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# Immanuel's Story

**.... in Prayer Ministry**

God is Good! We are so blessed!

We had our Humor Sunday, but I thought you would enjoy some cute prayers. Folks who pray are certainly in the majority around here. That's always a good sign. What's really interesting is that most of the quips about prayer focus on kids. Funny thing, most of them have kids saying exactly what some of us have thought at one time or another. Like this:

Mother: "That's no way to say your prayers honey."

Honey: "But Mom, I thought that God was tired of hearing the same old stuff every night. So I told him the story of the three Bears instead."

Makes you kind of think, hmm?

## ELECTRONIC PRAYERS

A mother was teaching her three-year old daughter the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she repeated it after her mother. One night she said she was ready to try it on her own. Mother glowed with pride and listened to each word right up to the end. "And lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail .Amen."

## DESPERATE PRAYING

Worshippers at All Saints Church were invited to a special Lenten study on prayer. At the close of the course, Pastor Nixon invited the participants to write sentence prayers.  
 "Lord, help me to relax about insignificant details—beginning at 7:41:23AM.,EST."  
 "God, help me to consider people's feelings, even if most of them are hypersensitive."  
 "Father, help me take responsibility for my own actions, even though they're usually not my fault."  
 "Dear God, help me to be more laid back, and help me do it exactly right."  
 "God give me patience, and I Mean right now."  
 "Dear God, help me to slowdownandnotrushthroughwhatIdo."  
 Amen.

Thank you Lord for your understanding, and love.

Submitted by Eileen Patrick

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## Manna for Malawi Benefit Concert and Meal

**Sunday, August 14, 2:00-6:00pm**

**At The Bridge Tavern, Crosby, MN**

**Music by:**

The  
**Johnny  
Holm  
Band**



**Activities for Children**

**Raffle Items**

**All proceeds benefit Malawi Orphan Care Project**

**Presented by: Immanuel Lutheran Church of Crosby**



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## ... in Scripture & Study for Worship

*Sunday June 5, 2022*  
*Psalm 104:24-34,35b*  
*Acts 2:1-21*

*Sunday June 19, 2022*  
*Psalm 22:19-28*  
*Luke 8:26-39*

*Sunday June 12, 2022*  
*Psalm 8*  
*Romans 5:1-5*

*Sunday June 26, 2022*  
*Psalm 16*  
*Luke 9:51-62*

### Summertime, is the living easy?

I have had the privilege to live in Minnesota's "Vacation Lands" for the past 35 years, so I always am amazed that people come "Up North" just to mow another lawn. I don't like mowing one lawn, let alone two. But, there they are, every weekend, mowing at the crack of dawn 'til after dusk.

When I lived in Southern Minnesota and went for a weekend "Up North" it was to fish from the crack of dawn until the skeeters chased me off in the evening. Sunburnt and a mess of fish was what made the perfect weekend for me.

When I read in the gospels, the stories of Peter, Andrew, James and John, I relate, because that would be the life for me.

I mean, getting to fish all night and not catch a thing. Been there, done that.  
 Being in a life threatening storm in a small boat. Many times.  
 Getting in a boat to get away from the crowds. Now you're talking.  
 Having shore lunch with the greatest fishing guide in the world.  
 [Jesus gave them the "secret spot" and they caught 153 fish in one haul.  
 I mean, the Lindner's were good, but they weren't that good.]

In Luke 5 we meet the original "Fisher's of Men" and Jesus starts by telling them to make one more cast of the net, even though they had fished through the night and had nothing to show for their troubles. Don't forget, these were professional fishermen. This was their vocation.

And they were rewarded with a catch so great that it took two boats to bring it into shore. And then they got to walk away from the "work" of fishing.

They did not have to clean and repair their nets. They did not have to clean the nets full of fish. They did not have to take the catch to market to stand near in the hot sun as the once fresh catch became a less than fresh catch. They did not have to pull the boat on shore and do repairs and put away all of the items necessary for another day of work. They would not have to smell of fish every day.

And, they got to spend the rest of the day with the greatest fishing guide in the world. By their willingness to follow, it would appear that they were okay with turning their backs on their jobs and take on a new vocation.

Maybe it was their version of going to the lake to mow the lawn. It was just different from their normal work week. It was the change they needed to give their lives new meaning. At the very end of the Gospels, in John 21:3, after 3 years of following Christ and learning at his feet in their new vocation, Peter says what I believe any sensible person with time on their hands would say.

"I am going fishing". And he had the same results. Until he heard and trusted the greatest fishing guide in the world.

I guess if I couldn't catch fish, I would probably want to mow the lawn too.

*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: 4/1/22	\$117,471.42
<u>Current Deposits</u>	<u>Current Withdrawals</u>
\$1,564.22	\$0.00
Balance: 4/30/22	\$119,035.64

### General Operating Budget Report

	<u>APR 2022</u>	<u>APR 2021</u>	<u>YTD thru 2022</u>	<u>YTD thru 2021</u>
Budget	35,074	32,848	140,296	131,392
General Fund Giving	44,011	35,720	155,352	126,166
General Fund Expense	29,849	34,500	117,599	118,251
Net Income	14,162	1,220	37,753	7,915

\*2021 Numbers are based on Accrual Accounting

**Thank you for your faithful giving!**



... in Pastor's Perspective



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*My soul thirsts for God, the living God.” Psalm 42:2*

A small boy is sent to bed by his father. Five minutes later – “Dad....What?”

“I’m thirsty. Can you bring me a drink of water?”

“No! You had your chance, lights out.” He said.

Five minutes later, “Daaaad,” said the son.

“What?” says the father.

“I am thirsty, Can I have a drink of water?”

“I told you no! If you have to ask again, I will have to spank you.” said the father.

Five minutes later, “Daaaaad!”

“What?”

“When you come to spank me, can you bring me a drink of water?”

The psalmist has a thirsty soul. Water won’t quench that. He cries out to his heavenly Father and the Father responds not with a threat but a promise. We as God’s people are thirsty for something that brings life. We all have drunk from the cup of disappointment and heartache. We’ve tried to quench our souls with things of this world. And yet, we cry out for more.

“Please give me something that satisfies my longing for life!”

Jesus Christ is God’s living water. He comes to us and invites us to drink freely. Thirsty throats need water. Thirsty souls need a friend who lives and loves – Jesus Christ. Drink up!

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](mailto:mmmlarson49@gmail.com).

Marsha Larson



... New Members

New members were welcomed into the Immanuel family on Sunday, May 8th. The new members are Mike Jola and Jennifer Wodarz with Finnley, Ron Christenson, Shane Mumm and Bobbi Peterson.

Please welcome these new family members when you see them at worship.





## ...in Family Ministry

The month of May brings much to celebrate and rejoice in here at Immanuel! Confirmation Sunday was celebrated as eight students reaffirmed their faith and commitments to their walk with God! It's truly amazing to hear their faith statements, and be part of their journey as family, friends, and mentors. Let's continue to pray for these students, as they continue to journey in faith, hope, and love. This is not the end, but just the beginning!

Our youth group celebrated their last evening together before Summer break on May 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a monthly gathering over the summer for our Youth group and support team at various locations. Youth have been given information with dates, times, and locations. Feel free to email Jill DeCent for more information- [jilld@immanuelcrosby.org](mailto:jilld@immanuelcrosby.org).

Our Sunday School year wrapped up on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> with a celebration of another great year of being together, IN PERSON (Praise be to God) with games and Ice Cream. We are so blessed with a fantastic team of Sunday School teachers, and parents who teach and support our children's faith formation at home. Thank you to James and Lindsay Freese, Linnea Laffin, and Ricky Aulie! Also, to Pastor Paul for providing Children's Time at the 10:30 service.

Vacation Bible School planning is under way, and will be August 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>, here at ILC. The theme is Jerusalem Marketplace. Looking for a FUN way to use your creativity and serve your church family? Volunteers needed! Planning, decorating, meal planning and prep, clean-up, group leaders, tech help, are just a FEW areas that need assistance. Many hands make light work. Watch your email, blue connection card, and FB for more information.

The class of 2022 was celebrated on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations!



## ... in Special Milestones!



### June Birthdays

- 1 Cheryl Barber, Dylan Johnson
- 2 Anthony Perkins, Bentley Pankratz
- 3 Sandra Davis, Cody Maki
- 4 Michele Snook, Birdie Walth, Greg Waffensmith
- 5 Conner DeCent, Ronald Christenson
- 6 Katelyn Norwood, Carson Freese, Michael McWilliams
- 7 Jill Mattson, John Kimbull, Sierra Laffin
- 9 Easton Maucieri
- 10 Helen Sharp, Don Hoemke
- 11 Abigail Arneson, Sawyer Hoyt, Deb Hamilton
- 13 Jenna Holmwig, Tyler Bliss, Brooks Kannel, Noah McWilliams
- 14 Logan Jarvela, Sue Schubert
- 13 Debra Koop, Jim Radinovich, Tyler Peterson, Ember Popkes,
- 16 Maxwell Snook, Gordon Jacobson, Jeanette Radinovich, Kristen Van Horn,
- 17 Norman Hullinger, Kay Gaudette, Eileen Leino
- 18 Nancy Heise
- 19 Mayson Rinde
- 20 Orlan Johnson
- 21 Rachel Norwood, Katie Kovatovich
- 22 Delores Beseman, David Lusian, Brett Nelson, Jess Arneson
- 23 Linnea Thoms, Bobbi Peterson
- 24 Peg Anderson, Lloyd Bordwell
- 27 Kim Waffensmith, Ken Johnson
- 28 Erin Koop,
- 29 Lynette Dehning
- 30 William Taylor



### Wedding Anniversaries

Don & Ruth Imberi	06/01/1996
Paul & Hanna Bushard	06/01/2016
Dale & Violet Klungness	06/05/1964
David & Mary Peterson	06/07/1969
Blaine & Debra Kreller	06/07/2014
Dennis & Sandra Davis	06/08/1996
James & Faye Ysseldyke	06/09/1966
Roger & Sandra Twigg	06/13/1970
Mike & Kristen Van Horn	06/14/2008
Jason & Joelle Duerr	06/18/2016
Stan & Mary Nagorski	06/19/1992
Mitchell & Susan Reagan	06/20/2015
Brad & Gayle Hanes	06/19/1982
Jeff & Marsha Olson	06/21/1969
Jeremy & Michelle Houck	06/23/1990
James & Mary Ellen Stolle	06/23/1964
Orlan & Lynn Johnson	06/25/1983
Fred & Claudia Tessmer	06/25/1967
Mark & Melanie Christopherson	06/27/2015
Joe & Darlene McNally	06/27/1964
Tom & Judy Thiesfeld	06/29/1968

### Affirmation of Baptisms



May 21, 2022

**Colden Jack Berg**

Parents: **Marcus & Jessica Berg**

Sponsors: **Miranda Berg & Jake Larson**

May 29, 2022

**Finnley Mason Wodarz**

Parents: **Michael Jola & Jennifer Wodarz**

Sponsors: **Jacob & Samantha Wodarz**





**.... Church Garden**

The weather is getting nicer, and the Immanuel Lutheran Church Harvest Garden is waking up. This year we received a grant from the Minnesota Horticultural Society to help expand the garden with extra raised beds, soil, plants and seeds. They distribute more than 500 gardening kits to 80+ organizations throughout Minnesota every year. The main focus of the Harvest Garden is to grow food to sell to church members and the money raised is donated to the local food shelf. There are certainly more opportunities that could be initiated to use this wonderful garden to reach others in the community by offering community garden space, opportunities for education with local students or even our own Sunday school and youth programs. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved with the Harvest Garden by helping to plan, plant or work in the garden, please let me know at [bonniefinerty@gmail.com](mailto:bonniefinerty@gmail.com)!



**.... in Attendance**

		<u>Sunday, May 1, 2022</u>	
		9:00am	123
		10:30am	<u>59</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>
<u>Thursday, April 14, 2022</u>			
6:45pm	129		
<u>Friday, April 15, 2022</u>			
6:45pm	120		
<u>Sunday, April 17, 2022</u>			
9:00am	164		
10:30am	<u>120</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>284</b>		
<u>Sunday, April 24, 2022</u>			
9:00am	127		
10:30am	<u>50</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b>		
<u>April 2022 Total-to-Date</u>		<b>1,293</b>	
		<u>Sunday, May 8, 2022</u>	
		9:00am	138
		10:30am	<u>71</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>
		<u>Sunday, May 15, 2022</u>	
		9:00am	120
		10:30am	<u>111</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>231</b>
		<u>May 2022 Total-to-Date</u>	
		<b>622</b>	

**...Congratulations Confirmands!**

Six young people were confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 15th.

Pictured are Front: Allison Johnson, Eva Jarvela, Taylor Beddow, Hannah Pederson

Back: Chase Hage, Pastor Paul Mattson, Hannah Pakarinen

Not Pictured: Korina Nixon and Haley Reinhart



**...in Spirit of Christmas Bazaar**

A meeting was held in April to begin planning the annual bazaar which will be held November 12, 2022 from 8:30am to 1:00pm.

Judy Kirchoff has joined Nancy Nyvold and Karen DeBoer in chairing the bazaar. The individual committee chairs were confirmed.

The bazaar will be the beneficiary of the Meal With A Mission on August 21st. The funds raised will be used for expenses for the bazaar.

It's not too early to begin thinking about the projects that you can make and contribute to the bazaar. If you have any ideas on how the bazaar can be improved or enhanced, please contact one of the co-chairs.





## ... Meal With a Mission benefitting Mission for Malawi on May 15th:

The May Meal With A Mission on Sunday, May 15th benefitted Manna For Malawi with the funds raised being used to offset some of the expenses of the event. \$948.00 Funds were raised!



## ... Memorials & Honorariums Given in May 2022:

For the CRES Fund:  
In memory of Brent Running by Kay Gaudette

For the VBS Fund:  
In memory of Mary Lynn Wickman by Ade & Jean Olson

For the Malawi Fund:  
In memory of Robert Kallestad by Bruce & Mary Oliphant

Total :\$110.00



## MANNA FOR MALAWI 2022



Precious



Blessings



Special blanket donations

The blanket donation (not part of Manna for Malawi event) sent in January was well received. Their cold season started in April.

Pictured above are the college students, Precious and Blessings that need our help with tuition. There are 73 high schoolers and 6 boarding school students that we currently help. We also help feed 789 children, 6 days per week.

Our event will be at the Bridge Tavern on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> this year. We need volunteers to make this event a success. Money raised at our event goes toward feeding and education.

Thank you to all that participated in Meal with a Mission on May 15<sup>th</sup> for this event.

Our next meeting is June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm at the Bridge Tavern. If you want more information or want to volunteer, contact me at [terriwisniak@gmail.com](mailto:terriwisniak@gmail.com).