



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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## Let the Sun Shine In

If you enjoy the music of the 1960s and 1970s, then just the sight of the title of this newsletter article evokes The 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension's melody flowing through your brain. It was a repetitive bidding that was medlied with the song Aquarius. "Let the sun shine in, let the sun shine in" over and over is about all of the song we got. It was cheery and melodic, and a song that would stick with you for the rest of the day.

The original song by Galt MacDermont was less than cheery, but it paints a fuller picture of the desire to have the sun shine in. This song starts dark and broken with a view of the world that is far less than cheery. It seems to describe well a broken planet into which one would want some sun to shine in. In an interview with *American Songwriter*, Florence LaRue of The 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension was asked why they recorded this song. She said because it was uplifting. LaRue states, "As a matter of fact now, when we sing 'Let The Sunshine In'- I think not only of let the s-u-n shine, but let the S-o-n shine (*American Songwriter*,1).

I must admit to you that I have never thought so deeply about this 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension song, but it wouldn't take us long, as LaRue suggests, to turn this popular song into a prayer: "O Lord, I thank you for the day that you give me, and no matter what happens this day, let your Son shine brightly into my life. Amen."

He does! One of my favorite descriptions of Jesus comes from Revelation chapter 1. "*In His right hand He held seven stars, from His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and His face was like the sun shining in full strength (Revelation 1:16).*" Look at what God gives us here. Jesus holding His

people in the care of His hand, speaking His Word, and His face in full strength brightness.

2 Corinthians 4:6 says, "*For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*" We get the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus, but how do we get the face of Jesus? That is to ask, "How does the Son shine in?" By His sharp two-edged sword piercing the darkness. Open Bible, bright light, face of Jesus, glory of God. You get it all. On your bright days and your dark days, we pray "O Lord, let your Son shine in."

That word is on you. It is in you. The Lord puts His name on you by that word as you receive the Blessing each and every week:

*The Lord bless and keep you;*

*The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;*

*The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you His peace (Numbers 6:24-26).*

However, have you ever read verse 27? "*So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.*"



You leave church each Sunday with this firm word of God cast upon you in blessed fashion. God's name on you, you live with His face shining upon you.

O, Lord, let your Son shine. Amen, He does!

Pastor Castens

## Mark Your Calendar

### June

- 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Noon Yah! Meeting  
**5<sup>th</sup>:** After 2<sup>nd</sup> service New Member Orientation & Reception  
**23<sup>rd</sup>:** 9:30am Priscilla Circle  
**Every Wednesday:** 10am & 6pm Bible Study  
 12:30 Quilters  
**Every Thursday:** 5pm Griefshare

## June Celebrations

### Birthdays

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1: Henry Gordon     | 20: Ashley Nolen      |
| Tonya Cremer        | Lexi Turner           |
| 2: Cole Malusky     | 21: Carol Maevers     |
| Gayle French        | Katie Eatherton       |
| 5: Johnia Wessel    | Rachelle Berkbuegler  |
| 8: Connie Hassell   | 24: Christina Malusky |
| 9: Taylor Habsieger | June Slabodnik        |
| 11: Denise Dietrich | Mary Buckley          |
| Edna Jordan         | Morgan Shelledy       |
| 12: Norma McKee     | 25: Donna Lorenz      |
| 13: Aaron Meyer     | Dorothy Johnson       |
| Kerri Dawson        | Emma Patterson        |
| 14: Darlene Schmitz | 26: Allen Shelledy Jr |
| 15: Donna Long      | Dennis Wessel         |
| 16: Leila Gendron   | Katie Bourque         |
| 17: Devin Lorenz    | 27: Adeline Meyer     |
| Tabitha Schaefer    | Caitlin Mudd          |
| 18: Daniel Castens  | 28: Clark Ferguson    |
| Michael Pilliard    | 29: Jillian Stackley  |

### Anniversaries

- 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Shane & Andrea Ellis 10<sup>th</sup>  
**4<sup>th</sup>:** Levi & Gudrun Kaminsky 45<sup>th</sup>  
**5<sup>th</sup>:** Jason & Julie Schubert 21<sup>st</sup>  
**10<sup>th</sup>:** Richard & Tammy Finch 27<sup>th</sup>  
**12<sup>th</sup>:** Thomas & Edna Jordan 59<sup>th</sup>  
 Michael & Darlene Wehner 40<sup>th</sup>  
**14<sup>th</sup>:** Allen & Pat Welker 64<sup>th</sup>  
**16<sup>th</sup>:** Chandler & Carol James 8<sup>th</sup>  
**17<sup>th</sup>:** Alvin & Linda Harmon 57<sup>th</sup>  
**18<sup>th</sup>:** Jeff & Nickie Brown 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Michael & Jennifer Gordon 6<sup>th</sup>  
**20<sup>th</sup>:** Joe & Patricia Volker 24<sup>th</sup>  
**21<sup>st</sup>:** Don & Christine Walter 37<sup>th</sup>  
 David & Lucy Finley 8<sup>th</sup>  
**24<sup>th</sup>:** Ken & Joyce Bundt 55<sup>th</sup>  
**29<sup>th</sup>:** Jeremy & Jessie Malusky 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**30<sup>th</sup>:** David & Pat Doenges 65<sup>th</sup>

## YAH!

YAH! Meeting for June 2<sup>nd</sup> in FLC at noon. This will be a "Bring your own" luncheon. We didn't meet last month due to a stormy weather forecast! We regroup in June! See you there!

## SOME THOUGHTS ON EVANGELISM

**GriefShare** has resumed with a new group of people, both men and women. Our meetings are Thursday afternoons from 5:00 p.m. till 7 p.m. at the latest. You are still welcome to come join us. You can just show up at our meeting and register there, or go to: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/14562> and register there. Or visit our website for more info.

**The Red Cross Blood Drive** on May 12<sup>th</sup> was a great success. The Red Cross representatives were very polite and excellent in their blood draws. Thank you to David Poley for coordinating this community event and providing the gift of life to many people.

**Grace Day** collections for underwear will start in June. There will be totes in the Narthex Annex and lists of needed sizes. We will add some T-shirts and undershirts to our collections. We will again provide 7 pairs of underwear and add 1 T-shirt to our donations.

We are still working on installing and maintaining a "**Little Free Pantry**" in coordination with the Daycare. Some progress, but still a way to go before it's ready.

**Twin City Days** is the second weekend in September. It would be lovely if Immanuel could get enough volunteers to man a booth on Saturday on Main Street. We can distribute pens, brochures, flyers and tracts. We could possibly offer a couple of our ladies' quilts or other handiwork for sale. Please let me know if you would be willing to work a shift between 8:30 and 4 on Saturday.

Please pray for the military personnel onboard the USS Gridley, and our adopted Chaplain, **Lt. Ross Engel**. We could send a care package of Jolly Rancher candies, according to Chaplain Engel. There will be a basket for donations of Jolly Ranchers in the Narthex as well.

Please pray for our **New Members** at Immanuel. May God show them His love and welcome through all of us who have been here awhile. Plan on showing your love on June 5<sup>th</sup> for the welcome reception. The saddest thing I know is to go into a house of the Lord and not have anyone speak to you. That's part of evangelism! That's part of Stewardship! That's part of Education! That's part of YOUR job description as a member here at Immanuel. Look for areas where you can volunteer. Look for areas where Immanuel can make a difference in our community! Praying for a fruitful Summer in the Lord. God's Blessings!  
Karen DeClue

## MIDWEEK

Midweek is on break for the summer. Information regarding registration for next year will be in a future newsletter and on our website.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

EVERYONE is welcomed 9:15 to 10:15 each Sunday at the FLC for Sunday School. We are continuing with the Enduring Faith series in both the children's classes and the adult study. Everyone is encouraged to come and learn about Jesus and His impact on our lives today and tomorrow. A light breakfast is donated each week. Signup in the FLC.



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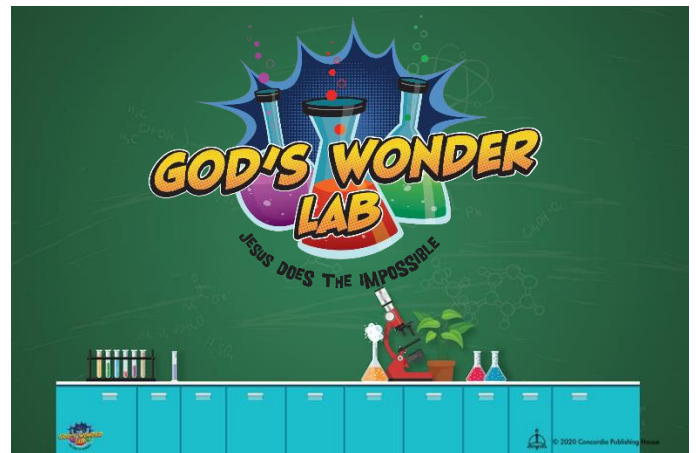
## MUSIC MINISTRY

Our choirs are on break for the summer, but that doesn't mean that we won't need musical additions to the worship services. Please contact Rhonda Johnson if you would like to help edify our worship with your musical talent.

## VBS

Plans for Vacation Bible School are underway!! Registration will begin on JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>!!! Our website will have all the details and a link to the registration site.

Join us for God's Wonder Lab! A science lab is full of fascinating things that help explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, He did things that cannot be explained. He turned water into wine, walked on water, and His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation. Discover that Jesus does the impossible for us VBS, God's Wonder Lab!







Peyton Cattoor will graduate from Jefferson High School on May 15, 2022. She will be attending Saint Louis University and majoring in Biochemistry with the intention of going Pre-Med for Orthopedic

Surgery. She received the Vice President's Scholarship from SLU. She has been awarded the Missouri Bright Flight Scholarship and Missouri Scholars 100 Honorable Mention.

Ethan Boyer is graduating from Crystal City High School. He plans on going to Missouri S&T to major in Chemical Engineering.



We would also like to recognize Joseph Schubert as he graduates this year as well.



Robert Finch graduated from Francis Lee Academy on May 20<sup>th</sup>. He will be attending Concordia University in St Paul MN where he will major in theology and minor in Biblical Languages. After college, he plans to attend Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN

to become a Lutheran Pastor.

Alana Nelms will be graduating from Jefferson R-7 and will attend Jefferson College.





From the Finance Board.....

During May \$23,207.78 was received for the Budget. Our current budget position is shown in the table below. This information is also reported in the bulletin.

Budget Requirement	\$ 124,349.70
Budget Received	117,080.73
Difference over or (under)	(\$ 7,268.97)

Compared to the same time period in 2021, the budget amount is 15% higher this year. Immanuel members continue to faithfully support the Daycare, Local Missions, NYG, the Daycare Playground and Sanctuary Renovations. \$1,250 was received in Memorials for Betty Govero. The “20 Lutherans Who Cook” fundraiser for the NYG earned \$879 and there was a lot of good food! Thank you for putting your name (or envelope number) on the outside of the envelope with your offering. This helps the Finance Board properly record the gifts. If you would like a box of envelopes to use, please include a note with your gift and a box will be provided.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Immanuel.

We are truly blessed!

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Budt, Chair

#### Treasurer's Report

Monthly Income Thru 5/16/22:	\$23,622.30
Monthly Expenses Thru 5/16/22:	<u>\$13,389.83</u>
Difference:	\$10,232.47

Income Year to date	\$ 117,819.35
Expenses Year to date	<u>\$ 108,507.52</u>
Difference:	\$ 9,311.83

Commerce Bank – Balance (General Account)	\$40,068.56
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Total All Bank Accounts:	\$175,962.91
Total Dedicated Accounts: (Restricted Spending)	<u>\$188,671.70</u>
Difference:	\$-12,708.79



## Immanuel Lutheran Childcare Newsletter



### Kona Ice

We will be starting our KONA ICE Snow Cones Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> for the One's - School Age Class. We will do this every Wednesday, ending in August. This will cost \$3 a child, \$1.50 for the One's Class (Climbing Squirrels). You can either add it to your weekly tuition check or you can pay cash. The Kona Ice Truck will get here at 11:30am.



### Summer Reminders

- Sign your child's Sunscreen Slip
- Bring a water bottle
- Tennis shoes are best for playground play. Sandals must have backs to play on equipment.
- Keep your eyes peeled for Water Days.



### Teacher Appreciation Week

All of us at ILCC want to say THANK YOU for all the great homemade gifts, cards, yummy treats, and words of appreciation. We all love what we do and to have great parents like you guys makes it even better. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!



### This month's Teacher in the spotlight is... Miss Grace

Miss Grace has been a part of Immanuel for almost 3 years! Miss Grace is one of our School-Age teachers. She just returned to the daycare from a mission trip. We are truly blessed to have her here at our center! She is always coming up with new fun ways to teach, so patient and kind to everyone.







# Vacation Bible School & Fun Fest

This year's theme is God's Wonder Lab: Jesus  
Does The Impossible

**VBS is set for July 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>**

Please try to have your child to school this week  
by **8:15am**. VBS starts at **8:30am** and lasts until about  
**11:30**.

**Funfest will follow VBS on  
Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

Join us for a performance of the VBS songs at church at **10:30**  
followed by Fun Fest at **12:00 at the FLC building!!** There will  
be sno-cones, games, prizes to be won, bounce houses, Festus  
Fire Department and much more!!!

**Come celebrate the end of VBS with a FREE Family  
Fun filled afternoon at Funfest!! All ages are welcome.**



## Little Library Borrow a Book, Leave a Book

We wanted to share with you  
our "Little Library" located in  
our foyer! You may borrow a  
book or leave a book. There  
are also activities in zip lock  
bags to borrow. Remember  
there is no app to replace  
your lap. 😊

We would love to see pictures of you and  
your child reading. You can send us this  
via email [ilchildcare@hotmail.com](mailto:ilchildcare@hotmail.com) or our  
Facebook Page [Immanuel Lutheran  
Preschool & Childcare](#).



## DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4<sup>th</sup> -  
CLOSED for  
Independence  
Day

July 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>  
Vacation Bible  
School

July 31<sup>st</sup> - Fun  
Fest

August 22<sup>nd</sup> -  
Back to School