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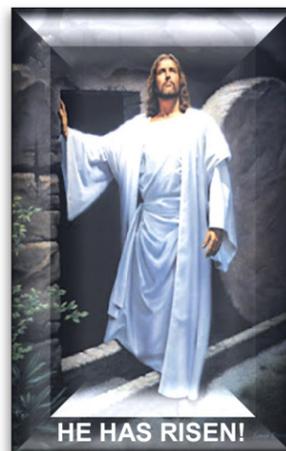
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Immanuel's Story told in....

Immanuel's Story

.... in Prayer Ministry

My prayer for you is that you are richly blessed to know how much God wants to strengthen you, so much so that He searches the whole earth in order to bestow His strength. I pray that you will experience the sufficiency of God's grace and the power of His strength working in your weaknesses. I pray that you will commit, wait, seek, pray, persevere and serve empowered by the inner strength that can be given only by the Holy Spirit. I pray that whenever you are faced with a difficult challenge or trial of any kind, you will confidently say, "Okay, Lord, I can do this." I pray that as you rely on God's omnipotent strength, you will experience a life that is lived with joy, peace, self control and hope.

May he strengthen you to do all things in Christ.



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PRAYER THOUGHT

Okay, Lord, I can do this Empowered by Your Spirit, I can be one who is clothed in the strength of my Almighty God and can therefore, do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

Submitted by Eileen Patrick



"Don't Miss the Boat"



Holy
Humor
Sunday

April 11th

.... in Worship

Maundy Thursday April 1, 2021
John 13:1-17, 31-35

Sunday, April 11, 2021
Psalm 133
John 20:19-31

Good Friday April 2, 2021
John 19:1-42

Wednesday, April 18, 2021
Psalm 4
Luke 24:36b-48

Resurrection Sunday April 4, 2021
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 25, 2021
Psalm 23
John 10:11-18

What Are You Looking Forward To?

I am looking forward to a long overdue visit with my brother in Texas. It had to be postponed last year due to Covid. I am also looking forward to Spring lawn and garden preparation. You know, the excuse we use to go outside. And I am looking forward to getting the boat ready for another Summer of fishing.

I am also looking forward to joining our Father in Heaven.

As we reflect on the Resurrection and our Salvation we must keep looking forward to the ultimate goal. We, as children of God will be going home.

Let me repeat. We will be going home.

I Peter 2:9 says:

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

And if everything does not go as I plan.

And it seems as if the rug is pulled out from under me again.

II Corinthians 5:1 says:

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

And what is our Father in Heaven looking forward to?

Much as we watch and wait on growth in seedlings and our children to ensure that they have the best chances of growing and thriving in their environment. Proverbs 22:6 gives us an insight into what He is looking forward to:

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

So as we celebrate the Resurrection, be thankful that we have a loving Father who looks forward to our growth as His children and the day we will join Him in Heaven.

Thank you, Abba Father.

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

Major Capital Improvement/Maintenance

Balance: 2/28/2021

\$113,846.45

****Building Savings Merged with Major Capital Improvement**

General Operating Budget Report

	<u>FEBRUARY 2021</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 2020</u>	<u>YTD thru 12/31/2021</u>	<u>YTD thru 12/31/2020</u>
Budget*	32,265	30,426	64,530	60,733
General Fund Giving	23,826	33,090	67,523	59,651
General Fund Expense	27,488	33,321	55,393	76,442
Net Income	-3,662	-231	12,130	-33,582

*Budget numbers not updated at this time.

.... in Pastor's Perspective

Obituaries - Jerusalem – 33AD

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans by order of the ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.

Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by his mother Mary, His faithful apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

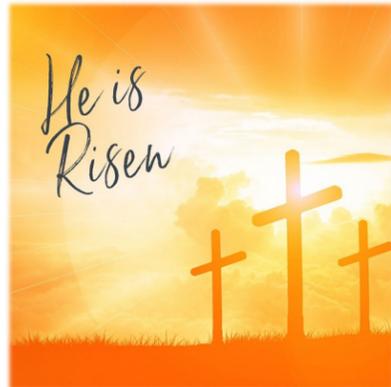
Jesus was self-educated and spent most of His adult life working as a teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that He healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.

His family would like to encourage everyone to come to church this Easter Sunday to hear the rest of the story. Have a blessed Easter! He is risen!



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.... in New Office Staff, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

My name is Deb (Deborah) Eastros. I am married with 3 children and 3 grandchildren. I grew up in Waseca, MN as well as Fargo, ND, both country and city life. I have lived in the Brainerd Lakes Area the majority of my life. I love reading, listening to music, spending time with family and friends including the furry four-legged ones, as well as taking the Harley out for long relaxing rides in the spring and summer. Summer is my favorite time of the year as I love being outside enjoying the sunshine.



.... in Rummage Sale

After further consideration of the ability to safely hold a spring rummage sale, it was decided to postpone this until next spring.

.... in Church Garden

The snow is melting and it's time to start thinking about what to plant in the church garden. We are looking to "grow" our garden team so if you have an interest helping to plan the garden, plant the garden, weeding, watering, or harvesting please contact Bonnie Finnerty at bonniefinnerty@gmail.com

.... in Memorials & Honorariums Given in March 2021:

Youth Fund

By Sheldon & Shirley Sanborn
By Donald & Mary Carlson

Sunshine Fund

By Donald & Mary Carlson

Malawi Fund

By Phyllis Collignon

Food Shelf

By Phyllis Collignon

TOTAL: \$165



.... in Children's Ministry

SPRING is here, and the days are officially becoming brighter and longer-praise be to God! As we head into the busy months of March and April, we look forward to several happenings here at Immanuel. Our 5th and 6th graders will be offered the annual First Communion education sessions, as well as engaging in communion for the first time on Maundy Thursday, or Thursday April 1st. Students and parents will be introduced to lessons in Communion, utilizing interactive booklets for both communicants and parents. Families are invited for a time of gathering, crafting, fellowship, and lunch on Saturday March 27th. We will be crafting a "Resurrection Garden", that may be taken home to care for. A sign-up sheet is available on the door of the nursery. It's that time of the year also, where we begin planning for VBS-that's right, we are prayerfully planning for our traditional VBS week, complete with all the wonderful IN PERSON activities! This awesome week cannot happen without our amazing volunteers, so a ZOOM session has been scheduled for Monday April 6th, at 6:00pm, to begin brainstorming and planning. If you would like the link emailed to you, please contact Jill DeCent. Our Nursery is now open, but may not always have an attendant and/or adult volunteer on Sundays. Please see the yellow sign on the nursery door, in order to know if an attendant and/or adult volunteer is on duty. We continue to work towards a full calendar of attendants and volunteers! As we begin to gather again, PLEASE consider volunteering in our Children's Ministry!



.... in Special Milestones!



April Birthdays

- 04/03 Nathan Finnerty, Luv Payne
- 04/04 Molly VanHorn
- 04/07 Jim Bloedel
- 04/08 Ron Mogen, Audrey Wittnebel
- 04/09 Rick Koop, Terri Larson
- 04/10 Olive Bourgeois, Isabelle Thompson, Jack Schubert
- 04/11 Katherine Olander, Steven Heins
- 04/12 Carter DeCent, Megan Ward
- 04/14 Mary Nagorski, Jay Hunter
- 04/15 Nicholas Zillmer, Tucker Pederson, Barbara Rhodes, Lucy Christenson
- 04/16 Fred Van Krevelen
- 04/18 Cindy Albrecht
- 04/19 Teagan Ceplecha, Ella Dwyer, Judy Christenson
- 04/20 Eric Nelson, Steve Freese, Millie Micek, Kiah Gordon
- 04/22 Trey Jacobs, Jonathan Wittnebel
- 04/23 Denny Davis, Audrey Jacobson, Kevin Reinhart, Charlotte Albrecht, Stephanie Danielson, Ryan Kovatovich
- 04/24 Dan Ustipak, Mike Patrick
- 04/25 Garry Nelson, Sophie Androff, Bentley Hurd, Sandra Twigg
- 04/26 Wendy Flannigan, Marlys Lindert, Holly Seely, Bruce Oliphant
- 04/27 Maraek Koop, Michelle Hage
- 04/28 Allison Johnson, Curt Christopherson, Pam Kloplesch
- 04/29 Linda Peterson, Mary Peterson, Noah Reinhart, Joyce Kallestad, Jaidynn Unzeitig
- 04/30 Judy McKanna, Wendy Chirhart, Gavin Hoyt

April Wedding Anniversaries

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|--------------------------|------------|
| Paul & Veda Davis | 04/04/1992 |
| Ken & Sandy Johnson | 04/06/1968 |
| John & Judi Hendrickson | 04/08/1995 |
| Randy & Amy Stanfield | 04/10/1990 |
| Paul & Jill Mattson | 04/13/1985 |
| Steven & Erica Perpich | 04/18/2009 |
| Hal & Judy Kirchoff | 04/20/1968 |
| Brian & Kim Marquart | 04/25/1992 |
| Brent & Judy Running | 04/25/1981 |
| Steve & Laura Heins | 04/27/2001 |
| Jason & Paula Kovatovich | 04/29/2006 |
| Jeff & Kelly Klein | 04/30/2005 |



Affirmation of Baptism

March 14, 2021

Bennett James Stettler

Parents: Chad Stettler & Nicole Marquart

Sponsors: Tyler Davidson & Galen Davidson



... Meal With a Mission

10:00am-12:00pm
 Sunday, April 18, 2021
Meal with a Mission Brunch
 Benefitting: Mission for Malawi



Church Growth

... in Attendance

Sunday, February 21, 2021

9:00am	72
10:30am	<u>55</u>
Total	127

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

6:45pm	65
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Sunday, February 28, 2021

9:00am	52
10:30am	<u>55</u>
Total	107

February 2021 Total-to-Date 436

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

6:45pm	55
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Sunday, March 7, 2021

9:00am	71
10:30am	<u>72</u>
Total	143

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

6:45pm	60
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March 2021 Total-to-Date 258

... in Youth Ministry

Hello Kingdom Families!!!

First of all thanks to all who showed up to help for our meal with a mission. We raised \$816 for our Youth account! We are blessed abundantly by our congregation. Bravo for all who have helped by ushering and greeting! Snaps, claps and a hallelujah for our lectors: Eva Jarvela, Carson Freese, and Hannah Pedersen It has been so great to count on consistency with volunteering families. Thank you Lent season has brought us into a different style of youth night. Discussion groups on Wednesday evening have been going well. Trusting relationships are being built and our heavenly father is moving in all our lives. Our sense of church family is growing stronger. Yay! Adding a music request portion at the end of the evening of youth night, has been welcomed and enjoyed. Upcoming: March 31st (Wed) Pizza Party

Just a thought:
 Spiritual warfare is real. It is definitely upon us during Lent season in particular. Keep in mind, the enemy tempted Jesus first.
 Ephesians 6:10-17
 Suit up with the armor of God:
 -belt of truth
 -breastplate of righteousness
 -helmet of salvation
 -for shoes, peace, to carry the Good News
 -the shield of faith
 -the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
 Be strong and stand firm in God's mighty power.
 Look to Scripture IT IS WRITTEN

Planting seeds of faith
 God bless
 Faithfully,
 Miss Tammy



.... Youth Meal With a Mission, \$816.00 was Raised!



.... Manna for Malawi Event 2021

Immanuel's Manna for Malawi event is starting to look more real now that vaccines are here. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 15th, 2 to 6pm. We will have music by Johnny Holm, pulled pork dinner by The Bridge Tavern, raffle, and silent auction. We will have children's activities too.



Here are two silent auction items already donated. Can you donate a silent auction item? We also need volunteers to solicit businesses for silent auction items or donations. If you can help with this, please call me: Terri Wisniak (218)546-2863.

There will be a Meal with a Mission on April 18th benefitting the Manna for Malawi event.

If you would like to visit the project in Malawi, let me know. There are no trips planned at this time because of Covid but there is a lot of preparation that can be done.

By Terri Wisniak

.... First Communion Participants:

Brody Pakarinen, Wyatt Holmes, Brody Chamberlin, Jackson Eberly, Lyric Aulie, Cody Reinhart, Hunter VanHorn, Chase Horner and Kirsten Nixon

