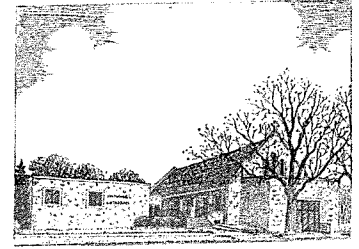




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June 2021

Newsletter Article

Are we living in exciting times? We all had to deal with Covid and restrictions that have been in place. That's not exciting. We see the violence, hatred, racism, and the throwing away of God's Word happening in our society. That's not exciting. Is there things that are exciting for us. Yes there is as long as we do not just focus with our eyes and look around us and see what is happening.

How exciting it is to know that Jesus is risen from the dead. That our sins are forgiven and that we are God's children. How exciting it is that we can share this Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those around us. To share the joy that we know we are forgiven our sins and that Christ is returning in glory.

How exciting it is to see what is continuing to happen in our congregation and going on at our school. We had our 3rd Eighth Grade graduation in May. We graduated our Preschool students also with a program and lunch. How exciting that we finished the school year with in person classes. What an exciting time for us at Immanuel and our school.

How exciting it is that we have our teaching staff in place for next year. Saying goodbye to three teachers and hello to three new teachers. To see the excitement about getting ready to teach in our school next year. How exciting it is to see these teachers and the excitement and joy they have to share Jesus and teach the students that attend our school. These are exciting time for us at Immanuel as we carry out the mission that God has given to us. The mission of showing Jesus to those around us, to sharing the Good News, the Gospel fo Jesus Christ our Lord, risen from the dead.

How exciting it is that we can all come together to support this mission, to support our congregation and school. We join together in prayer and pray for the Lord's blessing on us and our school. We come together to support our ministry and mission with our time and talents and with our treasures. As a congregation we need to come together and support one another in the life that God has given to us here at Immanuel. We need to stir one another up and carry out the plans God has given us. We read in Hebrews 10:24-25:

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25 *ESV*)

Exciting times for us at Immanuel. How unexciting it is that some of our congregation are in the habit of not coming to the Divine Service. So many have stayed away because of Covid, but know is the time to return and receive the gifts that God gives us to in His Word and Sacraments. When you do not come to the Divine Service you miss out of so much. When you do not come to the Divine Service, WE miss out so much too because you are not here. In the Divine Service we receive the great gifts that God gives to us. The gift of His Word proclaimed to us, the gift of the Sacraments, Baptism and the gift of His body and blood that He sacrificed on the cross for our forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. It is so easily to get of out of the habit of coming to the Divine Service. Do not let summer activities get in the way of your attendance. Do not let work get in the way of your attendance. Do not let Covid get in the way of your attendance. Do not let your little grudges and arguments get in the way of attending the Divine Service.

There is excitement and exciting times at Immanuel, God's Word is proclaimed in its truth and purity. The Sacraments are administered according to God's Word. Hearing the message about our forgiveness of sins and life that Jesus has given to us through His life,

death, and resurrection. That Jesus is coming again in glory to bring us home with Him in heaven. What more can we ask for. The excitement of continuing to build our school and having this opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do not miss out of the excitement that is going on at Immanuel.

As our society keeps moving further and further away from God and His Word. A society that is trying to remove the true God from our country. We need to be in God's Word. We need to be in Divine Service to receive the true Word of God. We need to come together and support one another and the mission God has given us, to support our congregation and school that we may have the opportunity to share what Jesus Christ has done for us and for our students who attend and their families. What an exciting time to share what the American society wants to remove from before all people. Do not go along with our society that says the Divine Service is a waste of time. That Divine Service is not entertaining enough, so go find something more entertaining. Come to the Divine Service and receive God's greatest gifts for you: forgiveness, life and salvation.

May we come together at the Divine Service to support and encourage one another, especially as the day is drawing near. We come together to support our congregation and school as we join together in sharing the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ our crucified and risen Lord. Come and join in the excitement of our God and Savior Jesus Christ. May God bless and keep you in His grace and mercy!

Pastor Mueller

As we continue through the season of Pentecost, I am reminded of the miraculous growth of God's church, which is described in the book of Acts:

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food

with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

It is easy for us to feel far-removed from the miracle of Pentecost. But the truth that God is still working that miracle in His church to this very day. He has given us the extraordinary gifts of His Word and Sacrament. He has put His Spirit in us and given us the gift of faith so that we would hear His Word of forgiveness and life and believe everything that He says to us.

The miracle of Pentecost is the miracle of faith in God's Promise in Christ. Thanks be to God that we have received that gift. And thanks be to God that we can share His Word with others each day.

During the month of June, we have a special opportunity to share God's Word with children at our annual VBS which will be held June 7-11 at the church. Don't hesitate to sign up your kids or grandkids. Consider volunteering to help, or inviting other families to participate. Registration is online at <http://vbsmate.com/ielcvbs2021>

While school is out at IELS, there are still lots of preparations being made for our upcoming school year.

Stewardship Corner

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34)

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let's explore this topic.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf. He did this in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord's Supper. And so, He doesn't just do it for us but gives it to us. He makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is

As teachers and staff work through curriculum, training, and planning for the upcoming year, I invite you to keep the school, and the students and families in your prayers. Just recently I spoke with some parents and grandparents who were grateful for the blessing of Christian education in our community. Our prayer is that by the power of the Holy Spirit, God's Word would continue to bring children and families the gift of forgiveness and life through faith in Jesus Christ. In other words, we pray that the miracle of Pentecost would continue in our church and our community.

- Pastor Daugherty

easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 19:24) “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance – a conversion of the heart – and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

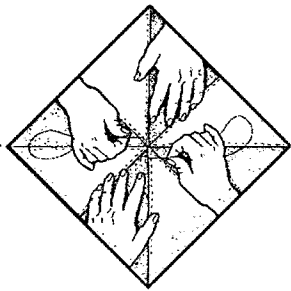
This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are actually to live – think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) – a new life in Him. And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.



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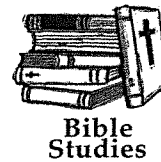
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 Frank Johns
 Vickie Henton
 Gary Trenkle

Don & Violet Colson	6/1/1958
Russel & Natalie Waldron	6/2/2000
Steven & Susan Banks	6/4/1993
Cap & Janice Brixius	6/5/1956
Jerry & Lois Iossi	6/6/1971
Rennie & Josi Faylor	6/8/2017
Christopher & Heather Seebohm	6/9/2001
Frank & Wileta Dye	6/10/1956
Ron & Marlene Mischnick	6/10/1972
Alvin & JoElla Fritzler	6/12/1991
Kevin & Julie Wilson	6/17/2000
Mike & Kim Wills	6/18/1977
Rev. Richard & Jill Mueller	6/22/1996
Doug & Bonnie Edwards	6/23/1990
Ethan & Jennifer Korth	6/27/2015
Joseph & Deb Neeley	6/29/1979
Steven & Jocelyn Gerth	6/30/2008



Quilters Report: Fleece throws, blankets, or yardage (of any size, color, or pattern), new or used will be used to upcycle new quilts. Christmas fabric is also welcome for this project. Please leave any donations in the quilting room in the lower level education center. Thank you!!

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES...
 Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 9 am Fellowship Hall.
 Bible Break - Thursdays, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall



MONTHLY LWML BIBLE STUDIES:

- Lydia** – Will meet again starting in September.
- Martha** – Will meet again starting in September.
- Tabitha** – Will meet again starting in September.

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.

GREETING CARDS: If you plan to send greeting cards for any occasion, please consider purchasing them from LWML. Our great selection includes birthday for both adult and children, anniversary, wedding, get well, thinking of you, encouragement, congratulations, thank you, sympathy and other cards to let someone know you're thinking about them. Be watching for individual Easter cards that will be available soon. If you have any suggestions for a certain selection of cards please call Becky Herian at 762-2417.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are beginning to plan the 2021-2022 Children's Sunday School year and we are in need of teachers. The Board of Parish Education is seeking help with the Sunday School program as one teacher is retiring and will be moving. We would also like to add an additional teacher to keep the groups smaller. Please contact Samantha Steinman or Jennifer Foster if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

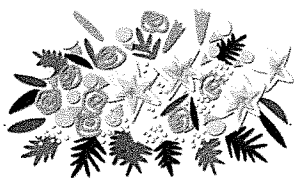
FATHER SON RETREAT: June 25-27, 2021 at Fort Robinson State Park in Crawford, NE. Theme: Evanguard: "Act like men, Be strong." – 1 Corinthians 16:13. Registration deadline is June 21, 2021, find more information at wylcms.org/fs2021. Registration forms are available in the narthex.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: The family of Jerry and Lois Iossi will be hosting an open house honoring their parents of their 50th wedding anniversary. Please join us for cake, punch, and memories on Sunday June 6, 2021 from 2:00 pm to 4:00pm at the Immanuel Lutheran Church fellowship hall.

JUNE 7TH THRU 11TH FROM 8:30 AM TO 11:30AM

Registration is open for Vacation Bible School for preschool thru 5th grade. Register online at www.vbsmate.com/ielcvbs2021. We are still needing volunteers to register to help with the leaders and to take groups from one activity to another. Please register online as well to be a volunteer.



Altar Flowers

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MONTH WERE FROM:

Parents of the confirmands
Brad and Marlene Stewart in memory of Brad's sister and brother-in-law

June Duty Roster

Ushers: Saturday: Mr. Harvey Schnell & Mr. George Varvel
 Sunday: Mr Frank Johns & Mr. Jim Henton

Elders: Saturday: Mr. Brad Stewart
 Sunday:

Date	Acolytes	Coffee Duty	Counters
June 5 th June 6 th	Miss Rozlyn Wills Mr. Jonas Daugherty	Cindy Brown	June 7 th Karen Kelly
June 12 th June 13 th		Jennifer Foster	June 14 th Deb Grant
June 19 th June 20 th		Tara Stanec	June 21 st Deb Moore
June 26 th June 27 th		Jill Mueller	June 28 th Starla Endsley

Stewardship of the Word Daily Bible readings for the month of June:

JUNE 2021	6. Job 17-20	13. Job 40-42	20. Psalms 36-39	27. Psalms 74-77
1. Job 1-4	7. Job 21-23	14. Psalms 1-8	21. Psalms 40-45	28. Psalms 78-79
2. Job 5-7	8. Job 24-28	15. Psalms 9-16	22. Psalms 46-50	29. Psalms 80-85
3. Job 8-10	9. Job 29-31	16. Psalms 17-20	23. Psalms 51-57	30. Psalms 86-89
4. Job 11-13	10. Job 32-34	17. Psalms 21-25	24. Psalms 58-65	
5. Job 14-16	11. Job 35-37	18. Psalms 26-31	25. Psalms 66-69	
	12. Job 38-39	19. Psalms 32-35	26. Psalms 70-73	

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WYOMING LCMS DISTRICT:

June 17-19- Headwaters Family Retreat (Registration available at www.wylcms.org/familyretreat Deadline: June 7th) Promotional materials labeled Flyer and Schedule

June 25-27- Father Son/Men's Retreat (Registration available at www.wylcms.org/fs2021 Deadline: June 20th) Promotional materials labeled 2021 Mens Retreat and Evanguard

July 20-22- 2nd Annual Homeschool Retreat (Registration available at www.wylcms.org/hsretreat2021 Deadline: July 13th) Promotional materials labeled Homeschool Retreat

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
Alliance, Nebraska
Treasurer's Report

	8/1/20 through 5/10/21		8/1/19 through 5/11/20		07/31/20
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	TOTAL
General Fund Account--January 1		\$ 29,487.26		\$ 2,819.43	\$ 2,819.43
Receipts:					
Current Offerings		151,979.82		175,014.82	220,448.39
Mission Offerings		15,165.00		15,925.00	21,130.00
Other receipts		24,080.51		45,988.04	81,226.31
Total Accountable Funds		\$ 220,712.59		\$ 239,747.29	\$ 325,624.13
Disbursements:					
I. Board of Elders	\$ 185,787.00	\$ 106,663.21	\$ 155,957.00	\$ 121,595.65	\$ 170,661.30
II. Board of Parish Ed	11,300.00	3,080.66	11,300.00	2,829.26	3,199.85
III. Board of Missions:					
Missions	20,000.00	11,580.00	20,000.00	19,112.00	26,227.00
Other Mission Board	6,260.00	2,170.00	6,260.00	2,446.34	2,716.34
IV. Board of Trustees	73,197.00	41,375.91	70,197.00	41,813.96	50,714.72
V. Board of Stewardship	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	263.49	263.49
VI. Administration	18,500.00	10,382.07	18,500.00	11,299.06	13,377.80
Non-budget disbursements	0.00	14,761.50	0.00	27,718.40	15,215.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 316,544.00	\$ 190,013.35	\$ 283,714.00	\$ 227,078.16	\$ 282,375.50
General Fund Account Balance--		\$ 30,699.24		\$ 12,669.13	\$ 43,248.63
Less Accountable Funds		0.00		0.00	
Less Pending Checks		0.00		0.00	
Net Checkbook Balance		\$ 30,699.24		\$ 12,669.13	
New School Fund--January 1		\$ 27,226.22		\$ 163.49	\$ 163.49
Receipts		441,548.79		469,278.99	607,687.30
Disbursements		(478,633.26)		(462,631.36)	(581,674.57)
School Operations funds		\$ (9,858.25)		\$ 6,811.12	\$ 26,176.22
Raising Disciples Campaign Offerings		\$ 100.00		\$ 950.00	\$ 1,050.00
Raising Disciples Offerings Disbursed		0.00		0.00	0.00
Raising Disciples funds		\$ 100.00		\$ 950.00	\$ 1,050.00
New School Fund Account Balance--		\$ (9,758.25)		\$ 7,761.12	\$ 27,226.22
Less Raising Disciples funds to be disbursed		0.00		2,450.00	
Less Pending Checks		0.00		0.00	
Net Checkbook Balance		\$ (9,758.25)		\$ 5,311.12	
School Building Payment Account--January 1		\$ 48,479.41		\$ 71,946.47	\$ 71,946.47
Receipts		49,080.59		464.07	540.19
Disbursements		(20,000.00)		(20,000.00)	(24,007.25)
School Building Payment Account--		\$ 77,560.00		\$ 52,410.54	\$ 48,479.41
Building Fund--January 1		\$ 13,851.71		\$ 15,935.54	
Receipts		4,000.49		2,351.43	
Disbursements		(14,415.63)		(4,931.96)	
Building Fund--		\$ 3,436.57		\$ 13,355.01	
Memorial Fund Bank Account		\$ 16,493.55		\$ 12,118.55	
Endowment Fund		\$ 332,587.69		\$ 209,898.73	
Debts Owed					
Internal debt (Net checkbook balance - General Fund)		\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00	
District/Synod Support owed		3,585.00		1,910.00	
Internal debt (Net checkbook balance - School Fund)		9,758.25		0.00	
District/Synod Support owed prior year		0.00		0.00	
Owed to Special Funds Account		0.00		43,400.00	
First National Bank - Operating loan		0.00		1,248.76	
First National Bank - PPP loan (thru SBA)		Forgiven		117,649.00	
Ralph Hoxworth - Skateland Building (School)		26,000.00		50,000.00	
Total debt		\$ 39,343.25		\$ 214,207.76	



6-1 - Dirk Seidler
6-1 - Vickie Henton
6-2 - Cheryl Sheldon
6-3 - Misty Evert
6-3 - Madison Gibson
6-3 - Tad Prella
6-3 - Shawn Kelly
6-3 - Betty Bush
6-3 - Cassie Palmer
6-4 - Ian Gomez
6-4 - Bailey Gorsuch
6-4 - Jeff Herian
6-4 - Starla Endsley
6-5 - Remmi Anders
6-5 - Lucas Weber
6-5 - Jacob Schwanke
6-5 - Jessica Grant
6-6 - Joyce Galyen
6-7 - Evangeline Failor
6-11 - Gene Nerland
6-12 - Thane Lore

6-12 - Jeremy Dean
6-13 - Callin Foster
6-13 - Kim Wills
6-14 - Jerry Underwood
6-15 - Ryder Hoppes
6-16 - Railey Wills
6-18 - Brad Schnell
6-19 - Emily Moore
6-19 - Mark Fritzler
6-19 - Aaron Tiensvold
6-19 - Bradley Benzel
6-20 - Mikayla Seebohm
6-20 - Tallan Ackerman
6-20 - Mackenzie Freeze
6-21 - Aaron Korth
6-21 - Daylynn Loomis
6-21 - Sheena Yearling
6-21 - Rosie Terrell
6-22 - Roy Leibbrandt

6-22 - Kevin Wilson
6-22 - Jackson Chasek
6-22 - Steven Lehl
6-23 - Tate Smith
6-23 - Hilary Gomez
6-24 - Ashley Rose
6-24 - Ron Mischnick
6-26 - Lori Swedeen
6-26 - Jake Eggers
6-27 - Lance Yearling
6-28 - Larry Galyen
6-29 - Caleb Korth
6-30 - Conor Schnell
6-30 - McKenzie McCarty

6-1 - Owen Weber
6-1 - John Lore
6-2 - Kelsey Bridge
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6-3 - Shirley Rief
6-3 - William Rowley
6-4 - Mason Holmes
6-4 - William Ireland
6-4 - Darren McCune
6-4 - Tim Narjes
6-4 - Leighton Korth
6-4 - Janey Krebs
6-5 - Leyton Schnell
6-5 - Wiletta Dye
6-5 - Brenda Schnell
6-7 - Julie Wilson
6-7 - Corey Parkhurt
6-7 - Vickie Small

Baptism

6-7 - Vickie Smith
6-8 - Logan Vogel
6-12 - Jake Eggers
6-12 - Jett Eggers
6-13 - Jose Ramirez
6-13 - Anthony Wilcox
6-15 - Allan Fritzler
6-16 - Ron Brown
6-17 - John Small
6-17 - Harper Boness
6-17 - Grace Rose
6-17 - Dale Vaughn

6-18 - Judy Dye
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6-21 - Bart Endsley
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6-22 - Tyler Weber
6-25 - Cassie Palmer
6-25 - Clayton Nielson
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