

INSIDE IMMANUEL



Faithful to God's Word – we receive, celebrate and share Jesus Christ.

Staff: Ginny Hoagg, Alice Pommerenke & Marge Finkbeiner

Foolish Sower

What a foolish sower!
Throwing out seed every-
where, even places where he
knows it won't grow. Wastef-
ful! Foolish! What would the
neighboring farmers say! As
Jesus speaks the parable of
the sower (Matthew 13.1-9)
we are given to consider this
sower. Yes, some seed falls
on good soil, but so much is
wasted. Most of the seed is
eaten by birds, choked by
rocks and scorched by the
sun, or withering among
weeds. Most of the seed
falling from this sower's hand
never produces a harvest.

The sower sows; his reckless love
Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
Intend alone that all may have
The wholesome loaves that all men
need. (LSB 586 v. 3)

All men need this seed, this
Word. The sower desires that
all men come to a knowledge
of the Him and be saved for
there is no other name in
heaven or on earth by which
men are saved; only the name
Jesus. He is the only way and
He comes by the Word. Faith
comes by hearing, hearing
this Word.

Though some be snatched and
some be scorched
And some be choked and matted
flat,
The sower sows; his heart cries out,
"Oh, what of that, and what of that?"
(LSB 586 v. 4)

Does not your heart cry
out? What of my neighbors
who have heard the Word and
have been carried away by the
deceitfulness of wealth?
What of my friends who have
heard the Word and reject it
immediately? What of my
family members who heard
the Word, but it never took
root and they fell away when
trial came? Does not your
heart cry out? Your heart
cries out in frustration for as
you speak the Word it seems
that nothing changes. Sinners
remain sinners and who is any
better off?

Of all his scattered
plenteousness
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and
flat,
And bears a harvest hundredfold:
"Ah, what of that, Lord, What of
that!" (LSB 586 v. 5)

What of that? We rejoice in
that harvest. But we do not
rejoice in ourselves. You
have not accomplished the
harvest. It is not your barn
that is being filled, but His.
This is the sower's harvest,
it's His store house being
filled. He did the work, not
you. He called men, women,
children to faith. He suffered
for them. He took their sins
from them. He died for them.
This is His harvest. You are
His harvest. He suffered for
you, He died for you. What
of that? Rejoice for He has
accomplished all this for you!

Preach you the Word and plant it
home
To men who like or like it now,
The Word that shall endure and
stand
When flow'rs and men shall be
forgot. (LSB 586 v.1)

What of that, and what of
that? It's not your kingdom.
You just speak the Word.
Leave the rest to the sower.
He will produce growth, has
He not done so in you? Live
your life as example to others.
He will call others to faith.
He will create belief in their
hearts. You just speak of the
good news you know so well.
He will watch and tend His
planted Word.

In the Name of Jesus,
Pastor Boyer

Church Council Minutes July 10, 2017

Evangelism: A Prayer Vigil is planned for Saturday, August 19. Lutheran Hour Sunday will be September 17. Donations to the Radio Mission continue to be a need.

Stewardship: Thank you cards and candy bars have been distributed to those who volunteer their services to Immanuel Church and Christ the King School. An update was given on the Time & Talent survey which will be distributed to members.

Youth: Thirty-five people, youth and adults, attended the Michigan Youth Gathering on Mackinac Island. We were the second largest group out of the 67 groups attending. Collide will present to Adult Bible class, at the outdoor service in September and at St Paul on what it meant to them to attend the youth gathering. The youth room in the church basement will be converted into "Café Collide" over the summer. Chuck and Lindsay Bitzer are planning a lock-in mixer for incoming USA freshman. A Jr High lock-in mixer is also being planned with our new 8th grade teacher in attendance. Collide purchased the curriculum "Answers in genesis". Chuck will use this material to teach religion on Thursdays at CTK.

Principal: CTK had over \$2,400 in chapel offering this year which were forwarded to: Hearts for Jesus A2E, Books for the Ukraine and the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission. Mr Kaiser was updated on new requirements for fingerprinting and background checks on new employees and background checks for parents and

volunteers. He has received paperwork for the school and churches to implement LGBT policies. The first day of school will be Monday, August 28. Epipens will be supplied free of charge to both campuses through a national program. Hot lunch direct certification records for the 2017-18 student enrollment have been updated in the government databases.

Knights for a Brighter Tomorrow have purchased 80 blue cafeteria chairs, with a 10-year warranty for the school.

Pastor's Report: As we approach the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Pastor Boyer and Barbara Bleck have planned several Reformation Meditations. They will take place on selected Thursday and will highlight the life and works of Martin Luther and will include great music. A Circuit-wide Reformation service will be held at Immanuel on Sunday, September 24 at 4 pm.

2017-18 Elder/Family List

Here is the 2017-18 Elder/Family list. To foster spiritual care and communication in the congregation, each Elder is responsible for families with last names beginning with the assigned letters.

Ken Walz: A-B
Tom Williamson: H-J
Chuck McGathy: N-R
Tom Sting: C-E
Craig Rieman: K
Doug Forsberg: S-U
Wayne Goebel: F-G
Todd Rievert: L-M
Mike Zagata: V-Z

Treasurer's Report

MONTH OF JUNE, 2017

Receipts	\$ 48,407.92
Deficit Reduction	3,890.05
Expenses	<u>66,749.73</u>
Net Income	-14,451.76

END OF FISCAL YEAR REPORT

Net Income YTD	-6,640.45
% of Budget Received	86.00%
% of Budget for 12 mos	100.00%
Ahead/Behind Budget	-14.00%

% of Budget Spent	97.60%
% of Budget for 12 mos	100.00%
Ahead./OverspentBudget	2.40%
Total sent to Missions	\$35,276.89

CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

Cash in Bank/Petty Cash \$18,108.19

Debt:	
Owed CTK-Ins Claim	13,919.18
Note payable to Ind Bank	20,000.00
Earmarked Funds	<u>90,069.00</u>
Total	123,988.18

Shortfall of funds to \$-105,879.99
Fulfill current liabilities/
Earmarked funds

Mark Your Calendars

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic

BBQ Chicken & Hot Dogs

SUN, SEPT 10 – 10:30 am

Details to follow!

Lutheran World Relief is Collecting

.....Quilts, New Wrapped Soap, Fabric, Personal Care, Baby Care & School Kits, LAYETTES.

<p>PLEASE CUT & SAVE FOR SHOPPING LIST</p>

PERSONAL CARE KITS

- 1 dark colored bath towel
- 2 bath-size bars of soap in wrapper
- 1 adult-size toothbrush
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clippers

If all, wrap in towel and tie securely with ribbon or yarn.

SCHOOL KIT S

- 4 70-sheet notebooks (8x10) wide or college ruled
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 eraser (approx 2 1/2" long)
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1-30 centimeter ruler or 1 w/inches & centimeters
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 5 ballpoint pens
- 1 box of 16-24 crayons

These may be put in tote bag location on LWML cabinet in narthex.

FABRIC KITS

- 2 pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric measuring: 2 1/4 yds of 60" fabric; or 3 yds of 44" or 4 yds of 36"
 - 2 spools of matching or neutral thread (250-300 yds)
- Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second fabric piece and tie with yarn, ribbon or fabric.

BABY CARE KITS

- 2 T-shirt NO ONESIES
- 2 long or short-sleeves gown or sleepers (without feet)
- 2 receiving blankets
- 4 prefold cloth diapers
- 2 diaper pins or lrg safety pins
- 1 sweater/jacket/sweatshirt w/hood or a baby cap

- 2 pair socks
- 1 dark colored hand towel
- 2 bath-size bars of soap

Gently used, clean items can be substituted for new ones. Receiving blankets may be cotton, flannel, crocheted or knitted. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

All donations are appreciated whether it be several items or the complete kit. Monetary donations are also accepted. Brand new bars of wrapped soap are greatly appreciated as a bar of soap signals dignity and cleanliness to the people. Collection ends in early October. It's exciting to share with the less fortunate in this way.

Any questions, call Barb Gunsell, 883-3691 or Janice Vogel, 674-2527.

Notes from the Director of Music

We still have six opportunities for you to attend the Reformation Meditations here at Immanuel. There is a fellowship time after each Meditation for which I need two volunteers each week. Can you help by providing a dessert of some type? Chocolatey, chewy, creamy, gooey, or cakey ... it's up to you! Whatever is easiest. Let me know if you can help with this need. Thanks in advance.

There will be a joint Reformation Service of Lutheran Churches (LCMS) in the Thumb Area (East and West Circuits) on Sunday, September 24, 4 pm, here at Immanuel - All are welcome!

Publicity has gone out to a wide area to begin the formation of a combined choir for this commemorative service. If you were present at

our Ascension Day service, you'll recall what a glorious sound filled our sanctuary when the choir and congregation sang the two concertatos. Two other concertatos for choir, congregation, brass, timpani, and organ will be included again at this service. They are *A Mighty Fortress* and *To God Be the Glory*. If you would like to sing these wonderful hymns in the choir, please, contact me at [989-325-0672](tel:989-325-0672) or email me at FrauAngelika@yahoo.com by Monday, August 28. Your contacting me will help me have enough musical scores available at rehearsal time. Rehearsals will be held at Immanuel on Tuesdays, September 5, 12 & 19 from 6:30-7:30 pm.

I need a minimum of ten volunteers to contribute dessert items for the reception that will follow this special service. Please let me know if you are able to help with a dessert and/or by helping in the kitchen. Thanks! Barbara Bleck

Attention: College Students & Military People

Before heading off to college, please let the church office know your school address or your e-mail address so that we can send you a newsletter and keep you in touch during the school year.

The same is true for those in the military. Also, if the church office knows your current address, it will be forwarded to synod which in turn will send you devotional materials such as Portals of Prayer throughout your military service. Please make use of this LCMS tool.

CTK School News

Greetings from Christ the King Lutheran School. Hallways have been a little busy lately as students come in for AR tests on Wednesdays, the custodians are busy making these buildings shine, and deliveries for next school year are delivered. I have just a few brief announcements for this month's newsletter.

This year's theme for the school year is **Signs of Faith**. The theme is based upon the Bible scripture Hebrews 11:1. Throughout the year, the pastors and I have written devotions based upon road signs. It is my hope that we continue to Bring in, Build up, and Send out disciples for Jesus Christ as our mission statement applies to this verse.

Christ the King Lutheran School would love to host a tour for you and your family or friends who may want to look through our fine education institution. Please call 989-577-9432 for more details. School Registration Night will be taking place on Monday, August 21st, starting at 5:30 PM. Mrs. Jenni Vermeersch has requested the preschoolers for next year attend a preschool open house for the Little Knights preschool on Thursday, August 24th, beginning at 5 PM. The next Monday will be the first day of school, August 28th.

If you are a returning CTK parent, you should have received a summer registration letter. This has some reading for you to complete. If you did not receive this letter, please contact the school office or myself. I will work quickly to get that letter to you.

When you see him, please welcome our new 8th grade

teacher, Mr. Matthew Deneen. He hails from the Hemlock area. He is a graduate from Valley Lutheran High School. We are happy to have him teaching our students in the upper grades. We know that he will be instrumental in sharing his faith with our young men and women in his classroom. He currently resides in downtown Sebewaing.

Mrs. Mammel and I continue to plan for the fast-approaching school year. She is ordering supplies and printing out supply lists while I continue to fill out government forms and make the state of Michigan happy. Thank you again to Mrs. Bonnie Schamber for coming in on Wednesday mornings to monitor the AR tests that the children are taking.

I want to apologize to anyone who has tried to contact the school the past few weeks. After the power outage, one part of the phone system has again stopped talking to another piece. Although this does allow Mrs. Mammel and I to get work done because we do not need to answer phones, I would love to hear from you. If you need to get in touch with the school office, please call her on her cell phone or call mine at 989-577-9432.

I pray that you will make a difference in God's ministry this week. David Kaiser, Principal

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Official Acts

BAPTISMS

- 05/28 BRYNN MARIE TERRIAN & BRIE RENEE TERRIAN born April 4, 2017 to Michael & Megan (Gremel) Terrian. Sponsors: Brynn – Amy Wehner, Brie – Becki Horetski
- 06/04 CORA MAE DRISCOLL born May 1, 2017 to McKenzie & Melinda (Holland) Driscoll. Sponsors: Rhiannon Goedel & Stephanie Kerkau
- 06/11 SULLIVAN ERIC CAIN born August 28, 2008 and NOEL EVANGELINE CAIN born August 28, 2008 to Theresa Cummings
- 07/23 GRAYSON GRANT VERMEERSCH born June 7, 2017 to Cameron & Stephanie (Maxwell) Vermeersch. Sponsors: Jared & Lauren Fischer, Caleb Brow, Brittney Gruehn & Heather Maxwell

WEDDINGS

- 06/24 David Koch & Stefanie Bohn
- 07/08 Ethan Gainforth & Brittney McGathy

TRANSFER IN

- 07/10 Jason, Shannon & Estee' Emery from St Paul, Caro, MI

TRANSFER OUT

- 06/05 Whitney & Vivian Schmidt to Grace, Auburn, MI
- 07/10 Bill & Peggy Walz to Good Shepherd, Caseville, MI

Thank You

On behalf of the Stewardship Board at Immanuel, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many people who faithfully share their time and talents to serve our Lord.

Thank you to our ushers, church greeters, to those who serve on a board or committee, to those who prepare food for funerals, to our youth group, to those who sew and fill the children's activity bags, to those who volunteer in the church and school offices, to those who help decorate our church, to those who set up and take down our nativity at Christmas, to those who visit nursing homes and do devotions at Medallion Village, to our VBS and Sunday School teachers and helpers, to our Stephen Ministers, to those involved with the functioning of our church and school, to those who care for the grounds at our church and school, to those who remove snow, to those who run the radio booth, to those who step forward whenever a need arises in our church and school, and to anyone we may have missed – please know how very much you are appreciated!

STEWARDSHIP IS.....

Not a program ...

but a way of life.

Not an activity ...

it is an attitude

Not the latest fad ...

It is biblically based.

Not just a decision of the heart..

but a conversion of the heart.

Not an option ...

But integral to our faith.

Not another thing to do ...

But why and how we do what we do.

Thank you to all who share their gifts of time and talent

with Immanuel Lutheran Church. We are blessed by you.

Memorials & Gifts

We would like to thank the following people for their contributions to the church's memorial and gift funds! Thanks so much!

RADIO MISSION

IN MEMORY OF GLEN WISSNER

His family

IN HONOR OF ALICE POMMERENKE'S

90th BIRTHDAY

Irene Bolzman

Marjorie Trojan

IN MEMORY OF FRED MARTINI,

JOHN KASSNER, & KEN VOLZ

Alice Pommerenke

IMMANUEL CHURCH

IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN ROTHFUSS

Bonnie Bellestri

IN HONOR OF PASTOR & SUE REED'S

45th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Joan Walz

IN HONOR OF PASTOR REED'S

RETIREMENT

Joan Walz

IN MEMORY OF HILDA THOMPSON

Barb Weisenbach

IN HONOR OF GLENN & JANICE

VOGEL'S 55th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MM Don Stecker & family

IN MEMORY OF JOYCE STANSELL

MM Bob Ricker

MM Randy Ewald

IN MEMORY OF GLEN WISSNER

His family

IN MEMORY OF KEN VOLZ

John & Norma Kemp

MM Norman Kuhl

MM Mike Zagata

Virginia Nitz

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN SCHOOL

IN HONOR OF THE ROD & CAROL

TRUEMNER'S 50th WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY

Judy Halstead

IN MEMORY OF KEN VOLZ

Ellen Volz

MM Don Beers

Rod House

MM Roy Wightman

MM Dale Ewald

MM Ron Lutz

Jack Koth

MM Glenn Vogel - scholarship

MM Warren Beers

MM Rod Truemner

MM Roger Gremel

MM Mark Janke

MM Gary Volz

MM Terry Volz

MM Don Bollstetter

Myrna Born

MM Fred Gregory

MM Dennis Pardeik

MM Rich Wrobleski – scholarship

Evie Adam – school sign

Jan Hornbacher

MM Ken Rink

Lucille Fuerst

Janet Reithel

MM Don Davis

Jack Buehler

MM Don Loeffler

Judy Halstead

DEBT RETIREMENT

IN HONOR OF ALICE POMMERENKE'S

90th BIRTHDAY

Joan Walz

TIMPANI FUND

IN HONOR OF BOB & VIRGINIA

BECKER'S MARRIAGE

Dottie Eberlein

IN MEMORY OF GLEN WISSNER

His family

MUSIC FUND

IN HONOR OF THE BIRTHDAYS OF

ALICE POMMERENKE &

ERMA RUMMEL

Lucille Fuerst

IN HONOR OF LUCILLE FUERST'S

90th BIRTHDAY

MM Ken Fuerst

Christ the King Lutheran School Info

1st Day of School



Monday, August 28

7:55 am – 3:05 pm

Grades PS-8

NO SCHOOL – Thursday & Friday, August, 31 & September 1

School Registration Preschool Open House

Monday, August 21

5:30 pm

Sebewaing campus

Thursday, August 24

5-7:30 pm

Unionville campus

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August Birthdays

AUGUST 1

Janet Ewald
Feather Reige

AUGUST 2

Brian Brandenburg
Gary Loeffler
Joanna Matthews
William Walz

AUGUST 3

Gregory Lupp
Alexandria Walz

AUGUST 4

Frances Davis
Isabel Neu
Darwin Nitz

AUGUST 5

Katelyn Bonini
Eleanor Matthews
Nancy Pommerenke

AUGUST 6

Wyatt Heckroth

AUGUST 7

Mark Krauss
Gloria McKellar

AUGUST 8

Lincoln Bloomer
Kristine Jahr
Patrick Stecker

AUGUST 9

Gregory Eremia
Victor Roemer

AUGUST 10

Lincoln Haag
Aaron Krauss

AUGUST 11

Joanne Eremia
Ruth Liichow

AUGUST 12

Jake Fiebig
Janice Wagner

AUGUST 13

Harlon Neumann Sr
Ally Sweetman
Adam Vogel

AUGUST 14

Chloe Beringer
Ronald Bolzman
Luke Gremel
Michael Gremel
Paul Kemp
Zachary Weeks

AUGUST 15

Suzanne Claerhout
Jessica Dressler
David Mammel
Ricky Prichard
Toby Stock
Jennifer Winchell

AUGUST 16

Susan Jo Gremel
Katherine Ricker
David Wildner
Pamela Winter

AUGUST 17

Colten Claerhout
Axton Hellebuyck
Lawson Weber

AUGUST 18

Bethany Weber

AUGUST 19

Pastor David Reed
Isabella Sanback
Bradley Sting

AUGUST 20

James Bohn
Natasha Dubs

AUGUST 21

Sarah Kemp

AUGUST 22

Erica Hartman
Ella Vermeersch

AUGUST 23

Adelia Bolzman
Jacob McDaid
Cane Weinlander

AUGUST 24

Jodi Smith
Lynette Walz

AUGUST 25

Joshua Hornbacher
Erin Jubar

AUGUST 26

Nicole Bauer
Cindy Wildner

AUGUST 27

Mya Sweetman
Michael Walz

AUGUST 28

Noel Cain
Arlene Gremel
Donald Loeffler
Vickie McDaid

AUGUST 29

Fred Bauer
Suzanne McGathy
Austin Nieschulz

AUGUST 30

Laura Abke
Addison Pommerenke

AUGUST 31

Beth Gainforth
Dee Haag

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2017</h1>					FLOWER CHAIRMAN: Lorene Zagata	FUNERAL LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN: Pat Holland
		1 Recorders-10 am	2 Men's Bible Breakfast-7 Recorders-10:30 am	3 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	4	5
6 8:00 WORSHIP/C-1 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 WORSHIP-2	7 Finance-6 MON WORSHIP-6:30 Elders-7:15	8 Recorders-10 am	9 Recorders-10:30 am	10 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	11	12
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27 8:00 WORSHIP-7 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 WORSHIP/C-8	28 1 st day of School Opening Chapel Finance-6 MON WORSHIP/C-6:30	29	30	31 NO SCHOOL		