

# THE BEACON

## IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, LELAND

Summer 2017

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### PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

**“Come, holy Fire, comfort true, Grant us the will Your work to do And in Your service to abide; Let trials turn us not aside. Lord, by Your power prepare each heart, And to our weakness strength impart that bravely here we may contend, Through life and death to You, our Lord, ascend. Alleluia, Alleluia” (Lutheran Service Book, 497:3)!**

For many of us here in Leelanau County, the summer means “vacation season” or “cherry season.” Many of us are engaged either in either the tourist industry, the cherry harvest, or entertaining family and friends who have traveled north to visit. Let us also remember that as the church this summer we are in the season of Pentecost.

The Lord's church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost on June 4 this year. We remember that the Lord, as He promised through the prophet Joel, poured out His Holy Spirit on all flesh (Joel 2). His Spirit who comes to us through Word and Sacrament. His Spirit who creates in us faith and sustains us in the true Faith through Word and Sacrament. His Spirit who delivers the eternal gifts of forgiveness, eternal life, and salvation through Word and Sacrament. His Spirit who gives Jesus to us. The Holy Spirit, the Lord's gift to His church. The Holy Spirit, our helper and comforter. The Holy Spirit, God and Lord.

As we do the work that the Lord has given each us this summer, we go forth in the Spirit of the Lord as His church. You are not alone. You are in Christ. You are baptized into a people of God. And you are in the Spirit (Romans 8). The same Spirit that “called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers” (“Small Catechism: Third Article of the Creed” as found in *Lutheran Service Book*, 323).

So let us not neglect meeting together as His church even during a busy summer. Rather, let us rejoice in the opportunity to receive His gifts

together in the Divine Service and to study His Word together in Bible class.

In Christ,

*Pastor LaFeve*



## MUSICAL MEANDERINGS

One of the big things I plan over the winter is the concerts for the upcoming summer. Our series for next summer will not be near the size of last year's concert series! But we will be featuring 3 wonderful concerts that I hope you, as a congregation member, will come out and enjoy.

The first will be in June and will be a hymn festival. Dr. Steven Egler, professor of organ at Central Michigan University and parish organist, will be our guest organist for the hymn festival. The theme for the hymn festival is "Best-Loved Hymns." So, you will be sure to find some of your favorites in the program!

In July, I will play what has become a tradition; an organ concert featuring sacred and secular music for Christmas - Christmas in July!



The August program will invite our guests back-the Freshwater Brass Quintet! We had hosted them back in 2014 as part of our organ fundraising concert series. The group consists of two trumpets, French horn, trombone and tuba. The concert will be as excellent as the previous one. The only difference will be the organ! (Should be quite the difference.)

We hope to have as many of our congregation at these events as possible!

One new part of our liturgy that you might have noticed is the *Introit*. What is an Introit? It is a text that is set just like the readings in the lectionary-the Introit is specifically chosen for a particular Sunday. The antiphon, or text that starts the Introit and is repeated after the Gloria, is either from a Psalm, or part of one of the readings, or related to one of the readings for that day. It is a Latin word for "enter." It was at this time, historically, that the pastor would enter the chancel from the nave by ascending the steps. In other words, it was music for movement! The middle of the Introit is usually a psalm. The Introit you will find much more applicable to the theme of the service for the day than the Psalm was. Many of the antiphons, just like our readings from the lectionary, have been handed down to us over the past 2000 years as a church. One example is the Introit for the second Sunday of Easter, which starts out with a passage from 1 Peter 2:2-3 – "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk..." This antiphon was handed down to us from the early church. This Sunday was traditionally called Quasimodo Geniti, which translated means "Like newborn babes." Pretty interesting.

In Christ,

*Mark Peters*

# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN LELAND 2017 Concert Series

**Sunday, June 18, 3:00PM**

Hymn Festival - *Mark Peters, Choir Director*  
*Dr. Steven Egler, Guest Organist*  
*Professor of Organ, Central Michigan University*



**Wednesday, July 5, Noon**

Mark Peters, Organ - *Organist, Immanuel Lutheran*

**Saturday, August 19, 7:00PM**

Brass and Organ Concert  
featuring Celebration Brass  
Quintet  
*Mark Peters, Organist*



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## HIKING CLUB NEWS!

**June 10:** Ruby Ellen Farm Trail  
Located south of Suttons Bay on Center Highway is the Ruby Ellen Farm. In 1865 William Core (just out of the Civil War) obtained a land grant for the property. Williams granddaughter Ruby Ellen inherited the farm. Today it is preserved through a conservation easement with the State of Michigan Farmland Preservation Program. We will hike through the farms meadows and learn some of the history of this preservation project.

**July 8:** Cottonwood Trail/ Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore  
Off of the Pierce Stocking Drive within the National Lakeshore, this 1.7 mile hike will feature several dramatic viewpoints of Lake Michigan. This is an interpretive trail with 9 posts that correspond with a self-guided brochure available on the trail.

**August 12:** South Manitou Island  
We will take the Island ferry to South Manitou (leaves Leland Harbor at 10:00am). Cost of the round trip ticket is \$40.00 (your own expense). We will land at 11:30 and proceed to the island

cottage of Tracy Scott who has graciously offered to serve us lunch. Following lunch we will hike out to see the wreck of the Francisco Morazon. The Island Transit leaves the Island at 4:00.

**September 9:** Lighthouse West Natural Area

The hike for September 9 will be the Lighthouse West natural area near the Leelanau State Park. The trailhead is off of Cathead Bay Drive. This 1.3 mile hike offers excellent birding for songbirds and raptors so please bring your binoculars if you have a pair. It is said that more than 100 different species of birds can be seen during the fall migration. The trail offers a viewing deck and bench overlooking Lake Michigan.

As on all our hikes, we will meet at the trailhead at 8:45 with hikes beginning at 9:00 sharp. Please google trails for directions to get there. I would appreciate a phone call, text or message if you are planning to attend so I have an idea of who to look for on the various hikes. I would love to plan an October hike to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, (this would be a weekend trip) but will only do so if I get a confirmed group who want to go. A sign-up sheet for interested people will be in the Narthex sometime in June. If we get enough interest a trip will be planned.

If you have never gone with us before but would like to come please see me anytime at church and I can share more information with you.

Happy Trails, Diane Allington

## QUILTER'S DEN

Our shelves are full-so we are taking a summer break but we will be back in September. We are always looking for donation of sheets, material, etc; so if you go to garage sales, look for material and sheets for us. Thanks! Lenore

## BOOK REVIEW

The Benedict Option By Rod Dreher

The basic idea behind this book is that there is a growing hatred and contempt for the Christian Church in this culture and we as the Christian Church need to re-think how we respond to this culture. Dreher's answer is that we follow the pattern of St. Benedict, a monk in the 6th century. Benedict saw the moral collapse that followed the fall of Rome and in response retreated from the world and established the monastery system. Dreher is not advocating joining monasteries in any large way. What he is advocating that the Christian Church turn in on itself until it is strong enough to face the world we are in.

He makes several good points but his conclusion is faulty. For example, he does a good job of describing the weakness of the American Christian Church. He uses the phrase "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism". Essentially, this is a very shallow form of Christianity. It is such a thin veneer there is very little of value in it. He points out that keeping one political party in power and the other out of power will not really help. He encourages returning to historical Christian doctrine. He encourages examining Christian teaching in schools and he recognizes the importance and the power of the liturgy as a means of teaching the faith. And he has other good ideas.

The weakness of this book is his idea that we should with draw from the world in any way at all. On the inside front cover his idea is summarized as "embracing exile from main stream culture". On page 19 Dreher writes, "If we are going to be for the world as Christ meant us to be, we are going to have to spend more time away from the world". Later, on page 240 there is the allusion to farmers saving seed for better times to plant. The implication of these passages and others like them is that now is not the best time to be to be moving into the culture. We need to wait for a better time.

But if we listen to this position in what way are we "the salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13) and "the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14)?

A better pattern to follow is found in Nehemiah 4:17-18 where the workmen had their swords with them as they worked. The implication is that these men were ready for battle at any time. There was no sense of "I will fight when I am better prepared". (Think of them as Old Testament Minutemen.) We do not fight with weapons of steel. We fight with the weapons in Ephesians 6:10-18.

This book is beneficial in that it describes the situation we as the Church find ourselves in and what to do about it. It is less than beneficial in that it recommends turning in on ourselves and away from the world. The strong point of this book is that it encourages us to examine how we react to the world. Do we retreat or do we go forward? Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Russell Egeler

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Immanuel Lutheran Church of Leland, MI

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT

An update on what the trustees have done and are working on;

- 1) River rock has been placed on each side of the lower set of outdoor steps to control the erosion when it rains. The rest of the river rock will be used behind the church to make that area look better.
- 2) Weeds have been sprayed the first time this year. They will continue to be sprayed as needed.
- 3) The yard has been raked and shrubbery trimmed.
- 4) The stump has been removed on the east side of the church.
- 5) New flower pots have been purchased and are being used in front of of the church. The trustees would like to thank the members that have done the planting .
- 6) The crack in the parking lot will be filled when we get a hot day.
- 7) Gary Englehart has replaced a lot of light bulbs in the overhead lights in the sanctuary. He is working on a way to replace those bulbs with more energy efficient bulbs.
- 8) Plaster and drywall will be repaired and painted in the sanctuary in the fall.
- 9) The carpet will be cleaned after the plaster and drywall is repaired and painted.
- 10) The lower roof on the east side of the church will be reshingled.
- 11) The trustees are trying to find a painting contractor to stain the outside of the net at a reasonable price. The church council will be asked to approve the project once a painting contractor is found, as was approved by the voters assembly.
- 12) The trustees would like to have someone head up a window washing bee from the narthex all the way around the Net.
- 13) We are getting a new church sign for south of Leland. The sign needs to be repaired and painted and the correct times of our worship service and Sunday School/Bible Class be put on it. The sign has been repaired once already so it's just better to start all new.



**Monday June 26th, Tuesday June 27th, and  
Wednesday June 28th  
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
For children ages 3 to 10**

**This year we will be using the book  
“A is for Adam” by Ken and Mally Ham  
as the basis of our VBS.**

**The deadline for registering  
is Friday, June 16th.**

## FOURTH OF JULY

As always, we have big plans for the Fourth of July, including our Patriotic Hymn Sing for July 3 in the park. We need volunteers to help move the sound equipment and a few tables back and forth. If you are willing to help, please talk to Pastor or call the church office. July 4 we distribute water bottles to the parade goers. If you would like to help label water bottles or distribute them, please talk to the Board of Evangelism.

## HOUSE

Pastor and Tina Matro are seriously considering selling their home at 1456 S Montmorency Lane, Suttons Bay, 49682. It is a 6 bedroom, 4 bath home. It has not been listed but if you know of anyone that might be interested please email Tina at [tmatro@gmail.com](mailto:tmatro@gmail.com). They will be home on furlough soon!

### SAVE THE DATE!

There will be a baby shower  
for Talitha LaFevé  
on Saturday, July 15th  
at 9:00 a.m. here at Immanuel.

All ladies at Immanuel are  
invited -- look for invitations in  
your church mailboxes soon!



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