

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP QUARTERLY REVIEW

A message from Pastor...

"Blessed Shall You Be"

"Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out." (Deuteronomy 28:3-6)

This is God's promise to the Israelites as they stood beyond the Jordan outside of the Promised Land. He promises blessing to His people. He will make them prosper, whether they are in the city or the field. He will make their fruit of their work to prosper, whether from the ground, their wombs, their flocks, or their herds. He will make them to prosper in all things, whether upon their coming in or their going out.

But there's a catch. He would do this for Israel only "if you obey the voice of the LORD your God." (Deut. 28:2b) If they did that, He would cause that "all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you." (Deut. 28:2a). If they didn't obey the voice of the Lord, if they didn't keep the commandments of the Lord and "walk in his ways" (Deut. 28:9), they would be met with curse and woe. The blessings would be replaced with curses. Everything that the Lord promised to prosper and bless would be cursed and fail.

Thanks be to God that our Lord Jesus Christ has come into our flesh and fulfilled the law for us - in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ died for us - in our place and for our benefit. Our Lord Jesus Christ is risen from the dead for us - in our place and for our benefit. By this we have justification before God. We are forgiven, clean, holy, and righteous. The blessing of God is promised to us in Christ Jesus. It depends upon his work, not ours.

All this is ours in Holy Baptism. For in Holy Baptism, God claims us as His own, makes us His children, His heirs, and His holy people. And so it is that the work of our hands and its fruit is holy because we are holy in Christ. It is pressed into His service, and it thereby becomes a blessing to us and to our neighbor.

For this great gift, our reception of the blessings of God because of Christ Jesus our Lord, it is our duty to thank and praise, serve, and obey Him. This is not in order to receive the blessings but because in Christ we already have. With this in mind, we sit down on the first day of the week and set aside as He has prospered us to give to His church for His work of blessing in our midst (1 Cor. 16:2).

Helping people live life with Jesus every day,
Rev. Dr. Brent L. Parrish



Please find enclosed your first quarter giving statement for 2023. Thank you for your generous support!

The back side of this page details all the different ways you can financially contribute to our church.

If you have any questions regarding your giving statement or would like to make changes to your offering payment method, please contact Gayelee LaGrange at (952) 447-4837 or contact the church office at (952) 492-6010.

A message from the Finance Ministry Team...

We would like to thank everyone for your continued generous giving during the first quarter of 2023.

Deposits of \$87,498.20 were made during this quarter.

Expenses of \$77,752.28 were paid during this quarter.

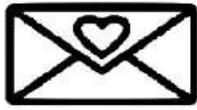
Please look for additional financial information in the financial detail reports provided during the April 27th Congregational Meeting. God is good!



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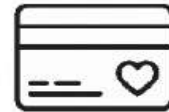
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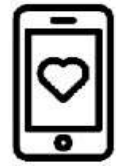
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“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” – 2 Corinthians 9:6

Thank you for your generous support! Immanuel Lutheran Church could not accomplish our ministry goal without the faithful and supportive giving of people like you. There are many ways to continue your giving:

1. Offering Plate. Drop your offering in the plate while you worship with us.
2. Mail a Check. Drop your offering in the mail to us at:
Immanuel Lutheran Church
20200 Fairlawn Ave
Prior Lake, MN 55372
3. Make a one-time or schedule an automatic Bank Account Withdrawal payment through Vanco. Secure set-up is available on the church website. **www.immanuel-fishlake.org**
4. Make a one-time or schedule an automatic Credit Card Payment through Vanco. Secure set-up is available on the church website. **www.immanuel-fishlake.org**
5. Download the "GIVE+" mobile app to your smart phone.
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Immanuel Lutheran Church 20200 Fairlawn Ave, Prior Lake, MN 55372
Follow the instructions on the app to complete your donation.
6. Text any dollar amount to: **(844) 927-1347**

Follow the instructions on your smart phone to complete your donation.
7. Give to Immanuel's Legacy Funds through Remembrance Giving, Gift of Property, Bequest of Property Through a Will, Gift Annuity, Life Insurance Bequest, or a Trust. These Legacy Funds support our Endowment Funds. Please contact the church office for more information.

Proverbs 11:25 - “A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”