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# Immanuel's Story

.... in Prayer Ministry



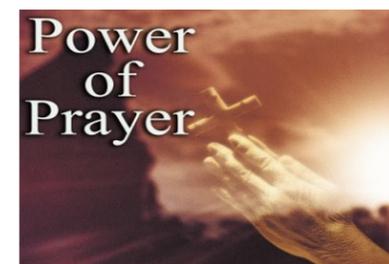
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The Church in America is indeed in desperate need of revival! It's time for the faithful to arise and fill the airwaves with a different kind of influence --- heavenly influence ! As God's children, we alone have a right to boldly approach His throne to ask for the grace and help that our nation needs. We all have an invitation by the Lord Himself as His "elect" to secure "legal protection" from our enemy through the power of prayer. He said we should always pray and never give up (Luke 18:1-8, NASB). We need the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of Americans to receive His Gospel. By ourselves, we have no power to release revival in our nation, but Almighty God has invited us before His throne and given us His ear.

Taken from the vine and branches.

Submitted by Mike Patrick



Congratulations to our



We Wish All of You Well in Your Journey!

## .... in Worship

**Sunday May 2, 2021**  
**Psalm 22:25-31**  
**John 15:1-8**

**Sunday May 9, 2021**  
**Psalm 98**  
**John 15: 9-17**



**Sunday, May 16, 2021**  
**Psalm 1**  
**1 John 5:9-13**

**Sunday, May 23, 2021**  
**Psalm 104:24-35**  
**Acts 2:1-21**

**Sunday, May 30, 2021**  
**Psalm 29**  
**John 3:1-17**



## .... in Donations

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL    CHILDREN & YOUTH    MILESTONE MINISTRIES    GENERAL ACCOUNT

Milestone Ministries, Scholarship Fund is a sub account of the Memorial Savings Account. Milestone Ministries is used to support all Baptisms, First Bibles, First Communion, Confirmation & Graduation expenses.

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

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

**May you never.**

**Have you ever said that to a child, a loved one or a friend?**

**Even if it is only the description of your 20 mile uphill walk to school and back.**

**It is our greatest wish that our "family" never have to repeat the pain and problems that we have endured as individuals and societies.**

**But we have a tendency to continually repeat, or see repeated, those very same issues we have warned and been warned against.**

**World War 1 was the "War to end all wars".**

**100 years later we do not seem to have gotten the message.**

**In the 60s Dr. Martin Luther King "Had a Dream" for all mankind.**

**Did we forget that "dream"?**

**In Proverbs 3:5, the "father" begs his son to**

**"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding."**

**And yet what did the son and the sons of sons continuously do?**

**In the song "Where have all the Flowers Gone" the poignant question is asked,**

**"When will they ever learn?"**

**The Bible is a remembrance of sin and forgiveness of sins, over and over again, so that we may see the error of our ways and return to God.**

**As we come to another Memorial Day let us remember all of the errors that we have committed against the Lord, Our God. May we learn from them and may we never lean on our own understanding, but trust the Lord in all things.**

*Blessings,  
 Karlin*

## BUILDING FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORT

### Major Capital Improvement/Maintenance

**Balance: 3/31/2021** **\$115,295.77**

### Current Deposits

**\$1,449.32**

### Current Withdrawals

**\$0.00**

**\*\$880 of deposits were transferred in from January & February**

### General Operating Budget Report

	<u>MARCH 2021</u>	<u>MARCH 2020</u>	<u>YTD thru 2021</u>	<u>YTD thru 2020</u>
Budget*	32,265	31,844	96,795	95,532
General Fund Giving	32,558	39,172	89,820	91,616
General Fund Expense	26,241	27,485	79,896	96,937
Net Income	6,317	11,687	9,924	-5,321

\*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



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*"I live as an alien in the land"* (Psalm 119:19a)

*"But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."* (Philippians 3:20)

I'm glad that I am not living as an *alien* in this land. I am a citizen of this country. I enjoy the many benefits of living here. What a privilege to live in this land! I am very thankful that the United States will be my home for the rest of my life.

The verse above says: "But our citizenship is in heaven." Which means we have a place to go when our life is completed here. Jesus goes ahead to prepare a place for us. Someday, he will come back to take us to this place called heaven.

Jesus has paid a very high price so that we can have citizenship in heaven. He gave his life for us. He died for our sins. He paid the penalty for our sins. Some day He will say: "Come on home, I have a place for you."

In the meantime, we have some work to complete as citizens of the USA. And when that work is done, we will enjoy our citizenship in the place called heaven.

Let us pray– Thank you Lord Jesus, for the blessing of being a citizen in this land. Thank you for adopting us into your family through Holy Baptism. Thank you for the promise and joyful anticipation of having a "citizenship in heaven." Amen!

Pastor Paul



.... in Spirit of Christmas Bazaar

How quickly time passes! Spring has arrived, summer is just ahead, and fall will be right around the corner! That means our annual Spirit of Christmas Bazaar is in sight, and we anticipate having this festive event continue! The date has been set for Saturday, November 13, 2021.

As an addition to our wonderful crafts and baked items, it has been suggested that we include a Minnesota themed area. Therefore, as you plan your items for the bazaar, you may consider crafts that feature a Minnesota idea or topic.

Examples might include cards, emblems, recipes, or signs with a Minnesota saying. Or perhaps a creation from fabric that promotes our Minnesota sports, lakes, logos. How about an old board with a carving, or a stenciled phrase, jingle, statement.....MINNESTA NICE? A shape of Minnesota or design stenciled onto a pillow, wine glasses, mugs would be creative and fun.

Whatever your talents, expertise and ideas bring about, we welcome your contributions! That includes our talented and resourceful MEN who have crafted amazing items in the past.

We "bazaar co-chairs" are putting our heads together, we know many of you are also. Don't hesitate to call, email or shout out your questions. We love your insights, ideas...and HELP!!

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Greetings! April took off quickly this year, with First Communion for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as Holy Week at Immanuel. Nine students and their families took communion on Maundy Thursday, which was a truly special event for all who participated and attended. I'd like to extend a huge thank-you to Pastor Paul, and the parents of our communicants, as most of the education of First Communion happens at home. It was just so wonderful to be gathered together in person this year for Holy Week, and the many things missed last year-praise be to God! We also held our annual "Palm Parade" in the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday, and the children sure did enjoy themselves. Several families participated in the creations of "Resurrection Gardens" and ate pizza, this event sure was a hit! Our upcoming April Sunday School lessons include "Doubting Thomas," "The Great Commission," and "The Good Shepard." I just can't believe that we are already just a few lessons away from the end of our Sunday School year! That being said, it's time to start planning for Vacation Bible School-LIVE and IN PERSON! We held our first planning meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup> and will soon schedule the next meeting for May. Please contact Jill DeCent if you'd like to become involved-many hands and hearts are needed for the success of this event! Spring has sprung. Will our April showers bring May flowers?



.... In First Communion

Nine young people celebrated their first communion at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Crosby on Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2021.

Names: Pictured are Front L to R: Hunter Van Horn, Kirsten Nixon, Cody Reinhart, Jackson Eberly. Back L to R: Chase Horner, Lyric Aulie, Brody Chamberlin, Wyatt Holmes, Brody Pakarinen.



.... in Special Milestones!

May Birthdays

- 05/02 Tommy Holmvg, David Pundt, Nancy Nyvold
- 05/03 Al Doonan
- 05/04 Mason Miller
- 05/05 Austin Davis, MaryLou Mirau, Lillian Thompson, Christine Yotter
- 05/06 Therese Norwood, Margo Sodahl
- 05/07 Megan Kayfes
- 05/08 Debbie Foote
- 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 Shawn Jarvela, Jerry DeCent, Joe Simons
- 05/13 Peggy Beseman, Judi Burson, Archie Sabyan,
- 05/14 Sara Moe, Isaiah Aulie
- 05/15 Dennis Rasmussen, Brady Aulie, Shannon Larson
- 05/16 Marian Segersten, Hazel Zauhar
- 05/17 Rashell Rudek, David Rued
- 05/18 Tanya Jacobs
- 05/19 Garrett Barber
- 05/20 Katie Kraemer
- 05/22 Jean Olson, Hannah Pakarinen, Terrie Bunker, Colton Batchelder
- 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, Vi Klungness
- 05/29 Phyllis Collignon, Amber Johnson
- 05/30 Ruth Imberi, Jenni Kannel
- 05/31 Meredith Bloedel, Jason Kovatovich



May Wedding Anniversaries

Deb Eatros & Richard Westfall	05/05/2016
Tom & Nancy Jann	05/14/1966
Beryl & Shirley Foote	05/16/1953
Jon & Holly Hunter	05/18/2002
Al & Jan Doonan	05/19/1984
Jon & Cheryl Ustipak	05/19/2001
Donald & Nancy Nyvold	05/30/1981
Joshua & Nacishia Rinde	05/31/2014



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

**For the Easter Lily Fund:**

In memory of Kathy Laine by Robyn Klopfleisch  
 By Denny & LuAnn Henrichs  
 By Bruce & Mary Oliphant  
 In memory of Bob Albrecht by Cindy Albrecht  
 In memory of Dr. Jeff Oliphant by Bruce & Mary Oliphant  
 In memory of Raymond & Elios Segersten by Marian Segersten  
 In memory of Robert Albrecht by Garry & Linda Nelson  
 In memory of Avis Nelson, Tom Syluin Nelson by Orville Nelson



**For the Sunday School Fund:**

In memory of Ed Johnson by Karen Harrington

**For the Malawi Fund:**

By Leroy & Barb Habighorst

**For the Youth Fund:**

Paul & Jill Mattson

Total: \$320



... in Attendance

		<u>March 2021 Total-to-Date</u>	<u>776</u>
<u>Sunday, March 14, 2021</u>			
9:00am	71		
10:30am	<u>71</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>		
<u>Wednesday, March 17, 2021</u>			
6:45pm	42		
<u>Sunday, March 21, 2021</u>			
9:00am	71		
10:30am	<u>83</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>		
<u>Wednesday, March 24, 2021</u>			
6:45pm	43		
<u>Sunday, March 28, 2021</u>			
9:00 am	88		
10:30am	<u>38</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>		
<u>Maunday Thursday, April 1, 2021</u>			
6:45pm	103		
<u>Good Friday, April 2, 2021</u>			
6:45 pm	89		
<u>Sunday, April 4, 2021</u>			
9:00am	122		
10:30am	<u>120</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>		
<u>Sunday, April 11, 2021</u>			
9:00am	112		
10:30am	<u>59</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>		
<u>April 2021 Total-to-Date</u>			
		<b>605</b>	

... in Youth CREW

Hello Kingdom families!!!

For as long as I can remember I thought that The Beatitudes was a list of individual people. I thought about where I fit into the descriptive words. At times I saw myself in different Scripture.

Then this year during Lent season, I was drawn to the book, "The Applause of Heaven" by Max Lucado. Through this author it is expanded upon how Jesus, in his wisdom, is still teaching us new perspective on what has been written. Also, how very relevant it is to our lives even today.

The Beatitudes considered and lived out as a process, leading us to a more righteous life. Righteousness of Jesus Christ, not ourselves.

**Matthew 5**

We Recognize that we are in need

(we're poor in spirit)

We Repent of our self-sufficiency

(we mourn)

Quit calling the shots and surrender to God. (we're meek)

So grateful are we for his presence that we yearn for more of him

(we hunger and thirst)

As we grow closer to him, we become more like him, we forgive others

(we're merciful)

We Change our outlook

(we're pure in heart)

We Love others

(we're peacemakers)

We endure injustice

(we're persecuted)

The more **RADICAL** the change, the greater the joy!!!!

I am so grateful that I continue to learn from God's Word

Looking at it with new eyes each time. I pray that you find fruits of the Spirit in there for yourself!

The living Word!

"**Word**" in Greek means:

"divine reason"

Something to ponder;)

Upcoming:

SUMMER!

We are still having Wednesday night youth group throughout the summer. The hours are the same 5:00-8:00, but the rest will "look" a little different. Our relationship with Jesus Christ will remain our central goal, however, we will be outside a lot more! We have some service ideas in the works, creation conversations, probably a campfire at some point and much more! So stay tuned!! Watch the eNews and texting from me for other updates.

Enjoy these beautiful days of spring, thank our Heavenly Father for life, know that you are blessed, loved and prayed for by your family here at Immanuel.

P.S. We are now including youth who are 2021-2022 sixth graders.

God bless. No stress.

Faithfully,

Miss Tammy



## .... 2021 Graduates

*Kianna Blood*

*Ramond Cavin*

*Jocelyn Glomski*

*Ean Hunter*

*Kathryn Kovatovich*

*Karli Nixon*

*Lily Peterson*

*Gweneviere Rosecrans*

*Kaleb Shankle*

## .... MWAM for Malawi on 4/18/21, \$1,300 was Raised!



## .... in Manna for Malawi Event 2021

Immanuel's Manna for Malawi event is official (according to MN COVID standards at this time) and will be held at the Bridge Tavern. Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 bird houses already donated. Can you donate a silent auction item? You can donate a new (but never used) item such as a gift that did not fit or just wasn't something you could use. You can donate a craft item that you made. If you can help with this, please call me: Terri Wisniak (218) 546-2863.

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.