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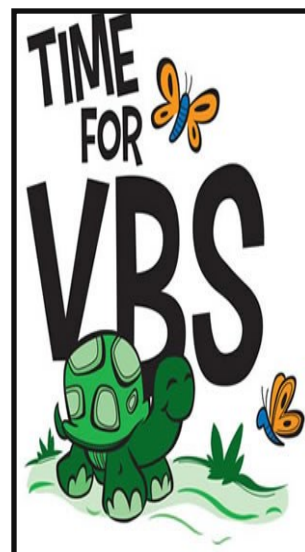
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Immanuel's Story

... in Prayer Ministry

I had to smile when I saw the title of Dr. David Jeremiah's July Turning Points Devotional: **"Maybe We Should Take A Moment to Pray."**

And when do we do that? When we wake up in the morning as we are planning our day? When we are facing a crisis? Reading ILC's prayer list out loud each week? When we witness "God-incidents" in our lives or the lives of those around us? Or all of the above and more! It is such a blessing to be able to **"take a moment to pray."**

As Christians, we live to become more like Christ. Our Lord Jesus was a Man of Prayer. Author, S. D. Gordon writes, "Jesus loved to pray. Sometimes praying was His way of resting. He prayed so much and so often that it became part of His life. It became to Him like breathing."

And in Luke 11 we hear Jesus' disciples ask, "Lord, teach us to pray!" And Jesus teaches us all "The Lord's Prayer."

God graciously equips us all with this gift of prayer. Blessed are those who live out ongoing prayer conversations with our Lord as they go through each new day. And blessed are those who are learning about continuous prayer. Dr. Jeremiah says, "Most Christians are underutilizing the power of prayer." Can you imagine what would happen if we all used the power of prayer to the fullest?

And we will continue to see miracles... Like Jeremy's recent liver transplant... with our many prayers storming heaven, God moved in Jeremy's life. A liver was available, surgery went well, it was a very, very close match, he went through each stage more quickly than most, (ICU, Hospital, Gift of Life House and home), and the family shared precious moments together as they walked this journey. His life has been restored. What a miracle! What a mighty God we serve.

So, right now, **"Maybe We Should Take A Moment to Pray."** Thank Him! Praise Him! Share your worries and concerns. Lift each other up. And watch God move all around us, in His time, and in His ways as we seek to become more and more like Jesus.

By: Judi Burson



2022 Vacation Family Bible School August 1-4th



Hope you can join us!

.... in Scripture & Study for Worship

Sunday August 7, 2022
Psalm 33:12-22
Luke 12:32-40

Sunday August 21, 2022
Psalm 103:1-8
Luke 13:10-17

Sunday August 14, 2022
Psalm 82
Luke 12:49-56

Sunday August 28, 2022
Psalm 112
Luke 14:1,7-14

It's Right Here, all you have to do is look up.

Have you ever been in a situation where you are in a large city and you are pretty sure you are in the right place, but not absolutely certain? Then, you look up and see a sign that relieves that anxiety because you "found it". As the comedian Bill Engvall says, "Here's your sign."

"Jesus, left us many suggestions as to "what signs to pay attention to." He admonishes many that they know what type of weather is coming because of the "signs" of creation. But they are not paying attention to the "signs" of His return. He tells us to show the signs of readiness, but we continue to act as if He was dead and God is no longer in control and therefore we have no accounting coming due us. He also teaches us to beware of "false signs" and not follow them as if they were prophetic. I think of the Leader of a congregation that preached "prophetic end times". This person predicted the second coming many times and became somewhat of a "poster child" for why people don't pay attention to any signs of the return.

Each time that he predicted the "end of the world", and it didn't happen, he would just "apologize" and come up with a new date. If, Jesus does return in his lifetime, he will eventually get it right.

But Jesus wasn't teaching prophetic deduction. He was teaching preparedness.

We sometimes hang on the Great Commission as the true sign. That when the Word has been spread to all nations that the end times will come.

But have we prepared the way of the Lord, especially in our own lives, regardless if the word has been spread to the hinterlands of China? The "Great Commission" is crucial, but Jesus told us this so that we may prepare ourselves to spread the Word. A recent survey showed that the greatest Mission field in the world is North America.

My Generation, schooled in a "Judeo-Christian" world order, turned our collective backs and told our children, no longer will there be discipline, no longer do you need to show respect for your elders or authority figures, and the list goes on and on. Anything that you want to do is okay.

So eat, drink and be merry, for there are no consequences.

They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the Ark and the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise, Just as it was in the days of Lot— they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all. Luke 17:27-29

They were carrying on as if the day of judgement was not in their foreseeable future. While we may never see the return of Christ in our lifetimes, we can prepare and be ready, so that we are not caught unaware.

He said to them, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead. Luke 16:31

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: 6/1/22		\$117,710.54
<u>Current Deposits</u>	\$1,189.26	
<u>Current Reserve</u>	250.00	1,500.00
<u>Current Withdrawals</u>	\$0.00	
Balance: 6/30/22		\$119,149.80

General Operating Budget Report

	<u>JUNE 2022</u>	<u>JUNE 2021</u>	<u>YTD 2022</u>	<u>YTD 2021</u>
Budget*	35,074	32,848	210,444	197,088
General Fund Giving	24,885	28,513	216,202	190,720
General Fund Expense	28,810	29,856	178,094	186,356
Net Income	-3,925	-1,343	38,108	4,364

*2021 Numbers are based on Accrual Accounting

Thank you for your faithful giving!

.... in Pastor's Perspective

Fall Book and Small Group Study



Pastor Paul J. Mattson
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“Jesus in Me – Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion” by Anne Graham Lotz

What follows is an introduction to the study from the publisher and author:

“You may know something about God and something about Jesus, but what do you know about the Holy Spirit? Too often, we seem to overlook the third Person of the Trinity, perhaps because we don't know much about Him. He seems mystical; reserved for super spiritual Christians. We might even say He intimidates us—or somehow seems optional.

“In *Jesus in Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion*, Anne draws on her rich biblical knowledge as well as her personal story—including her recent cancer diagnosis—to help us understand that the Holy Spirit is not a magic genie, a flame of fire, a force, or a vague feeling. He is a Person who prays for us, guides us in our relationships and decisions, comforts us in pain, and stays by our side at all times. He is not an optional extra in the Christian life; He is a divine necessity. In this simple yet profound teaching, she explores seven key aspects of the Holy Spirit that will revolutionize how you understand and relate to this vital member of the Trinity.

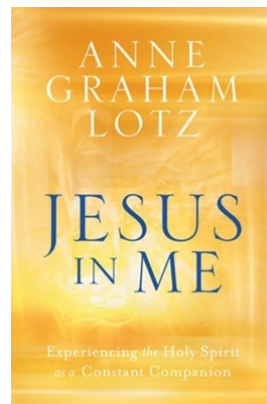


“As Anne writes, “One of my deepest, richest joys has been discovering by experience who the Holy Spirit is in every step of my life's journey. Each name that He has been given—Helper, Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor, Counselor, Strengthener, and Standby—reveals another aspect of His beautiful character and has provoked in me a deep love for the One who is my constant Companion...Jesus in me.”

“Discover how to better love and rely on the Person of the Holy Spirit—and embrace how much He loves you.”

Materials (study book and small group DVD's) will be available in the coming weeks. The series will start on September 11 and will conclude in late October.

Looking forward to learning with you! 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.
Marsha Larson

.... in Handbell Ministry

Once again, after a long absence, there is the beautiful sound of the handbells in the sanctuary. Bell choir members needed to fill the void of ringing those bells even without a director. Eleven members of the Hallelujah Bell Choir will be playing on August 14 at both services.

The awesome brass bells have been in storage and there are enough ringers who want to continue ringing the bells and chimes. This ministry had also involved the Chapel Chimers, children in grades 2nd through 8th. Remember Immanuel's Youngest Ringers? These young children played the colored Kid's Bells by ringing the appropriate colored cards. The bell/chime choirs have played a very important role at Immanuel and have involved a large amount of participants from children to seniors.

Please do not let this Handbell Ministry fade away. We are still in need of a Director to take over. Notify the church office or members of the Personnel Committee with any possible names of people who may have an interest. In the meantime, continue to pray that this individual is near so we can continue to bring the handbell music to Immanuel.

Thank you.
Judy Kirchoff



.... in Family Ministry

The nursery is available during the 10:30 service for children ages 3 months-5 years old. There will be an attendant available all remaining Sundays of 2022! Feel free to drop your child off beginning at 10:20, and pick up following the service. Our attendants are required to complete a certified babysitter course, so are trained and ready to care for your child. Our attendants are Hannah Pakarinen, Korinna Nixon, Kallie Nixon, and Jill DeCent.



Vacation Bible School will be held August 1-4 from 5:30 to 7:30.. The theme is Jerusalem Marketplace. The registration form is available on the website and can be filled out and returned electronically to the church. Look for VBS Sign Up on the main menu.

Family Ministry-Immanuel Lutheran Facebook Please watch the **Family Ministry-Immanuel Lutheran Facebook** page and newsletters for further information.



BIBLE
MEMORY
BUDDIES



.... in Special Milestones!



August Birthdays

- 08/02 Debra Lindahl
- 08/03 Jace Kayfes, Sandra Blood, Jack Souhrada, Sawyer Holmes
- 08/04 Lloyd Brix, Jackson Eberly
- 08/05 Roger Twigg, Devon Gibson, Fred Tessmer
- 08/06 Braxton Olson
- 08/08 Kim Gibson
- 08/09 Kenneth Moe, Ally Sabyan, Samantha Stanfield, Kane Nixon
- 08/10 LeAnne Kirby, Cheryl Mills
- 08/12 Scott Dehning, Millie Radinovich
- 08/13 Maycee DeCent, Ole Anderson
- 08/14 Marion Beseman
- 08/16 Hunter Wynn, Gwenevere Riese
- 08/17 Joaney Rudolph
- 08/18 Alyse Holmes
- 08/19 Virginia Larson, Roxanne Perkins, Kensie Chamberlin
- 08/20 Auhtumn Wynn, Miriam Kannel
- 08/21 Jean Bjerckness, Jane Holmwig, Dan LaPierre, Jeffre Kirby, Susan Reagan
- 08/23 Orville Nelson, Hayden McGowan, Claudia Tessmer, Judy Thiesfeld, Tanner Johnson, Taylor Beddow, Sandy Erickson
- 08/24 Lori LaBorde, Bobbie Kovatovich, Chuck Weber
- 08/25 Jameson Levang
- 08/27 Marshall Bushard
- 08/29 Cody Reinhart
- 08/31 Craig Lubovich, Maren Koop

August
Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Susan Bushard	08/01/2009
Dennis & Linda Peterson	08/01/1970
Chuck & Connie Petterson	08/01/1970
Robert & Rita Beard	08/04/1956
Gene & Brenda Lofquist	08/06/2008
Dallas & Lori Hudson	08/10/2013
Ronald & Carolyn Mogen	08/10/1963
Gordy & Audrey Jacobson	08/11/1963
Ken & Barb Moe	08/12/1972
Frank & Sharon Bonsante	08/15/1992
William & Linnea Thoms	08/17/1963
James & Birdie Walth	08/22/1965
Tim & Brenda Bongs	08/22/2009
James & Barbara Hakes	08/23/1969
Randy & Nancy Evans	08/25/1979
Glen & LaVonne Kompelien	08/26/1978
Bob & Joyce Kallestad	08/26/2004
James & Ardelle Patrick	08/26/2005
Ryan & Bobbie Kovatovich	08/26/1995
Bob & Karen Palmer	08/27/1993
David & Carol Pundt	08/28/2004
Sheldon & Shirley Sanborn	08/30/1969



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... in Memorials & Honorariums Given In June and July 2022:

For Milestone Ministry Fund:

In memory of Bob Kallestad by Joyce Kallestad

For Major Capital Fund:

In memory of Mona Mitchell by Addie Finck

For VBS Fund:

In memory of Rhonda Reynolds by Virgil & Melva Panitzke

For Sunday School Fund:

In memory of Carole Brix & Rhonda Reynolds by Karen Harrington

For Malawi Fund:

From Uplifted Wellness Studio

For Manna For Malawi Fund:

In memory of Rhonda Reynolds by Phyllis Collignon



Total: \$690

... in Youth Ministry

The youth met for their first summer gathering on June 15th at the home of Jan and Peter Nordell. Those in attendance enjoyed wiffle ball, the trampoline, good food, roasting marshmallows, eating s'mores and lots of fellowship.

The next gathering will be Wednesday, July 20th at the parsonage on Serpent Lake at 5:00pm. Watch for more information coming from Jill DeCent.



... in Spirit of Christmas Bazaar

We're BACK!!! We hope you all have been thinking about our annual "Spirit of Christmas Bazaar" to be held November 12, 2022.

First of all, please mark August 21 on your calendars! The bazaar ladies will be hosting the August MWAM! The proceeds will help defray bazaar expenses, such as advertising, signs,

supplies, confections, etc. We will need your help to assist with meal preparation and serving. Please thoughtfully consider signing up on the blue friendship slip if you can be available Saturday morning, Aug. 20, for meal prep, and/or Aug. 21, for set-up and serving.

Secondly, our desire is to invite our new members, as well as our current members, to participate in our November bazaar event. It's a lot of fun meeting and working together! There's volunteer opportunities such as joining a committee, creating a fall or Christmas craft, decorating and set-up, Christmas wreath making, contributing to the bake sale and on it goes!

Finally, we want to encourage everyone, men and women, to contact the "BIZARRE" ladies with questions, ideas, volunteering, and your valued support!

Judy Kirchoff 218-820-2802

Nancy Nyvold 612-804-4917

Karen DeBoer 762-442-0755



... in Attendance

Sunday, June 26, 2022

9:00am	112
10:30am	<u>49</u>
Total	161

June 2022 Total-to Date

694

Sunday, July 3, 2022

9:00am	133
Total	133

Sunday, July 10, 2022

9:00am	125
10:30am	<u>35</u>
Total	160



Sunday, July 17, 2022

9:00am	123
10:30am	<u>60</u>
Total	183

July 2022 Total-to Date

476



... in Manna for Malawi 2022

Sunday, August 14th, 2:00-6:00PM @ The Bridge



Our event is only weeks away. Remember how fun last year was?

I'm excited to let you know that Renewal by Anderson is donating a sliding glass door replacement for our silent auction!

If you volunteered to solicit businesses, please bring donations to the church by end of July. All silent auction items should be turned into church by end of July. There is a sign-up sheet at church on the bookstore table. Stop and see if there is a place for you to volunteer.

Raffle tickets are being sold at church, Cykel, CI Courier, Uplifted Wellness Studio, The Bridge and MMF-CU. Five dollars gives you a chance to win a bike, kayak, mini fridge/freezer, \$300, \$200 or \$100.

If you have questions, call, text or email me. Terriwisniak@gmail.com or (612)210-1024.



... in MWAM benefitting CRYC on Sunday, June 26, \$1,042 was raised!



... in MWAM benefitting VBS on Sunday, July 17, \$949 was raised!

