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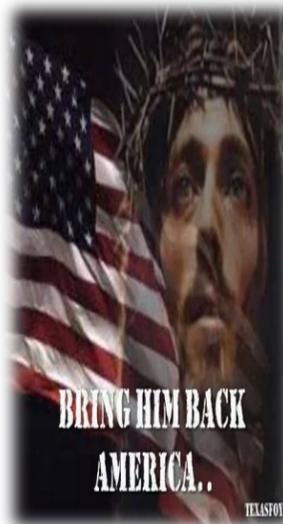
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**Immanuel's Story
told in....**

Immanuel's Story

... in Prayer Ministry

Dear Friends,

I recently stumbled upon the writings of Andrew Murray (1828 - 1917) who was a writer, teacher and Christian minister in South Africa.

Below is an excerpt from his book,
The Sermons of Andrew Murray: A Collection of 496 of his Sermons

SERMON: MORNING WATCH - SECOND DAY

"And Jacob rose up early in the morning," (Gen. 28:18)
The Lord had appeared to Jacob at Bethel in the night. He had seen the glorious heavenly ladder with God the Lord standing above it. He had received from God the promise that He would be with him and would never leave him until He had accomplished all that He had promised. Then Jacob rose up early in the morning and vowed a vow of which the gist was, 'The Lord shall be my God' (v. 21).

Child of God! Christ is the true heavenly ladder; from above it God speaks to thee in the darkest night, I will be with thee and will not leave thee. Dost thou not think that every morning summons thee to say with Jacob: "The Lord shall be my God"?

Can you imagine a more glorious beginning of the day?
You pass every night under the protection of Jacob's God, is it not right that you should begin each morning with Jacob's vow?

- **Make a habit of being alone with God the first hour of the morning. Consider what He is to you through Christ.**
- **Meditate on the wonderful promise He has given you of His continual presence and His unchangeable faithfulness.**
- **Listen while He says to you: "I am with thee and will not leave thee."**
- **Take time so by faith to appropriate this promise that your whole soul knows that God Himself has spoken these words to you.**
- **Say then, "The Lord shall be my God." Jacob rose up early in the morning to utter that vow; do thou likewise.**

Indeed! The Lord is our God!

Blessings,

Susan Bushard



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.... in Scripture & Study for Worship

Sunday, July 4, 2021

Psalm 123

Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Psalm 85: 8-13

Mark 6: 14-29

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Psalm 23

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Psalm 145:10-18

John 6:1-21

Have you ever had writers' block?

This is a scenario where you can't come up with a subject or a word or an idea, usually relating to a deadline. Like for a monthly newsletter.

There are a few examples of writers' block in the Bible.

Well not so much writer's block as procrastination.

God told Abraham that he was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham said "whoa, my friend, What if 50 people are righteous? (paraphrased)

And God waited.

Then he said, "There are not 50 people who are righteous in S & G so I am going to destroy it."

And Abraham said. "Whoa, my friend, what if there are 45 people who are righteous"

And God waited.

Abraham worked his way down to 10 people and God waited.

In the end for all of his trying to "put off the inevitable", Abraham could save no one.

God had to send angels to warn Lot, his wife and two daughters.

Moses had writer's block.

It took him 40 days to write out 10 rules, well not so much rules, as instructions, well not so much instructions as "Commandments"

And he procrastinated.

It took him 40 years to make a 47 day walk from Egypt to Canaan.

Everyone of us gets stuck at one time or another. We are made that way. Even the most disciplined, "burn the candle at both end's" person will find him or herself stuck in a place that they cannot escape every now and again. We all look for just a little more time.

But, when your God is before you, and behind you, and knew you before you were born and knows your every step along the way, you can be assured that no matter how stuck you may be stuck,

He waits on you.

If you hear His call, don't wait too long to say "Yes" to Him.

Well, I will leave it there. I really have to come up with an idea for this month's newsletter.

Blessings,

Karlin

.... 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!

BUILDING FUNDS FINANCIAL REPORT

Major Capital Improvement Fund

Balance: May 1, 2021 \$117,089.64

Current Deposits

\$539.94

Current Withdrawals

\$0.00

Balance: May 31, 2021

\$117,629.58

General Operating Budget Report

	<u>MAY 2021</u>	<u>MAY 2020</u>	<u>YTD thru 2021</u>	<u>YTD thru 2020</u>
Budget*	32,265	31,844	161,325	159,220
General Fund Giving	34,978	17,816	161,542	146,300
General Fund Expense	37,567	11,543	143,038	130,664
Net Income	-2,589	6,273	18,504	15,636

*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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Romans 8:28

During the pandemic, I picked up a new habit – baking. Chocolate chip zucchini bread, chocolate chip banana bread, and chocolate chip cookies. Can you see the theme here?

So..... guess what I got for a Father's Day gift from my spouse? A new KitchenAid mixer. The one I had been using is 50 years old and patched together with electrical tape.

A new day of baking possibilities has arrived! Maybe you remember the sermon illustration:

Cake is a yummy treat! But would we ever consider eating the ingredients of a cake separately?

A spoon of flour? A raw egg? A little oil? Each of these are essential in baking a cake though.

Life can be a lot like a cake; separately there are some bitter times, some raw, hurtful times, and some dry, bland times.

Think of some "untasty," tough times you or others may have experienced. Life is full of disappointments, pain, suffering, and hurts. We may ask God why, and that's okay. The good news is God is able to use these for good as we trust Him; He can give them purpose.

Yes, bad things happen to everyone; no one is immune. We live in a sin-filled world. Some ingredients of a cake don't taste very good alone either, but they can serve a good and important purpose.

Now think of some good times! Would we really appreciate these as much if we never had any tough experiences? We appreciate the sunshine more after several days of rain. A warm blanket is even more cozy when it's bitter cold.

God is able to blend the good and the bad experiences in our lives together for our good and for His good purpose. All together they create a life that is meaningful, useful, and tasty...like a yummy cake!

Romans 8:28 is a beautiful promise: *"God causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His good purpose."*

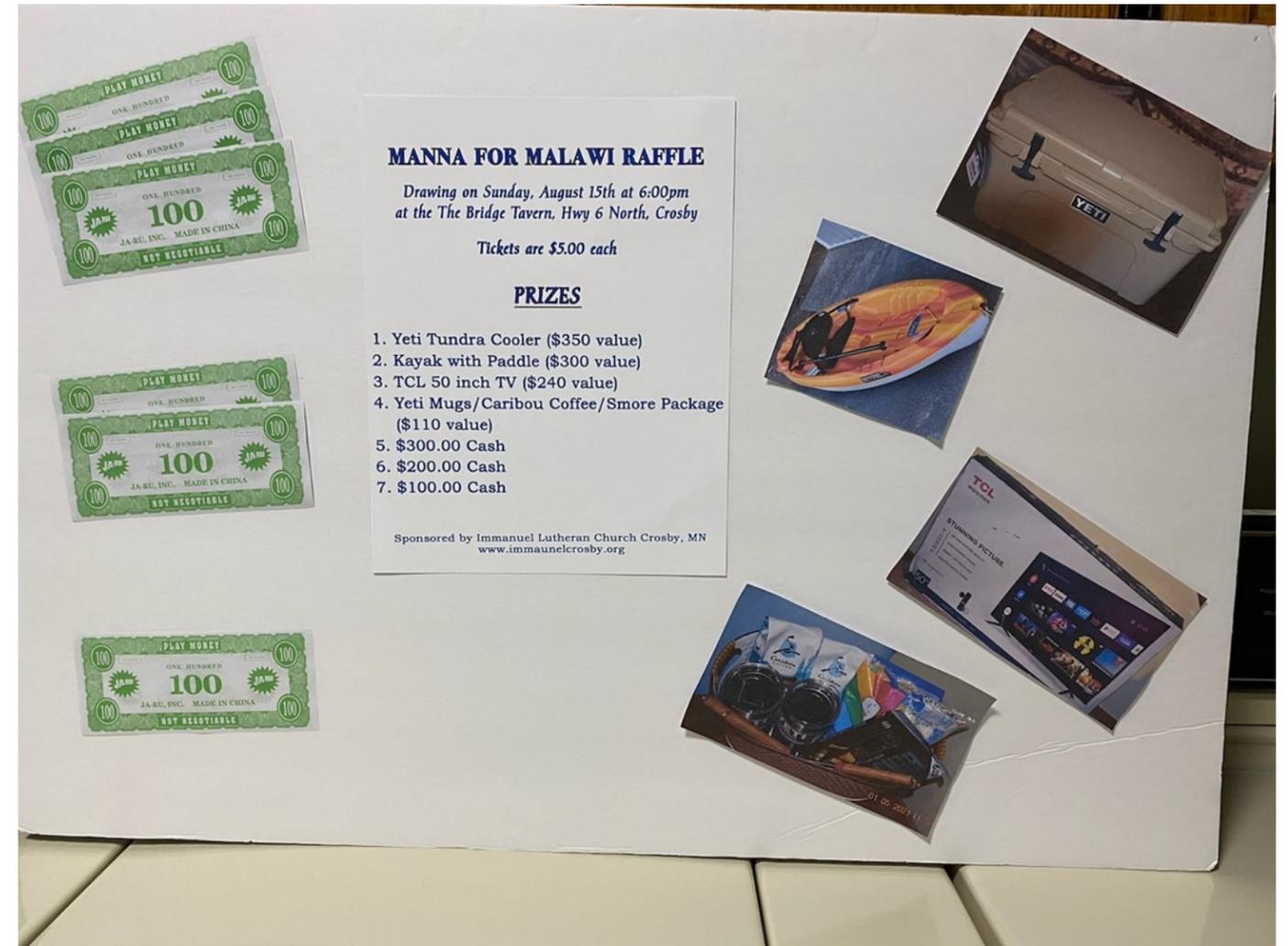
Remembering God is at work even during the hard times when we may not sense His presence helps us persevere. We can trust Him; He is faithful. He is working out His good purpose for those who love Him.

Continuing to bake – even with funky ingredients – all for the good - Pastor Paul



... Manna for Malawi Event 2021

Immanuel's Manna for Malawi event will be held at the Bridge Tavern Sunday, August 15th, 2 to 6pm. We will have music by Johnny Holm, pulled pork dinner by the Bridge Tavern, lemonade by Mixed Company, a raffle, and silent auction. We will have children's activities too. MOCP board members: Pastor Andy Jones, Joy Jones, Ken Ekegren and Penny Ekegren plan to attend.



Here are the raffle items. You can purchase tickets between services on Sundays and from the church office during open hours.

We still need silent auction items. 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. Trips should resume in 2022.

News about the project can be viewed here: <https://immanuelcrosby.org/malawi-orphan-care-project-news/>.

The Spirit of Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 13th. Please put this date on your calendars. It is time now to be thinking of projects that you wish to create for this event. The money raised by this bazaar is donated to many organizations both locally and worldwide. There was not a bazaar in 2020 so let's make this year's bazaar very profitable.

The co-chairs of the bazaar committee are Nancy Nyvold and Karen DeBoer. Please contact them if you have any questions.



.... in Memorials & Honorariums Given In May and June 2021:

For the Family Ministry Fund
From Adelaide Finck

For the Youth Fund
From Judi Burson
From Jim & Meredith Bloedel
In memory of Steve Barber by Greg & Kim Waffensmith

For the Lunch Bunch Fund
From David & Claudia Peterson

For the Good Sam Fund
In memory of Spencer Fredrickson by Randy & Amy Stansfield

For the Spencer Fredrickson Scholarship
From Hal & Judy Kirchoff
From Jack & Sue Schubert
From Dan & Terri Wisniak
From Dennis & LuAnn Henrichs
From Marian Segersten
From Mark & Nicki Bjornstad
From David & Claudia Peterson
From Lynn & Shelly Harker
From Stan & Mary Nagorski
From Sheldon & Shirley Sanborn
From Joe & Sharon Simons
From Elaine Karel

No Specific Fund
In memory of Dan Habighorst by LeRoy & Barb Habighorst
In memory of Gary Geyer by Greg & Kim Waffensmith

Total \$1,170



.... in Special Milestones!

July Birthdays

- 07/01 Hillary Holmwig, Michael Midthun, Larry Olander
- 07/02 Tony Maucieri, Shannon Taylor, John Traylor
- 07/03 Ceara Abear, Brody Pakarinen, Wyatt Perpich
- 07/05 Ryan Duerr, James Freese
- 07/06 Janice Doonan, Paul Fairchild, Brent Running,
- 07/07 Samuel Bushard, Judy Kirchoff, Anthony Koop, Karen Ryappy, Tony Roberts, Deb Eatros
- 07/08 Melissa Chamberlin, LuAnn Henrichs, Miley Schwartz
- 07/10 Robert Beard
- 07/12 Mark Bliss, Isaiah Erickson
- 07/13 James Souhrada
- 07/14 Randy Stanfield, June Steinke, Elizabeth Mattson
- 07/15 Hal Kirchoff
- 07/16 Karen Harrington, Hayden Zillmer, Jacob Nelson
- 07/17 Linda Merta, Donna Radinovich, Joe Ostrowski
- 07/19 Miles Bourgeois, Michelle Houck, Casey Kannel
- 07/20 David Midthun, Brian Norwood
- 07/21 Bonnie Holmwig, Karen Midthun
- 07/22 Joseph Dwyer, Johnathan Hodges
- 07/23 Jacob Kayfes
- 07/24 Alexandra Booth
- 07/25 Shelly Harker, Lacey Stawarski
- 07/26 Richard Aulie Jr., Angie English,
- 07/27 Korinna Nixon, Casey Pederson
- 07/28 Diane Buchite, Justin Taylor, Becham Ernst
- 07/29 Braylee Platt-English
- 07/30 Steven Anderson
- 07/31 Don Carlson, Abigail Gibson, Adam English

July

Wedding Anniversaries

Dan & Bonnie LaPierre	07/06/1981
Mark & Nicki Bjornstad	07/07/2018
Kerry & Marie Futhey	07/07/1976
Larry & Debra Olander	07/07/1970
Arnold & Sylvia Graff	07/08/1961
Jim & Meredith Bloedel	07/09/2016
Joseph & Lori Ostrowski	07/10/1976
Leroy & Barbara Bohlin	07/11/1959
Ted & Ceara Abear	07/13/2012
Seth & Becky Pakarinen	07/15/2000
David & Linda Merta	07/17/1971
Richard Jr. & Rachel Aulie	07/18/2009
Jack & Sue Schubert	07/18/1970
Michael & Karen Midthun	07/19/1975
Shayne & Tanya Jacobs	07/23/1993
Joseph & Jessica Dwyer	07/27/2000
Tim & Diane Hummel	07/29/1989
Anthony & Erin Koop	07/30/2011
Brian & Therese Norwood	07/30/1994
Jason & Lacey Stawarski	07/30/2016
Mark & Traci Gujer	07/31/1993
Tracy & Erica Popkes	07/31/2004



Affirmation of Baptism



June 18, 2021

Kathryn Ann Kovatovich

Parents: Ryan & Bobbie Kovatovich

Sponsors: Christina Landree & Mattie Kovatovich



Looking for a Rummage Sale Coordinator,
please contact Bonnie Finnerty
at: bonniefinnerty@gmail.com



**TEACHERS &
HELPERS!!**



... in Attendance

Sunday, May 23, 2021

9:00am	89
10:30am	<u>154</u>
Total	243

Sunday, May 30, 2021

9:00am	71
10:30am	<u>86</u>
Total	157

May 2021 Total-to-Date 885

Sunday, June 6, 2021

9:00am	116
10:30am	<u>75</u>
Total	191

Sunday, June 13, 2021

9:00am	96
10:30am	<u>76</u>
Total	172

Sunday, June 20, 2021

9:00am	151
10:30am	<u>58</u>
Total	209

June 2021 Total-to-Date 533



... in Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School



Chugga chugga, chugga chugga, CHOO CHOO! Vacation Bible School will be upon us before we know it! We are still looking for volunteers, so please prayerfully consider donating your time and/or talents. The blue connection card is a great place to show interest, or feel free to contact Jill DeCent by email or **text-jilld@immanuelcrosby.org**, (218) 851-2998. Registration forms are available at church, and on the **ILC website**, and are due by JULY 1ST. There is also a list of donation items on the **website** that are needed for VBS, and a collection bin at church, near the Children's Ministry bulletin board in the hallway. The annual VBS Meal with a Mission fundraiser will be held on Sunday, July 18th-more details to come!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS 2021 (DONATIONS)

- Pool Noodles-20
- Bright colored/pattern duct tape
- Beach Balls
- Playground Balls
- Chalk
- Permanent Markers
- Scissors (Kids and Adult size)
- Large Buckets (5 gal.)
- Extra thick silver or grey yarn-48 feet
- 1 Inch wide velcro strips
- Utility Knives (2)
- Adult and child sized scissors
- Cotton Balls
- 18 Oz. disposable cups
- Spray Bottles
- 16 oz. disposable cups
- Crepe Paper rolls
- Spray chalk (for line marking)
- Poster Paper
- 2 or 3 foot length of chain
- 2 box fans

As a reminder, the nursery is OPEN and staffed with an attendant most Sundays! Feel free to drop your child off during the 10:30 service. This is available for ages 3 months to 5 years.

Please continue to keep our Children's Ministry in your prayers as we "Re-Open" and find our way to all the wonderful things our church has to offer. God is good and gracious, and we are so blessed!

By Jill DeCent, Children's Ministry Coordinator



ITEMS TO BORROW

- Suitcases
- Tea Kettle
- Artificial Pine Trees
- Artificial Aspen Trees
- Antique suit cases
- Railroad signs
- Animal Mounts

... in Youth Ministry

Happy Summer Kingdom Families!!!

To kick off summer we had a great time bowling at our local bowling alley (also helping to keep them busy)! We had a great turn out, filling almost every lane!

I asked the bowlers to picture the pins as the 7 deadly sins and imagine that the ball is us with Christ in us. Noting that there are 10 pins and 7 sins, we don't have the pressure of doing it all.

The Scriptures I had them look up for a prize was:

-Ezekiel 36:27, Luke 17:21, and Colossians 1:26-27 (look them up yourself and enjoy how they tie together!)

We have been having a wonderful time together picnicking in the church yard, envisioning possibilities for the future of our church yard (possibly a prayer labyrinth), sharing a beautiful collection from one of our mentor's yards, which was a fantastic assortment of agates and precious gems and stones!!

Another evening we looked into the 5 Languages of Love to find out how we feel most loved, considering what love means to us and to our families.

It is mind blowing to think of how many different ways and things can convey our love!!

We also looked to Scripture 1 Corinthians 1-13, to find the description in which love is described in the Bible to help us be able to identify true love.

Take care and God bless.

Faithfully,

Miss Tammy, Youth Ministry Coordinator



... in Meal With a Mission on June 20 benefitting Cuyuna Range Youth Center, raised \$871.00! Thank you to all the helpers!



... 2021 Graduates

Immanuel honored the graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 23rd. The parents blessed their graduates and the graduates blessed their parents. Each graduate was presented with a tied fleece blanket in school colors by their parents.

- Pictured are Karli Nixon, Jocelyn Glomski, Gwen Rosecrans, Ean Hunter, Lily Peterson, Katie Kovatovich.

