

INSIDE IMMANUEL



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

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You are Needed at Immanuel

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. (1 Corinthians 12.18)

It is easy to lose sight of the mission of the church. What are we called to do? Life gets in the way. We focus on good things, but neglect the great. Christians get caught up in going to church or Bible class, helping with VBS or on the church grounds. We get caught up in our lives; running kids here or there, getting busy helping in the community, or just being busy at work. There is nothing wrong with any of that! It is all good! But is that the mission of the church?

So what's our mission? Why is the church here? Why is our church, Immanuel, here? The reason goes back to our founding. Why would Pastor Auch travel across the world to come to Sebawaing in the 1830s? He traveled to bring the Gospel. Bringing the Gospel is the mission of the church. It's that simple. But the reason goes back further than that. It goes back to Christ. Jesus told His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations. That is, they were to bring the Gospel.

Don't misunderstand. Coming to church is ordained by God in the third commandment. It is necessary to build faith and receive Jesus yourself. It is wonderful to help at church and in the community. You need to work to provide for your family. But that is not in and of itself the

great commission. It is easy to forget what we must be about as Christians. We must be about sharing the Gospel- that Jesus died for my sins and for yours.

Paul says that there is one body of Christ and we are all members of it. Paul says that we are all different parts of that body. There is no lesser and no greater parts, but all are different and necessary. Thus, you are necessary to Immanuel. You are needed by your congregation. But for what?

You are needed by Immanuel first to receive Jesus in the Divine Service. To receive the forgiveness of your sins is why the church is here for you. That is why Jesus is here for you. But you are needed to take that Jesus and that forgiveness out into the world. You have a unique place in this world. God has placed you in a unique position in your family, among your friends, in your neighborhood, in your job, in your community. No one else has the same role in life that you do and God has placed *you* there to be a witness.

As you build relationships with those around you, you share Jesus with them. As you hear their joys and sorrows, you share Jesus. As you love your spouse and children, you share Jesus. As you work and toil, you share Jesus. God has placed you in a position to do all this and God expects that you will.

Don't make excuses. Don't assume that you can't. You are loved and forgiven by God. You

are part of the body of Christ! You can be a powerful witness in this dark world. Pray for boldness that God would use you among your family, friends, neighbors. Pray that God would give you opportunities to share what you know and believe. Pray that God would bless your efforts to reach others.

This is how the Gospel spreads. It spreads through Christians, like you, sharing what you believe with those around you. This is how the body of Christ grows. God has richly blessed us to be touched by this Gospel. The Father has given us everything through His Son's death upon the tree. He has given you everything. But this is not just for you it is for all.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I thank You that You have given Your Son to die for me, I know that I am forgiven, grant me boldness to proclaim what I believe to those around me, I thank You for putting people in my life that I might be Your witness to them, bless my efforts to share Your Word. In the Name of Jesus. Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Boyer

Church Council Minutes July 9, 2018

Elders: New church website is up and running. A discussion was held regarding church security. Tom Sting will represent the Elders on the Endowment Committee.

Trustees: Repairs at the school and the replacement of the heating system were discussed.

Education: Bonnie Schamber has agreed to help with the Principal vacancy along with a second person yet to be determined. Jennifer Vermeersch's contract was not renewed and the board has posted for a year-round preschool/daycare director.

Stewardship: A new Immanuel Directory will be made through LifeTouch with photos being scheduled in September. The Dave Ramsey financial course will be offered again in January if there is enough interest.

Pastor's Report: Cindy Smith and Pastor Boyer attended the District Convention in Ann Arbor.

2018 Pictorial Directory



**WE NEED
YOU**
to make our new
family directory
complete

Save the dates - Tuesday, September 18 - Saturday, September 22. That's when pictures will be

taken for the new pictorial directory in the Great Room. Weekdays: 2-9 pm, Saturday: 10-5 pm. There is no cost to you.

Please watch the church bulletin for details to sign-up for your pix.

All families photographed will receive a free 8 x 10 and complimentary directory. Immanuel's Stewardship Board is undertaking this project. Please direct any questions to them.

VBS 2018



Presenting VBS 2018
Building on a Foundation

**Monday – Thursday,
August 6th – 9th
6 – 8 pm each day
at:**

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
800 E Bay St
Sebewaing
989-883-3050**

This faith-filled VBS will energize ages from preschool to 6th graders.

Through hands on lessons and interactive music, attendees will experience creative ways to build and grow in their faith.

Each day will be action packed with lessons, construction time, and hands on music. And of course, snack time.

So experience VBS in a new way. Pastor Boyer and Youth Director Chuck McGathy will be

leading the way, with a host of leaders.

Again this years VBS is free to attend and is open for ages preschool to 6th grade.

Registration is open now and registration forms can be located at the church office.

If you want to help with VBS or donate snacks, please contact Pastor Boyer or Chuck McGathy. You can contribute financially by putting your gift in an envelope and label it VBS. Just drop it off at the church office or put in the collection plate. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

MONTH OF JUNE, 2018

Receipts	\$ 55,913.16
Deficit Reduction	2,250.00
Expenses	<u>65,773.17</u>
Net Income	- 7,610.01

END OF FISCAL YEAR REPORT

Net Income YTD	76,872.04
% of Budget Received	96.19%
% of Budget for 12 mos	100.00%
Ahead/Behind Budget	-3.81%
% of Budget Spent	95.48%
% of Budget for 12 mos	100.00%
Ahead./OverspentBudget	4.52%
Total sent to Missions	\$41,521.05

CASH IN BANK & ON HAND

Cash in Bank/Petty Cash	\$5,110.58
Savings-CTK Heating	20,686.24
Restricted Savings	15,655.23
TOTAL	\$41,452.05

Debt:	
Owed CTK-Ins Claim	13,919.18
Earmarked Funds	<u>65,883.52</u>
Total	79,802.70

Shortfall of funds to	\$ -33,350.65
Fulfill current liabilities/ Earmarked funds	

Lutheran World Relief is Collecting



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

PLEASE CUT & SAVE FOR SHOPPING LIST

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-shirts or onesies (We alter)
- 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.

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.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 15**

Official Acts

BAPTISMS

- 06/24 KYLE NOELLE KEMP born April 23 to Courtney & Katie (Swiatsyn) Kemp. Sponsors: Sarah Kemp, Corbin & Allison Swiatsyn
- 07/22 GARRETT NICHOLAS KATA born May 2 to Nicholas & Annette (Smith) Kata. Sponsors: Annette Carson, Louis Carson, Andrew Smith

WEDDINGS

- 06/23 Matthew Rievert & Sandra Kramer
- 06/30 Logan Walz & Kristin Lozo

TRANSFER IN

- 06/05 Trudy Packard from St Philip, Dublin, CA
- 06/05 John & Maggie Carideo from Trinity/St James, Munger, MI
- 07/02 Mary Demo from St Paul, Unionville

TRANSFER OUT

- 06/05 David, Erika, Emma & Elijah Kaiser to St James, Shawano, WI

Mark Your Calendars

Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic

BBQ Chicken & Hot Dogs

SUN, SEPT 9 – 10:30 am

Details to follow!

LWML Retreat

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Retreat will be held on Saturday, August 11 at Good Shepherd, Cass City, from 9 am – 3 pm. Theme is "Shout for Joy to God". There will be a special presentation by Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

Questions, please call Gloria Beringer, 883-3824.

2018-19 Elder/Family List

Here is the 2018-19 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 Sting: C-E
Dale Truemner: F-G
Tom Williamson: H-J
Craig Rieman: K
Todd Rievert: L-M
Chuck McGathy: N-R
Doug Forsberg: S-U
Brent Vogel: V-Z

Hope Seeds



HOPE SEEDS Scooping Event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25 in the Great Room. We welcome those who have packed in the past to join us again. For those who have missed out on this vital service opportunity, please plan to get involved this time. Since this is our 5th annual event, and it's on the eve of Hope Seeds, Inc's 20 years of existence, we are making plans for the biggest and best turnout yet.

This event is sponsored by Older Adults Ministry committee, but it's open to ALL AGES. Even children may assist, when accompanied by an adult. Scooping will take place in the Great Room, beginning at 4 pm. After two hours of putting little garden seeds in little packets (along with gospel portions), we will treat volunteers to a complimentary supper. We end by 7:00. Be part of the fun and action, and Christian service.

For those not able to be physically present on that day, we encourage your prayers as well your generous monetary gifts. Direct any questions to Richard Wroblewski, Vic & Kathy Engelhardt or Doug Forsberg. Also, visit www.hopeseeds.org or their Facebook page.

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 KEN STUART

MM Ken Engelhardt

IN MEMORY OF

MARGARET VanHOOST

Ernie & Arlene Sbresny

IMMANUEL CHURCH

IN MEMORY OF EUNICE STUART

MM Gerald Nusz

IN MEMORY OF MAGARET Van HOOST

Jean Wissner and family

MM Norm Kuhl

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY ORTNER

MM Don Holland

Aldine Fiebig

IN MEMORY OF PAULINE KELLY

Sally Rievert

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN SCHOOL

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF LLOYD ADAM

Ev & family – sign

IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY ORTNER

MM Rod Bohn

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET

VANHOOST

MM Rod Truemner – heating

Judy Halstead – heating

IN MEMORY OF PAULINE KELLY

Ev Adam – sign

MM Rod Truemner – heating

IN MEMORY OF ILA LORENTZ

MM Steve Gremel – 4th Grade

DEBT RETIREMENT

IN MEMORY OF BONNIE VOLZ

MM Mike Zagata

HANDBELLS

IN MEMORY OF

MARGARET VanHOOST

Kathleen Engelhardt

COLLIDE

IN MEMORY OF PAULINE KELLY

MM Mike Zagata

Christ the King Lutheran School Info

1st Day of School

Monday, August 27

7:55 am – 3:05 pm

NO BUSING – MON, AUG 27

Grades PS-8

NO SCHOOL – Friday, August 31



School Registration

Tuesday, August 21

5:30-7 pm

Sebewaing campus

Preschool Open House

Thursday, August 23

5:30-7 pm

Unionville campus

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
800 E BAY ST
SEBEWAING, MI 48759

Return Service Requested

BULK RATE
US POSTAGE
SEBEWAING, MI 48759
PERMIT #32

August Birthdays

AUGUST 1

Janet Ewald
Feather Reige

AUGUST 2

Gary Loeffler
Joanna Matthews

AUGUST 3

Gregory Lupp
Alexandria Walz

AUGUST 4

Frances Davis
Isabel Neu
Darwin Nitz

AUGUST 5

Eleanor Matthews
Nancy Pommerenke

AUGUST 6

Wyatt Heckroth
Alissa Younglove

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
Luke Gremel
Michael Gremel
Paul Kemp
Ethan Pommerenke
Zachary Weeks

AUGUST 15

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

Elizabeth Riess
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

Jacob McDaid
Melvin Riess
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 2018</h1>					FLOWER CHAIRMAN: Lorene Zagata	FUNERAL LUNCHEON CHAIRMAN: Carol Truemner
			1 Men's Bible Breakfast-7	2 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	3	4
5 8:00 WORSHIP/C-4 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 WORSHIP-5	6 VBS-6 Finance-6 MON WORSHIP-6:30 Elders-7:30	7 VBS-6	8 VBS-6	9 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon VBS-6	10	11
12 8:00 WORSHIP-6 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 WORSHIP/C-7	13 Finance-6 MON WORSHIP/C-6:30 Trustees-6:30 Stew & Evan-7 Church Council-7:45	14	15	16 Bulletin Deadline 12 Noon	17	18
19 8:00 WORSHIP/C-8 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 WORSHIP-9	20 OAM-9 am Finance-6 MON WORSHIP-6:30	21 Devotions at Medallion Village-10:30 am CTK Registration 5:30-7 pm	22	23 Bulletin Deadline for Aug 26 & Sept 2 12 Noon PS Open House @ SP 5:30 - 7pm	24	25
26 8:00 WORSHIP-1 9:15 Bible Class 10:30 WORSHIP/C-2	27 1 st Day of School-7:55 Opening Chapel Finance-6 MON WORSHIP/C-6:30	28	29	30	31 NO SCHOOL	