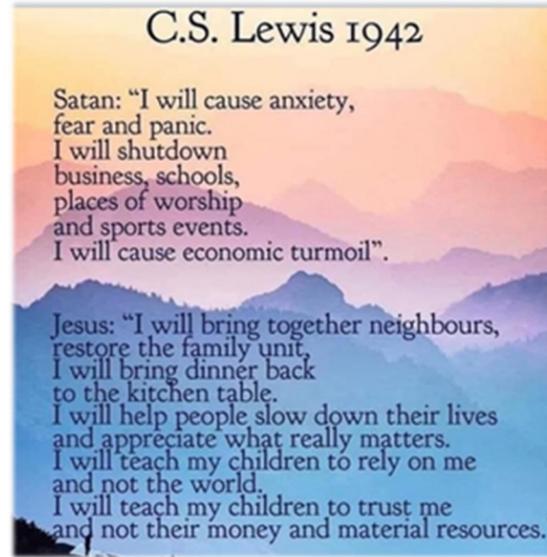
Parents: Ted & Ceara Abear

Sponsors: Oliver Ankeny & Elsie Souhrada



... In Youth Ministry

A wise woman said to me, "If what we need to do to keep our elders safe is to isolate for a while and wash our hands, so be it! We can be grateful that it does not involve us taking up arms and tearing apart families."



So, let us stay close to the blessings that Jesus spoke of, let this history repeat itself!

Upcoming: June 3rd @ 6:00pm Youth Advisory Meeting

Looking at what youth ministry will look like this summer
That's right, I said summer! TBA

Proverbs: 2:2-5

Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. Then you will understand what it means to fear the LORD, and you will gain knowledge of God.

Faithfully,
Tammy Freeburg
Youth Ministry Coordinator



... MWAM Benefitting Cuyuna Lakes Lunch Bunch, \$930.00 was raised!



... Memorials & Honorariums Given in April & May 2020:

For the General Fund:

In memory of our parents (an Easter Memorial) by LeRoy & Barbara Bohlin.
In honor of Joyce Kallestad on Mother's Day by Jessica Koenig.

For the Good Sam Fund:

In memory of Ken Landborg by Gary & Karen DeBoer.

For the Scholarship Fund:

In honor of Joyce Kallestad's 90th Birthday by Dennis & LuAnn Heinrichs.

For the Malawi MOCP Fund:

In memory of our parents and in honor of our children by Adrian & Jean Olson.
In memory of Rhoda Benjamin (Mom's sister) by George & Eleanor Pettersen.
In memory of Rhoda Benjamin (Mom's sister) by Charles & Connie Pettersen.
In honor of Joyce Kallestad's 90th Birthday by Dennis & LuAnn Heinrichs.

TOTAL \$1,145.00



... in Senior Graduation

Congratulations to the following 2020 Graduates!

Jessica Klopffleisch
Casey Finnerty
Ryan Duerr



... Manna for Malawi Silent Auction

As our state slowly opens, the August 23rd date for our event is starting to look better. 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 church office and fill out a Drop Off Slip. If you have questions, call or email me.

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To Ruth Sandin for dropping off Office Supplies, we do appreciate it Ruth!

