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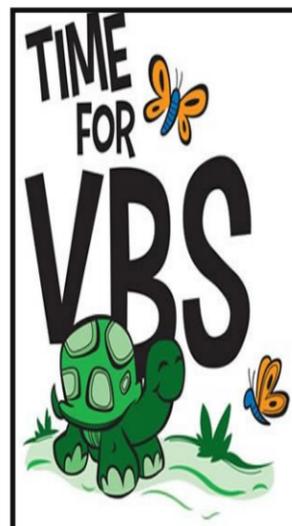
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Immanuel's Story

... in Prayer Ministry



My time "safe at home" has been a real treasure in my prayer time in God's presence. When we have no place to go, no accomplishments to make, no schedules to meet, and we just have time to be alone with Him, in His presence... What a blessing!

The picture above is my screen saver on my laptop. It is there to remind me, again and again, that no matter what the day may hold, or what over-whelming things might come my way, God is now, and always will be, forever "in control". A verse from a favorite song comes to mind:

**"This is my father's world, Oh, let me never forget:
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the ruler yet!"**

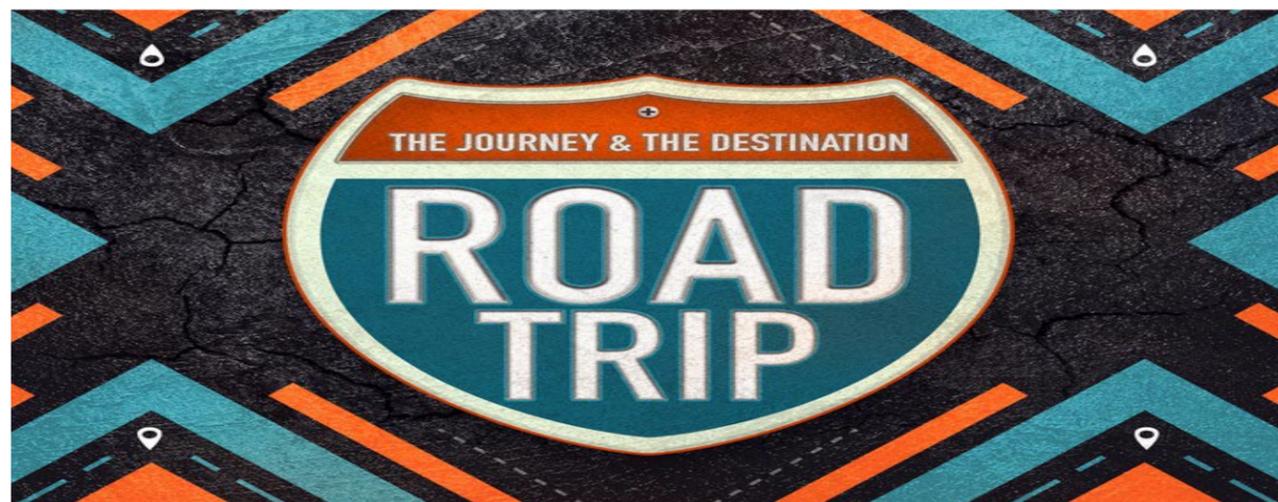
And our amazing connection to our God, and to each other is this strange and awesome thing we call PRAYER. At a time of great frustration, I once said to my Mom, "All I can do is pray!!!" And I will never forget her response, "Honey, Honey, Honey, That's the highest thing you can do." Yes, indeed, when we come to the end of ourselves, to the end of all that is going on, being in prayer in the presence of our God is truly the highest and best.

I have also used this time to read /re-read some books on prayer. If some of you still have the book "FERVENT" that we shared at retreat, go back and re-read it. Author, Priscilla Shirer says of prayer and being in the Word: "Make prayer both your lifeline and your lifestyle. Continue to write His Word on your heart, on your hand, those little pieces of paper,...sticky notes.. or whatever... Something highly important and powerful happens when you put these prayers of yours and these promises of His [first] into words, and then into action. Pray with thanksgiving.... approach God boldly with each need...being thankful to Him for Who He is, what He has already done, and what He is currently doing. Affirm out loud that you know He is there and that He cares for you [using it all] preparing, arranging, and planning for your good. He is all-powerful! He is sovereign! He is right and true and eternally glorious." Thanks be to God!!

Check it out....
Philippians 4:6-7 / Hebrews 13:5 / Matthew 6:33 / Jude 24-25

Together in God's Love, Presence and Peace!
Judi Burson

2020 Vacation Bible School At Home August 3-6th



Hope you can join us!

.... in Scripture & Study for Worship

Sunday, August 2, 2020

Scripture: Psalm 145:8-9,14-21

Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Scripture: Psalm 85:8-13

Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday, August 16, 2020

Scripture: Psalm 67

Matthew 15:10-28

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Scripture: Psalm 138

Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Scripture: Psalm 26:1-8

Matthew 16:21-28

“Blessings”

"When I'm worried, and I can't sleep,
I count my blessings instead of sheep,
And I fall asleep, counting my blessings.”

Irving Berlin lyrics © Concord Music Publishing LLC

“Count your blessings, name them one by one.
Count your blessings, see what God has done.”

Johnson Oatman Jr. © Words: Public Domain

So many times, I forget to count my blessings, although the Lord has been so gracious and abundant with them in my life.

As we returned to services, last month, I realized how blessed I was to have been able to worship in the Lord’s house each week of the shutdown, as others only had our video services.

And to return to a “normal” form of services, I felt the blessing of having the Churchyard band, Debbie Marlton and the Wing and a Prayer band back. Though we could not sing with them, we were in our hearts and under our masks.

And to see the return to communion, although in a new form, I could sense the desire of the congregation to confess, repent and receive the Lord’s body and blood.

This season of our lives has been one of worry and fear. But we must not give in to the pettiness of judgement of the “new order” or the fear of the unknown, for that is what the enemy is hoping for.

Instead, let us count our blessings.

Let there be revival in our hearts and minds, that God is in control. That no matter the trial, or inconvenience, we could have it worse. We are free in our Lord Jesus Christ!

That is the greatest blessing of all.

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. 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: 6/30/2020

\$1,514.74

Major Capital Improvement/Maintenance Balance: 6/30/2020

\$103,802.00

General Operating Budget Report

	JUNE 2020	JUNE 2019	YTD thru 6/30/2020	YTD thru 6/30/2019
Budget*	24,025	25,750	183,245	176,115
General Fund Giving	24,082	33,874	170,382	196,959
General Fund Expense	22,375	24,114	153,039	164,027
Net Income	1,767	9,760	17,343	32,932

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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“Investing”

It has been a crazy year for anyone investing in stocks, bonds and mutual funds. The corona-virus has, and continues, to rock the financial world. So far, 2020 has been a roller coaster year for anyone who is an investor.

And that got me thinking. The God we worship and praise, has been and is, an investor.

Webster's says the word “invest” means “to expend (to give something) for future benefits.” This is part of the nature and character of God - to invest, to give something for future benefits. And what God gives us is His promise, his Word, a Word that will bring future benefits.

All through the Bible, God unfolds his investment plan to get us back in fellowship with him – which is the “future benefit” God desires. God wants to do life with us today and for all eternity. This is the “return” on God's investment that God wants.

And of course, the cornerstone of God's investment plan is this: *For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)*

Jesus is the plan. Jesus is the costly investment, to get us back in fellowship with God the Father today and forever. And God gives us the Holy Spirit, described in the Bible as a “down payment” or “first installment” of the benefits of God's investment plan. The Holy Spirit helps us better understand the ways of God and the Word of God – a Word that provides us help and hope, light and life, a Word for which we are truly thankful.

And the best way to show our thanks to God is by investing our lives, doing those things that are good, right, proper and pleasing to God.

May we continue to seek creative ways to invest well, in thankful response to God's investment plan!

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.

Marsha Larson



.... Back to School

It's time again to start thinking about school.

In just a few weeks the BACK TO SCHOOL sales will begin. Once again, while we are shopping for our children and grandchildren, why not pick up some extra supplies for our School Donation Boxes?

Here is a list of some supplies we could use for the general classes:

- 2" wide - three ring binders in Yellow, Blue, Red, and Green
- Black & Blue Pens
- Pencils
- Colored pencils
- 3x5 Note Cards
- Pocket Folders
- Spiral Notebooks
- Erasers, Extra Fine Black Sharpie
- Protractors
- Composition Book
- Loose, college-ruled notebook paper
- \$10-\$15 “scientific” or TI83/TI84 graphing calculator

PENCILS ARE IN GREAT NEED. STUDENTS USE APPROXIMATELY 25 PENCILS PER QUARTER.

Any help we can provide will be greatly appreciated.

The boxes will be placed in the hallway and near the Food Shelf Donation Box in the Friendship Hall. Any questions please feel free to contact Brenda Hayes at 218-546-6010 or email at office@immanuelcrosby.org.





Summer is in full motion, and so are families! It feels amazing to be back in church, and to see so many friendly faces live and in person...even if we are six feet apart. Vacation Bible School theme this year is "Road Trip" and although it is formatted differently, to be a bit more "Virus friendly," it still remains as a wonderful way to come together as a family and learn of God's glorious path for us. There will be a combination of take-home activities and times of togetherness. VBS runs August 3rd-6th. VBS home kits will be distributed to each family who would like to participate in person on Sunday, August 2nd at 4:00pm at Immanuel. This will be the "kick-off" and will allow for some interaction between participants. Families will then utilize kit material at home which will include activities for the week. The week will conclude as families come together again on Thursday, August 6th at 6:00pm at Immanuel for some outdoor fun adhering to any outdoor gathering guidelines. The health and safety of our families will always take priority-hence our 2020 VBS design. This design allows for limited socialization, while building faith at home as a family. I truly believe that in these times of uncertainty, it's extremely important to still find ways for children to socialize, play, and simply enjoy classic and simple childhood activities. There will be limitations, my goal is to do exactly this for our Children's Ministry here at Immanuel. It's all the more important that faith continue to be built at home, and there are many simple, quick ways to incorporate faith into daily life-such as meal time prayers, bed-time devotions, etc.

Keep growing in God's word and grace!

Jill DeCent, Children's Ministry Coordinator



. . . . in Special Milestones!



August Birthdays

- 08/02 Debra Lindahl, Joshua Anderson
- 08/03 Jace Kayfes, Sandra Blood, Jack Souhrada
- 08/04 Lloyd Brix, Jackson Eberly, Mya Ferrari
- 08/05 Roger Twigg, Devon Gibson, Fred Tessmer
- 08/08 Kim Gibson
- 08/09 Kenneth Moe, Ally Sabyan, Samantha Stanfield, Kane Nixon
- 08/10 LeAnne Kirby, Cheryl Mills
- 08/12 Scott Dehning, Millie Radinovich
- 08/13 Maycee DeCent, Ole Anderson
- 08/14 Marion Beseman
- 08/15 Lacey Barber
- 08/16 Cassidy Shankle, Hunter Wynn, Gwenevere Riese
- 08/17 Joaney Rudolph, Mark Gujer
- 08/18 Alyse Holmes
- 08/19 Virginia Larson, Roxanne Perkins, Kensie Chamberlin
- 08/20 Auhtumn Wymn, Miriam Kannel, Braydon Abbott
- 08/21 Jean Bjerkness, Jane Holmwig, Dan LaPierre, Jeffre Kirby, Susan Reagan, Wyatt Stanton, Daniella McWilliams
- 08/22 Debra Marlton, Traci Gujer, Eva Jarvela
- 08/23 Orville Nelson, Hayden McGowan, Claudia Tessmer, Judy Thiesfeld, Tanner Johnson, Taylor Beddow
- 08/24 Lori LaBorde, Bobbie Kovatovich, Chuck Weber
- 08/27 Marshall Bushard
- 08/29 Cody Reinhart
- 08/31 Craig Lubovich, Maren Koop

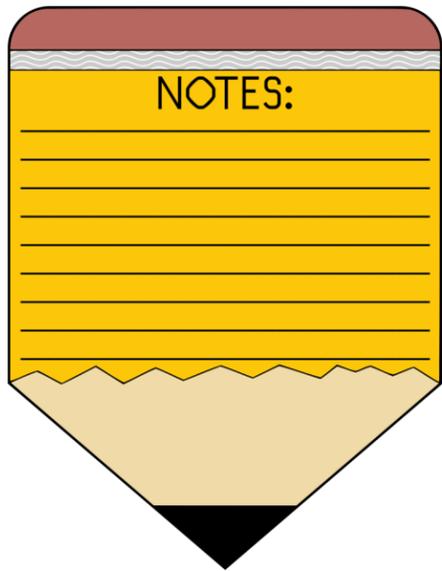
August Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Susan Bushard	08/01/2009
Dennis & Linda Peterson	08/01/1970
Chuck & Connie Petterson	08/06/1970
Robert & Rita Beard	08/04/1956
Stanley & Helen Sharp	08/06/1960
Gene & Brenda Lofquist	08/06/2008
Dallas & Lori Hudson	08/10/2013
Ronald & Carolyn Mogen	08/10/1963
Gordon & Audrey Jacobson	08/11/1963
Kenneth & Barb Moe	08/12/1972
Frank & Sharon Bonsante	08/15/1992
William & Linnea Thoms	08/17/1963
James & Birdie Walth	08/22/1965
Tim & Brenda Bongs	08/22/2009
James & Barbara Hakes	08/23/1969
Randy & Nancy Evans	08/25/1979
Glen & LaVonne Kompelien	08/26/1978
Bob & Joyce Kallestad	08/26/2004
James & Ardelle Patrick	08/26/2005
Ryan & Bobbie Kovatovich	08/26/1995
David & Carol Pundt	08/28/2004
Jason & Eryn Przymus	08/28/2004
Sheldon & Shirley Sanborn	08/30/1969

Affirmation of Baptisms

August 8, 2020
Brayden Paul Tuthill
Parents: Andrew & Amanda Tuthill
Sponsors: Adam & Angie English & Sarah Meints

August 23, 2020
Carter Thomas Perpich
Parents: Samuel & Valerie Perpich
Sponsors: Elijah Steinke & Brittany Haukos



Names on the prayer list will be listed for three weeks, if you want a name to be kept for a long time, please contact the church office at: 218/546-6010 or email: office@immanuelcrosby.org

Thank you.



... in Memorials & Honorariums Given In June and July 2020:

For General Fund:

In memory of Kay Gaudette's brother by Denny & LuAnn Henrichs
 In memory of Ade Olson's brother, Gary by Denny & LuAnn Henrichs
 In memory of Jeff Olson's brother, Gary by Denny & LuAnn Henrichs
 In memory of George Pettersen by Charles & Connie Pettersen



For Malawi Fund:

In memory of Ade Olson's brother, Gary by Donald & Nancy Nyvold
 In memory of Ade Olson's brother, Gary by Mary Najorski
 In memory of Ade Olson's brother, Gary by Lynn & Shelly Harker
 In memory of Ade Olson's brother, Gary by Karen & Gary Deboer
 In memory of Tricia Vogel by Denny & LuAnn Henrichs

Total: \$410.00

... in Manna For Malawi Cancelled

This year's Manna For Malawi event has been cancelled.

Manna For Malawi will return June 27, 2021 at the Woodtick Inn in Cuyuna are in place with the Johnny Holm Band, food by Maucieri's, and beverages from Mixed Company, a Kava House.

There will not be a silent auction but the raffle will still be held. Tickets for the raffle are \$5.00 each and will be available before, between and after worship services on a Sunday. They are also available during office hours in the church office. Please contact Sue Schubert if you have any questions about purchasing tickets or if you would be interested in selling tickets. Watch correspondence from Immanuel as tickets become available other places. The drawing will be held at the Woodtick at 6:00pm on August 23rd. You do not need to be present to win. You will have a last chance to purchase tickets from 5:00-6:00pm on the day of the drawing at the Woodtick.

Please consider buying raffle tickets or donating to this fundraiser as the need in Malawi is great. Any money raised will go towards food and education. Please watch all correspondence from Immanuel, Immanuel's Facebook page and Immanuel's website for ways to donate so that we are still able to help out the children in Malawi even though we are not able to hold the event.

... in Attendance

Sunday, June 28, 2020

9:00am	52
10:30am	57
Total	109

Sunday, July 5, 2020

9:00am	43
10:30am	20
Total	63

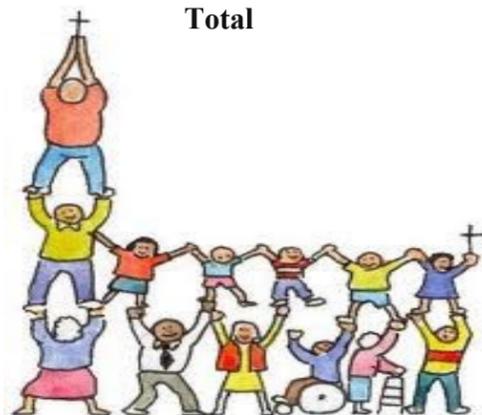
Sunday, July 12, 2020

9:00am	51
10:30am	35
Total	86



Sunday, July 19, 2020

9:00am	46
10:30am	39
Total	85



.... in Youth Ministry

Happy Summer Immanuel Family,

I pray that you have been able to enjoy the abundance of beautiful sunshine. This is definitely a day that the LORD has made!!! July 1st Summit meeting went very well ! Sarah Pederson and Becky Pakarinen joined our Youth Advisory team!!

Thank you to both of these lovely moms who are adding their wisdom and grace to our youth ministry. We are still "going with the flow" as far as planning upcoming events. Still communicating through mail, phone calls, texting, Marco Polo video, etc...

I am still loving the training I have been able to be a part of! It has me reaching out to communicate with teams and the next one is on "conflict resolution." I feel so blessed to have this opportunity to expand my knowledge and skills.

2 Timothy 3:16- All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness

Thank you for your prayers and support .

Take care, God bless.

Faithfully,
Tammy Freeburg,
Youth Ministry Coordinator



.... Looking Forward/Bazaar

After much consideration and discussion with Pastor Paul, the decision has been made to postpone our annual Spirit of Christmas Bazaar until 2021. Unfortunately, the unknown risks associated with COVID 19 have necessitated this decision.

Hopefully, this additional time off, will renew our energy and give everyone new and creative ideas for the best bazaar ever in 2021!!

At this time, we are still considering sponsoring a Meal with a Mission this fall. The funds collected would be donated to local charities in need.

More upcoming details for Meal with a Mission will be determined within the next few weeks.

This has been a very thought-out and difficult decision. We hope to feel your support, and any offerings of encouragement and ideas for 2021 would be greatly appreciated.

Co-Chairs,
Nancy Nyvold and Karen DeBoer

... in MWAM benefitting VBS on Sunday, July 19, \$1836 was raised!

