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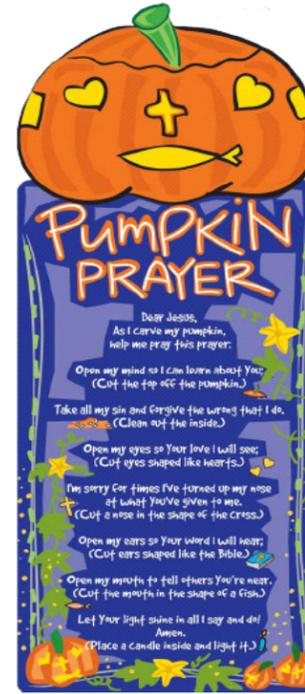
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I enjoy having our church select a book to study together- each fall. This year our choice is "How to Pray" by Pete Greig. I am not going to attempt to add to his writing, but only to encourage you to participate with us, as we study, discuss, and put into action.

When I first heard of our choice, I thought, "not another book on prayer". I already have 3 or 4 on my bookshelves, I do not need another. However, the subtitle caught my attention, "A simple guide for normal people" I like "simple" and I think I'm "normal" so I started to read and am encouraging you to start and enjoy it too.

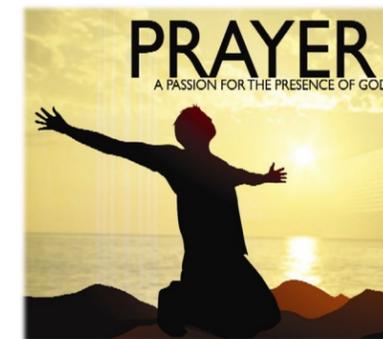
I am not going to review the book I would just like to comment on a few of my observations:

- 1) PRAY: Pause, Rejoice, Ask and Yield. Pete has outlined a process for us to follow. Do not start with a list of requests, but set my mind in a proper frame to encounter the Creator of the universe.
 Pause: "Be still and know that I am God" What a great beginning of my prayer time!!!
 Rejoice: (The miracle of planting bean seeds in May and eating beans in August.) Look around and recognize God as the sustainer in all we see and tell Him.

- 2) "Just show up" even when I do not want to pray "just show up" and listen to what God has to say.
- 3) The author has included more: "How to read this book in a couple of minutes", a set of "Prayer Course.org" videos and his "ToolShed" all for free to add to our experience.

I thank God our church has chosen this book. Blessings on each of us as we participate together.

Your fellow learner--- Peter Nordell



Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020



REFORMATION
Sunday



...In Scripture & Study for Worship

Sunday October 4, 2020

Ch 5 "Petition"

Scripture: Psalm 54

Matthew 7:7-11

Sunday October 11, 2020

Ch 6 "Intercession"

Scripture: Exodus 17:11-13

Matthew 18:19-20

Sunday October 18, 2020

Ch 7 "Unanswered Prayer"

Scripture: Psalm 22:1-11

Luke 22:39-42

Sunday October 25, 2020

Ch 8 "Contemplation"

Scripture: Psalm 46

Mark 1:35

Anniversaries

A section of this newsletter each month is devoted to Birthdays and Anniversaries.

While, to me, not worthy of mention except to thank each and every one of you, I have filled this office for nearly a year now.

I have had the blessed opportunity to meet so many faces, (sorry, I always will be terrible with names) and shared with many a journey of faith in Jesus Christ.

James 4:14 says "yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes."

I have never believed this to mean that we are insignificant in God's eyes, but I do believe that we should never read our own "press clippings"

I think back to my time on the Football field and how close my team came to being State Champions my Senior year. In one play it was gone and became a vapor.

Each tomorrow I had plans for, seem as nothing today.

There are memories good and bad.

I have hurt others and been hurt by others

There were tears of sorrow and tears of Joy.

Blessings beyond my worth.

And each tomorrow brought me to today.

Right here, where He wanted me to be, no matter my plans for tomorrow.

Following in my Savior's footsteps

Seeking knowledge of the Holy.

Serving at His will.

Knowing that each and every step leads me back to Him.

So as with all anniversaries, I say look back and recall it all and stand amazed, in awe and wonder, that Our

Father has brought us right here, right now. He knew that

every step of the way, every side road we thought we had travelled on our own,

was just another step closer to Him.

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. Milestone Ministries is used to support all Baptism and Confirmation expenses.

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

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

BUILDING FUND FINANCIAL REPORT

Building Fund Savings Balance: 7/31/2020

\$1,514.98

Major Capital Improvement/Maintenance

Balance: 7/31/2020

\$104,306.75

General Operating Budget Report

	JULY 2020	JULY 2019	YTD thru 7/31/2020	YTD thru 7/31/2019
Budget*	30,007	30,734	220,590	184,404
General Fund Giving	46,058	31,798	280,838	268,389
General Fund Expense	26,678	34,193	224,087	233,959
Net Income	19,380	- 2,395	56,751	34,430

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 Pastors' Perspective:



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As we enter our Fall learning event – “How to Pray – A Simple Guide for Normal People” we are encouraged by author Pete Grieg to establish a daily quiet time, whether it be in the morning, noon or night time.

With that in mind, here's a devotional letter from Pastor Steve Nesheim that gives some timely perspective:

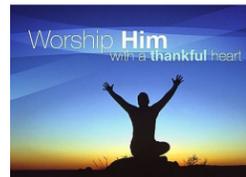
We often evaluate activity and time use

On the basis of productivity

And that productivity is often measured

In terms of consumable goods produced

Or physical work accomplished.



It is not often that we measure productivity

In terms of character development,

In terms of inner peace,

In terms of personal growth.

Or spiritual integration.



Therefore, work such as

Prayer, contemplation, worship, study, and meditation

Is unfortunately seen as non-productive

And assigned a lesser importance

Than wild activity.

We need to occasionally examine productivity

And choose that which will give eternal benefits,

Results which help us realize the Kingdom of God

Now.

Lord, teach us to pray....

Blessings – Pastor Paul



... in Children's Ministry

Can you believe it? Fall is here!

We are gearing up for another year of Sunday School, which kicks off with a Blessing of the Backpacks, as well as an outdoor gathering of children and our Sunday School team. Immanuel's Sunday School program includes children ages pre-k through 6th grade. Linnea Laffin is our Pre-K and Kindergarten class teacher, Rick Aulie is our 1st-3rd grade teacher, and James and Lindsay Freese are our 4th-6th grade teachers. We will be focusing on a curriculum that will teach the Lord's Prayer, to pair with the congregational teachings during the Fall book study. We will practice social distancing, as well as plenty of hand washing and sanitizing, along with adhering to the mask mandate; in order to stay healthy and safe. Sunday School registration forms are available at church, and online from our ILC website. Our nursery will remain closed for now, as we explore need, safety, and volunteer availability. We had an excellent turn-out for our VBS Rally Day, which included plenty of pizza, t-shirt tie dying, and entertainment by our friends from Voyageur Lutheran Ministry ! Praise be to GOD for continual blessings both here at church, and in our family ministry. Many thanks to all who volunteer, and contribute to our prosperous Children's Ministry.

Jill DeCent, Children's Ministry Coordinator



... in Youth CREW

Hello Kingdom family!

The youth, parents and staff had an awesome party at the parsonage recently (even after being postponed due to weather)! Our "welcome back" to youth ministry was a hit as well! Lots of fun, fellowship, Bible study and being a living example of our faith.

Confirmation and CREW are now combined Youth!! We are also considering extending to senior year in high school to be confirmed.

We will start youth night on October 7th, 6:30-8:00pm.

We will begin "Alpha" curriculum Wednesday October 14th @ 6:30-8:00pm.

We are setting a goal to have a meal every Wednesday evening. If you, or someone you know, may be able to help us in this department, please contact me or church office.

Background checks are now being done for anyone being involved with children and youth ministry!!

Thank heavens for safety measures.

We are extremely blessed to have the church family that we have!!! All generations working together to create a better future.

Keep on envisioning "heaven on earth."

We'll get there!! Take care and God bless.

Faithfully,

Tammy Freeburg, Youth Ministry Coordinator



... in Memorials & Honorariums were given in August & September:

For General Fund

In memory of Elynn Niles & Debbie Marlton by Arthur Graff

In memory of Debbie Marlton by Robert & Joyce Kallestad

In memory of Bill Bunker by Robert & Joyce Kallestad

In memory of Stacy Nelson by LeRoy Bohlin

For Memorials

In memory of Debbie Marlton by Karen Sells

In memory of Debbie Marleton & Elynn Niles by Meredith Bloedel

For Malawi Fund

In memory of Debbie Marlton by Dennis & LuAnn Henrichs

In memory of Debbie Marlton by Bruce & Mary Oliphant

In memory of Lester Rono Jr. by Greg Waffensmith

In memory of Elynn Niles by Hal & Judy Kirchoff

In memory of Elynn Niles by Elaine Karel

In memory of Stacy Nelson by Dennis & LuAnn Henrichs

In memory of Bill Bunker by Dennis & LuAnn Henrichs



For Music Ministry

In memory of Debbie Marlton by Stan & Mary Nagorski

In memory of Debbie Marlton by Lynn & Shelly Harker

In memory of Debbie Marlton by Karen Huntington

In memory of Debbie Marlton by Phyllis Collignon

In memory of Debbie Marlton by Greg Waffensmith

In memory of Debbie Marlton by Stan & Mary Nagorski

For Youth Ministry

In memory of Patricia Fogel by Greg Waffensmith

For Milestone Ministry

In memory of Debbie Marlton by Fred & Claudia Tessmer

In memory of Elynn Niles by Fred & Claudia Tessmer

For Befriender Ministry

In memory of Maria Waffensmith by Greg Waffensmith

Total: \$985.00

... in Manna for Malawi MWAM — we raised over \$27,800!!



Thanks to everyone who contributed to our successful “Manna for Malawi” non-event this year. Although there was not our usual benefit concert and meal, we had a terrific raffle and drive-through meal to go on August 23. Donations totaled over \$27,000 and will provide tuition for 67 students to attend high school, several girls to boarding school, some to national high school, and one to college. This is HUGE! It will also provide for the feeding program – serving around 800 children, six days a week, for up to 4 months. Thank you for saving lives and making a real difference in the lives of some of the poorest of the poor children in the world today.

... in Handbell Ministry

On September 13, the Hallelujah Bell Choir had it's first performance since December. It was so wonderful to perform again at Immanuel. Seven members were able to practice social distancing with their own music on divided tables. Thanks to Tim Bongs for figuring out the placement of the microphones to accommodate our bell tables and to all the readers who had to follow the table maze to get to the lectern.

This fall Barb Rhodes, Ginny Larson and Meredith and Jim Bloedel have chosen not to return to the bell choir. Thank you all for your past years of sharing your time, talents and great camaraderie with us. You will truly be missed. Ah...the memories! We pray for God's continued blessings to them as they answer the call for new service opportunities at Immanuel.

Currently we are only playing 2 octaves but hope to bring in some more members for November and December. If you have an interest in becoming a bell choir member, please call Judy Kirchoff at 218-820-2802 with any questions. We practice on Tuesdays from 5:15-6:15. Thank you for considering this Ministry.

Judy Kirchoff, Handbell Director



... 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 larsonmk@crosbyironton.net.

Marsha Larson



... in Woman of Immanuel

Due to Covid-19 and unforeseen circumstances, there won't be a Women of Immanuel MWAM in October.



“THANK YOU” to all who donated toilet paper to the Crosby Food Shelf!
Your contributions really made a difference.
Immanuel’s support to the food shelf is awesome!!

Thank you,
Bob & Pat Neros

Attendance

Sunday, August 23, 2020

9:00am	59	
10:30am	47	
Total		106

Sunday, August 30, 2020

9:00am	60	
10:30am	33	
Total		93

August Total 503

Sunday, September 6, 2020

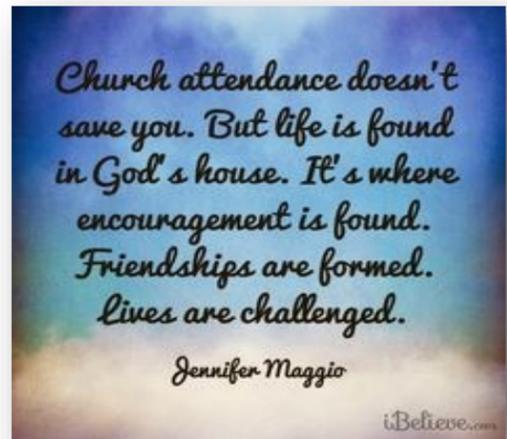
9:00am	66	
10:30am	50	
Total		116

Sunday, September 13, 2020

9:00am	70	
10:30am (Park)	78	
Total		148

Sunday, September 20, 2020

9:00am	72	
10:30am	64	
Total		136



... in Special Milestones!

October Birthdays

- 2 Michelle Nelson, Audrey Webber, Joshua Yotter
- 3 Ron Larson, James Patrick, Maurice Slepica, Parker Albrecht
- 4 Kermit Olson
- 5 Dottie Hayes, Kerry Futhey, John Nelson, Bronson Ballard
- 6 Cece Snook, Katarina Jensen
- 7 Brenden Kirby, Becky Pakarinen, Derek Kayfes, Stephen Langton
- 8 Michael Bushard, Ronald Mogen
- 9 Grayson Roberts
- 10 Lydia Nelson, Sarah Pederson, Gregory Kayfes
- 11 Rachel Aulie, Mark Christopher, Elaine Karel
- 12 Ean Hunter, Nick Nelson
- 13 Shayne Jacobs
- 14 Mary Ellen Stolle
- 15 Veda Davis, Logan Peterson
- 16 Jillian Rinde
- 17 Angela Reinhart
- 18 Judy Running, Dan Wisniak, Warren Presto, Zachary Hoyt
- 19 Noah Larson, Aaron Odegaard
- 20 Adelaide Finck, Jeanne Risnes
- 21 Frank Foote, Braylon Kannel, Brittany Schwartz, Emily McWilliams
- 22 Kay Partello, Eva Jarvela, Angelina Souhrada, Lydia Kraemer
- 23 Nikita Finnerty
- 24 Sommer Popkes
- 25 Bonnie LaPierre, Bennett Kannel, Madison Taylor, Brody Chamberlin
- 26 Virgil Panitzke, Josie Chamberlin, Adam Midthun
- 27 Robert Polich, Jr. Megan Unzeitig
- 28 Robert Blood



Wedding Anniversaries

- Clem & Irma Gagnon, October 2, 1993
- John & Karen Rosecrans, October 4, 1980
- James & Lindsay Freese, October 6, 2006
- Mark & Susan Bliss, October 7, 1989
- Gary & Karen DeBoer, October 11, 1997
- Mycal & Kaitlin Payne, October 12, 2013
- Grant & Kim Gibson, October 14, 1995
- Jess & Michelle Seely, October 14, 2003
- John & Kristi Gordon, October 14, 1994
- Jerry & Jill DeCent, October 16, 2010
- Dan & Terri Wisniak, October 17, 1970
- Nick & Darlene Nelson, October 21, 1961
- Rick & Sharon Kleinschmidt, October 21, 1978
- Terry & Mary Lynn Wickman, October 24, 1964
- Tony & Roxanne Perkins, October 26, 1985
- Bob & Pat Neros, October 30, 1965

