

Immanuel's Story

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Gather  Grow  Go

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THY PEOPLE ALSO SHALL BE ALL RIGHTEOUS:

*they shall inherit the land for ever,
the branch of my planting,
the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.*

ISAIAH 60:21, KJV



SCRIPTURE READINGS

May

May 5	Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
May 12	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
May 19	Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
May 26	Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17



Don't be root-bound

As a new gardener, Jan Riggensch used to treat bedding plants with extreme care, setting them into soil without disturbing the roots. Eventually she learned that rough — even ruthless — treatment is better in the long run.



"If the plant has been growing in its pot so long that the roots are circling the bottom, I jab my finger into the bottom of the soil and pull down to untangle the roots," Riggensch wrote in her gardening column. "If the whole pot is filled with circling roots, I have to be merciless. I don't worry if I break some of the roots. That's better than allowing the roots to continue to circle when the plants are growing in the garden."

In the same way, it's easy to grow complacent and inward-focused in our walk with God. But bunched-up roots can't reach out for sustenance. So for maximum faith growth, dare to let God shake you up from time to time!



- 2 Nancy Nyvold, David Pundt
- 3 Al Doonan, Brenda Hayes
- 4 Mason Miller
- 5 Austin Davis, Lillian Thompson
- 6 Therese Norwood, Margo Sodahl
- 8 Debbie Foote
- 9 Bill Thoms
- 10 Karen DeBoer, Brenda Lofquist,
Faye Ysseldyke
- 11 Mary Carlson, Nancy Horner, Kallie Nixon,
Sharon Simons, Mike VanHorn
- 12 Elizabeth Bundy, Jerry DeCent, Shawn
Jarvela, Joe Simons
- 13 Peggy Beseman, Judi Burson, Archie
Sabyan
- 14 Isaiah Aulie, Sara Moe
- 15 Brady Aulie, Shannon Larson
- 16 Margaret Segersten
- 18 Tanya Jacobs
- 19 Garrett Barber
- 22 Terrie Bunker, Jean Olson, Hannah
Pakarinen
- 23 Mallory Holmvig, Haley Reinhart
- 24 Chloe Perpich
- 25 John Radinovich
- 28 Chase Horner, Riley Jacobs,
Vi Klungness
- 29 Phyllis Collignon, Walker Perpich
- 30 Ruth Imberi, Jenni Kannel
- 31 Meredith Bloedel, Jason Kovatovich

High School Graduates being honored on Sunday, May 5th at ILC: Eva Jarvela, Noah Larson, Haley Reinhart, Hannah Pakarinen, Hannah Pederson

Anniversaries...

- 10 Richard & Eileen Leino (1975)
- 14 Tom & Nancy Jann (1966)
- 18 Jon & Holly Hunter (2002)
- 19 Al & Jan Doonan (1984)
- 26 Jon & Cheryl Ustipak (2001)
- 30 Don & Nancy Nyvold (1981)
- 31 Josh & Nacishia Rinde (2014)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 24	9:00	72
	10:30	54
	Total	126
March 31	9:00	156
	10:30	115
	Total	271
April 7	9:00	108
	10:30	52
	Total	160
April 14	9:00	110
	10:30	47
	Total	157
April 21	9:00	103
	10:30	48
	Total	151

FUNERAL

Michael "Mick" Lind

Happy May!

It's been so wonderful to have our Youth and Confirmation classes back in session! Our Youth group is now learning through the book of Acts, via a video series by Youth Alpha. Our confirmation group is finishing up a unit breaking down the Apostles Creed, and will now study units in Baptism, Communion, Confession and Forgiveness, and Daily Prayers. Both groups will also be collaborating with several members of the church who plan worship services and music, as we look forward to leading an entire church service! May 19th, or Pentecost, will be an all youth led service, with Wing and Prayer providing music selected by youth. This will be both the 9:00am and 10:30am service.

Students participated in another BAY Rally (Brainerd Area Youth for Christ) On April 24th. These are typically held at the Northern Pacific Center, and include games and activities, worship bands, and speakers.

We will be celebrating our local graduates with ties to Immanuel on Sunday, May 5th, during the 10:30 service. There will be a cupcake reception following the 9:00am service.

Sunday school will be held each Sunday, during the 10:30 service, through May 19th. Sunday school is available to all children ages 4 through 11. Join us on the last day of Sunday School for Ice Cream Sundaes after the 10:30 service!

Summer will be here before we know it, which brings me to Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held with NEW DAYS AND TIMES! Come have a blast with us on Fridays, beginning in June! VBS will be held June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. Then- July 12th and 19th. Bring a friend or two! Registration for participants and those interested in volunteering is available on the ILC Website, or via forms available in the office. Register by May 1st for a t-shirt to wear during VBS! This years theme will be "Camp Firelight-A Summer Camp Adventure with God!" Come camp with us!





Women's Salad Luncheon
Saturday, May 4, 2024 12-2:00 p.m.

~Bring a friend and a salad or dessert to share~

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Crosby
Guest Speaker will be Tracey Srock, Master Gardener
and Area Florist



Memorial Gifts Given By...

- † Hal & Judy Kirchoff in memory of Sally Mann for Handbell Ministry*
- † Bruce & Mary Oliphant in memory of Betty Ostrowski for Malawi Children*
- † Denny & LuAnn Henrichs in memory of Betty Ostrowski for Milestone Ministry*

Manna For Malawi

Benefit Concert and Meal

Benefitting Malawi Orphan Care Project

Featuring



**Rumble Seat:
A tribute to
John
Mellencamp**

**Sunday, August 18th 2:00-6:00pm
The Bridge Tavern, Hwy 6 N, Crosby**

**Pulled Pork Meal provided by
The Bridge Tavern beginning at 3:00pm**

Silent Auction and Raffle Items

Activities for Children

**All proceeds benefit Malawi Orphan Care Project
www.malawiorphancareproject.org**

Knowing that the Chikoti family is coming for our event, I want you to be aware of the documentary they helped to make called "The Bride Price". It is about under age girls being married off, sometimes, for the price of a chicken. It is illegal in Malawi for a girl to marry before the age of 18. In rural areas the tradition of using young girls, some just 12 years old, for barter is still going on. The village chiefs have a lot of influence and are trying to work together to stop this practice.

One chief in particular, Theresa Kachindamoto, has rescued some 800 girls from underage marriages. She has even sent some girls back to school. Girls in school face another challenge. It is traditional for the girl child to get up, sometimes at 2am to walk to get water. After that is done she will have other domestic chores before she can walk to school. Boarding school helps a girl to focus on her studies but it is expensive. Secondary school costs \$150 each but boarding school costs \$1500

each. Because of the cost, not many girls get to boarding school and then can't qualify for University. Education is power for a girl. She can support herself and someday pass this knowledge on to her children and help her husband manage the home.

Shadreck and Yami have started a plan for a rescue center. They are calling it Alinafe Rescue Center. They will plan for it to have education, child care, medical clinic and safety. I encourage you to watch this documentary on Lakeland PBS. Here is the link: <https://www.pbs.org/video/the-bride-price-st97fo/>

[Our event goes toward food and education. These young children at the project need good food to grow their bodies and minds. As they grow their talents start to show. If they want to follow those talents, they need us to support them. Please do what you can to help this event be successful.](#)

“Good News”... GOD Has a Phone Number

God wants us to call on Him! His phone number is Jer-333

“Call out to me and I will answer you.

I will save you and you will praise Me.”

(Jeremiah 33:3)

This is an opportunity for us at Immanuel to come together as a “whole” to pray in the presence of God, our Father. An event that will enrich our spiritual journey. Taking steps to gather together to pray is an expansion of our Prayer Ministry here. Through our prayers, we will focus on “Divine Direction”. Our ultimate goal is to be guided by God. Our Mission Statement is:

We are meeting to put the cares of the church before God!

Our emphasis will be on broader church concerns, with a wider perspective. When praying at the same time, we should be asking God, “What are Your purposes?” This shows God that we want to know what He wants. What are His desires?

Prayer connects us to a common purpose: **Seeking God’s Heart**. As we seek Him, with each other, our faith grows. Faith in Him comes from Him. It does not come from us. It is His gift to us. We must have faith that God is at work. He performs miracles. We know nothing is impossible for Him.

The meetings we have planned involve “Corporate Prayer”. We are Corporate Prayer Partners. Corporate Prayer is simply praying as one. When we gather together and combine our prayers, as one Body of Christ, the results are powerful. The element of being together in prayer is what is important!

The Bible tells us : **“For where two or three gather, in My name, there I am with them.”** (Matthew 18:20)

Please plan to attend our next meeting: Sunday, April 28 @ 7pm

Submitted Paula Traylor, Prayer Ministry Leader



First Communion Students

Kynsley DeCent, Sierra Laffin, Chloe Perpich, Sawyer Holmes, Kensie Chamberlin



Table setting from MWAM April 14, 2024 benefitting the Christmas Bazaar

Christmas Bazaar Meal with a Mission

Thank you to everyone who participated in the MWAM for the Bazaar on April 14th, which was well attended. Thank you Jane Holmwig, of the North Country Café, for donating the ham for the quiche we served. Each month that Immanuel has a meal, we are all so very thankful to Thrivent for sending us a \$250 debit card for food expenses, when a ILC Thrivent member requests it.

Many people have requested a copy of the recipes that were used for the meal. You will find them listed below. Enjoy.

Your Bazaar Chairs,
Karen, Nancy and Judy

FROZEN FRUIT CUPS

1 large can (20 oz) pineapple chunks or tidbits (we used crushed pineapple)
1-3/4 cup water
1- 12 oz can frozen orange juice, undiluted (partially thawed to mix well)
1-3/4 cup sugar
1/3 cup lemon juice

Combine the above ingredients and set aside

2 pkgs frozen strawberries or 1 large (16 oz)

If the berries are whole, cut in half

5-6 sliced bananas (cut thick and then in half)

2 cups frozen blueberries

Combine the fruit with the liquid and mix together. Spoon into plastic cups (we used 5.5 oz) and freeze. We put all the cups on a cookie sheet and then into the freezer. We got approximately 25 cups. Let thaw about 45 minutes and enjoy.

QUICHE

6 eggs, 1 cup ham cut in small cubes, 1/2 cup whole milk, 1/4 cup half & half, 3/4 tsp salt, 1/4 tsp pepper, 1-1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided, 3 Tbsp green onions, sliced. (we used 1/2 tsp ground onion powder.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place a pie crust into a 9" pie pan. Whisk or use a mixer to fluff, the eggs, milk, half & half, salt, pepper, onion powder.

Sprinkle the cubed ham, 1 cup of cheese, and onion (unless using the powder) onto the pie crust. Pour the egg mixture over it. Sprinkle the remaining 1/2 cheese on top. Bake for 35-40 minutes until the center is set. Let set for 5 minutes before cutting. Can dollop with sour cream or salsa or both.