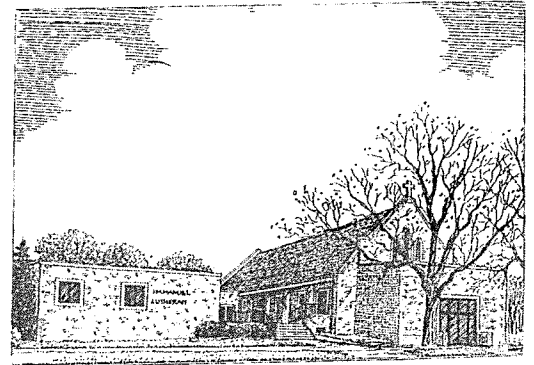


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Yesterday,
Today,
and Forever
God with Us

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Newsletter Article

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. — Proverbs 22:6

It is that time of year, school will be starting later this month. We pray that the Lord will bless this coming year, that we can have students in the building all year long. What an exciting time for us here at Immanuel. We will begin our 7th year on August 13th. What a blessing and opportunity God has provided for us. What a privilege it is for us to share Jesus Christ with the students who attend our school. Yes, this is our school! It is not their school, but OUR school. God has placed before us this great mission opportunity and has blessed us over the years.

There have been some changes from last year, a number of our teachers, Mrs. Micki Messersmith, Mrs. Diane Schnare, and Mrs. Kim Heckmen are not coming back. We have some new teachers this coming year: Ms. Danielle

Gilliland (1st Grade), Ms. Alyssa Dye (3rd Grade), and Mrs. Carly Scherbarth (5th -8th Grade), they are joining: Miss Jill (Head Teacher and Preschool), Ms. Krista Horn (Kindergarten), Mrs. Tessa Walker (2nd Grade), Ms. Tessa Oestman (4th Grade) and Mrs. Karena Soriano (5th - 8th Grade). Please keep all of our teachers and staff in your prayers this coming year. That a great mission God has given to us to carry out.

Yes this is mission work. We are all called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and this is one way that our congregation has decided to carry this out. As the passage from Proverbs 22 points out: "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Our school is a place to train up a child in the Lord. The way things are going in our society we truly need our school. Our society in America does not want to have anything to do with Jesus Christ and the message of the Bible. Have you noticed how anything dealing with Christ is

getting pushed out of our society? Our school is a great place to plant the seed of the Gospel in the students hearts and pray that God the Holy Spirit will cause it to grow.

It is amazing that what these children hear at school and take home to their families. One example could be praying before meal time. Before our students eat lunch they say a prayer, it can be as simple as “Thank you Jesus for our food. Amen.” or “Come Lord Jesus be our guest...” The student may go home and when they sit down for a meal say, “We can’t start yet, we need to pray.” This student is witnessing to his parents and family. Pointing out that it is important to give thanks to God for this food we have received. How awesome it is to think about that, that our school will help our students carry out the witness we all are to be doing.

“Train up a child...” that is what is happening in our school. Besides the subjects of reading, math, science, etc., they are hearing about Jesus Christ and all that He has done for them. They are hearing that they all have sinned, we all have sinned, and what Jesus Christ has done for them and us, that we may have eternal life in heaven. As our preschoolers say, “Jesus died on the cross to wash away our sins.” That is the message these students hear and take home to

Stewardship Corner

Winston Churchill reportedly said, “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten and more by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. So it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got us for Himself, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply

their families. That is the message the whole world needs to hear, especially during this time in our country. Our school is a starting point for these students to learn about Jesus and it will be with them throughout their lives.

Our school will be underway soon, we are blessed with the teachers and staff that we have. They are excited about the opportunity to share the gospel and “Train up a child...” Our school needs your help also, we need to keep our school in our prayers. We pray that the Gospel is proclaimed and that those who attend learn about the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Please keep our teachers, staff and students in your prayers. Pray God’s blessings on the instruction that is taking place. Besides our prayers, we also need to financially support our school. As a congregation we voted and decided to start this school, we will need to come together and support it with the blessings that God has given us.

If you have not been out to the school to check things out, I invite you to do so. Give me a call and I would be willing to give you a tour. So please keep our school in your prayers. We give God all glory for what He has done in our lives and the life of our congregation and school.

Pastor Mueller

getting. Giving softens our hearts and frees us from the worries of this world and making a living. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get.

That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives – our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others?” to “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But, when we give, we do not have less, and we do not become less. We have more and become more. Because when we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is

the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, "It

is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

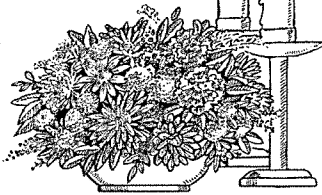
Dear Members of Immanuel:

What a joy it has been to serve you over these past 24+ years! God has richly blessed us and our family in more ways than we can count. Thank you for your kindness, your prayers, your support, and your readiness to serve our Lord and Savior in every way. We will miss you all, but know that our God will continue to provide all you need for the years to come until Christ returns!

In His name,
Pastor & Diane



*Altar
Flowers*

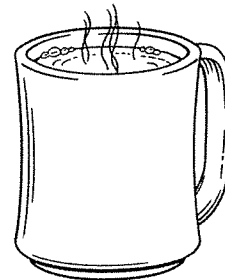


FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this month were from:

Jazlyn Hausmann and Isaac Hart Wedding
Ross Wills Funeral
Brad & Marlene Stewart in memory of Marlene's father.

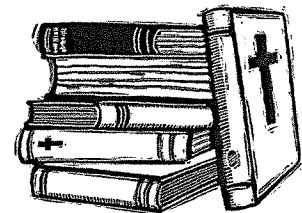
AUGUST COFFEE SCHEDULE

- 2 - Jill Mueller
- 9 - Jocelyn Gerth
- 16 - Judy Dye & Terea Dye
- 23 - Cheryl Sheldon & Karen Kelly
- 30 - Nancy Scherbarth & Sue Bartels



BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES...

- Sunday Adult Bible Study - 9 am Fellowship Hall.
- Martha Circle - 2nd Monday, 7 pm (continuing in September)
- Rhoda Circle - 1st Tuesday, 7 pm (continuing in September)
- Lydia Circle - 2nd Wednesday, 1:30 pm (continuing in September)
- Tabitha Circle - 4th Monday's, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall (continuing in September)



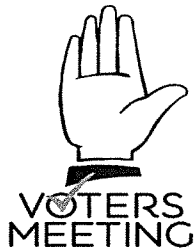
**Bible
Studies**

QUILTERS meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

Friendly Reminders

When making out your contribution checks, the church has many different funds. (i.e., General, Building, Missions, School, Raising Disciples, Memorial). It is very helpful to make out SEPARATE checks to these funds to make the counting more efficient. It is very difficult to split up a check into two or more different funds for depositing. Thank you for your help!

RETURN TO SENDER: A reminder to notify the church office of any address changes. *We are required to pay a fee for undeliverable mail.*



SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING: There will be a meeting held on August 16th, at 1:30 pm. On the agenda will be the future pastoral ministry of the church and school.

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ACTION has a food pantry and emergency services available in Alliance and multiple other locations in the Panhandle. Please go to the website at ncap.info, go to the bottom of the page and click on the COVID-19 Updates page for the latest information. Here is the direct link <https://www.ncap.info/programs-and-services/emergency-and-community-services/covid-19-updates.html>. There is a simple inquiry form to click on for food or services. Once we receive it we will reach out to that family. Our mission is to alleviate poverty and our staff is working hard to reach those in need.

JC PLAY ZONE is a Lutheran Hour Ministry Program on line for children. There are games, music, crafts, Bible stories, devotions, recipes, card making and coloring pages. Go to : JCPlayZone.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Board of Parish Education is beginning to plan for next year's Sunday School and we would like to invite your children to join us! We are also looking for one more Sunday School teacher. We will start up Sunday school again beginning on September 13th. Sunday school begins at 9:00 with opening devotions and concludes at 10:15. If you would like more information, please contact Samantha Steinman, Tammy Lore, or Jennifer Foster.

ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS: Used bedding is needed by the quilters. Canceled postage stamps are needed for mission projects. Old eye glasses and outdated hearing aids are useful to others. Bedding may be left in the quilting room. Other items can be left in the cupboard under the guest book.

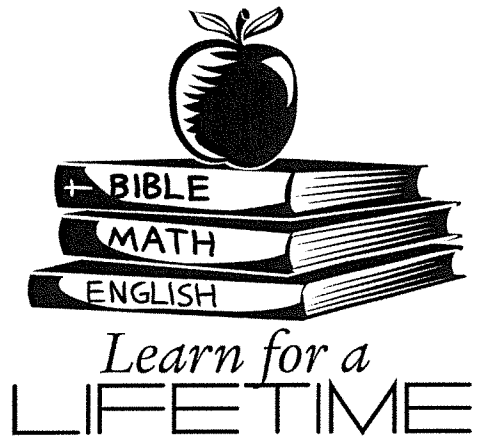
RAISING DISCIPLES total receipts to date as of June 25th, 2020 are \$559,806.79.

GREETING CARDS: If you plan to send greeting cards for any occasion please consider purchasing cards from LWML. We have a nice selection of birthday for both adults and children, anniversary, wedding, get well, thinking of you, encouragement, congratulations, thank you and other cards to let someone know you're thinking of them. During this time of Covid 19, a greeting card with scripture and a Christ centered message are an exceptional way to keep in touch with friends, neighbors and loved ones. You'll find these cards located in the main church entrance near the front door.

SCHOOL NEWS

IMMANUEL EV. LUTHERAN SCHOOL 2018-2019

ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE is an ongoing year-round fund-raiser. This helps fund the operational costs of our school. Please ask everyone to collect and save all aluminum cans, bring them to the east side of the school, and place in the bins that are labeled "Aluminum cans." We appreciate your help in this ongoing effort.



Greetings! I pray this finds all going well with your families. Things out at the school continue to skip right along to prepare for the upcoming school year. I wanted to take a moment to introduce the three new teachers on our staff. Danielle Gilliland will be teaching 1st grade. Danielle comes to us from the Norfolk area and has recently become engaged to Cole Walters from Hemingford. Carly Scherbarth comes to us from Denver, CO and will be teaching in our middle school grades. Carly married Micah in June and are living on Potash. Alyssa Dye is the daughter of Bart and Kathy Dye and will be teaching 3rd grade this year at our school. We are really excited to welcome these young ladies to our staff and we look forward to seeing God's plan for this wonderful mission opportunity at our school.

I wanted to take the time to say thank you to all who helped with the fireworks stand. It took lots of hands and it was very beneficial to have them all. The company estimates around 15,000 to 16,000 will be our profit! Please continue to pray for our school and staff as we transition to a new school year and continue to deal with Covid.

Miss Jill

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Again this year we are in need of supplies for this next school year. I am sharing this list early in case you find sales, etc. If you are unable to shop and would still like to help, you can pass on a donation to Miss Jill and she will shop for you. Thanks for helping our school families and students! If you have questions just give me a call. God's Blessings! Jill

24 count Crayola crayons

Glue Sticks

#2 pencils (Dixon Ticonderoga)

Wide ruled loose leaf paper

Ruled index cards

Juice

8 count Crayola markers

pencil top erasers

paper folders (prong & pocket)

Playdoh brand playdoh

Clorox wipes

Crayola colored pencils

Prang watercolor paints

bottles of glue

youth scissors

Bandages



8-1 - Blake Steinman
 8-1 - Lanny Schnell
 8-2 - James Henton
 8-2 - Peggy Miles
 8-3 - Knox Oestman
 8-4 - Brandy Stark
 8-5 - Jody Meer
 8-6 - Cleone Panwitz
 8-7 - Avery Gomez
 8-7 - Courtney White
 8-7 - Brandi Pohlman
 8-7 - Ulala Lucas
 8-7 - Tammy Lore
 8-8 - Ty Kolle
 8-9 - Baily Clear
 8-9 - Christian Clear
 8-9 - Keith Kolle
 8-9 - Sharon Hashman
 8-10-Samantha Steinman
 8-10 - Spencer Sanchez
 8-10 - Mason Holmes

8-13 - Cydnie Herian
 8-13 - Scott Morrison
 8-13 - John Herian
 8-14 - Lindsey Chasek
 8-15 - Jack Evert
 8-15 - Gary Hashman
 8-16 - Jason Rowley
 8-16 - Don Colson
 8-17 - Isabel Aguallo
 8-17 - Debra Neeley
 8-18 - Jennifer Hinman
 8-19 - Richard Bloom
 8-20 - Jett Herian
 8-20 - Jepsen Stark
 8-21 - Lennon Korth
 8-21 - Ryan Taylor
 8-22 - Macey Seebohm
 8-22 - Samantha Kresl

8-22 - Keegan Grant
 8-22- Chris Seebohm
 8-23 - Heather Wilcox
 8-23 - Lorraine Summers
 8-24 - Michael Eggink
 8-25 - Janice Brixius
 8-26 - Andrea Luce
 8-26 - Braxten Bruhn
 8-26 - Tessa Oestman
 8-27 - Zachary Childers
 8-27 - Thomas Devoogd
 8-28 - Alexander Pfeiffer
 8-28 - Michelle Hunter
 8-28 - Courtney Wills
 8-29 - Larry Seidler
 8-30 - Sydney Bignell
 8-31 - Jonathan Fintel
 8-31 - Robert Mischnick
 8-31 - Leah Krebs

8-1 - Katie Huston
 8-1 - Norma Romick
 8-1 - Garret Schmid
 8-1 - Rachelle Pfeiffer
 8-1 - Joella Fritzler
 8-2 - Shawn Kelly
 8-3 - Georgia Krebs
 8-3 - Darrell Schledewitz
 8-4 - Chris Bartels
 8-4 - Brandy Stark
 8-5 - Misty Evert
 8-5 - Madison Gibson
 8-6 - Teresa Thies
 8-6 - Jackson Chasek



8-7 - Zachariah Narjes
 8-8 - Jakob Herian
 8-8 - Dwayne Rose
 8-8 - Tara Gibson
 8-9 - Teresa Dye
 8-10 - Banyng Stark
 8-13 - Kyle Kaman
 8-14 - Mikayla Seebohm
 8-14 - Ashley Rose
 8-14 - Kevin Wilson
 8-15 - Baily Clear
 8-15 - Christian Clear
 8-16 - LaShayne Kolle
 8-19 - Blake Steinman

8-21 - Mark Vaughn
 8-21 - Keith Kolle
 8-23 - Kris Childers
 8-24 - MaKenzie McCarty
 8-25 - Kalli Bridge
 8-25 - Kinzie Bridge
 8-27 - Attley Bolek
 8-28 - Ian Gomez
 8-28 - Hilary Gomez
 8-30 - Ty Kolle
 8-30 - Sharon Tiensvold
 8-31 - Cody Henderson
 8-31 - Johana Wills
 8-31 - Brian Grant