

FROM PASTOR DON

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:42. 44, 46-47

Church Picnics!

Sun on our faces, the smell of the food cooking, sitting on lawn chairs, watching children run around on bounce houses and chasing bubbles, and sometimes bees (one or two). Church picnics are always wonderful affairs. Maybe it's because we all relax a bit at them, or perhaps it's just getting to see everyone.

A church picnic is just a big family gathering that always has food and games. We do them because it allows us to relax and enjoy our conversations. The games bring laughter and fun and memories. We see each other not just as fellow congregants in pews, but as brothers and sisters in Christ, sharing a meal and a moment. For newcomers, a picnic can be a gentle, welcoming embrace into our church family, offering a low-pressure environment to connect and feel at home.

The "church" has been having "picnics" ever since it first began. Jesus was no stranger to picnics. After his resurrection, he had the disciples gather by the seashore to have a picnic with them before his ascension. He broiled fish and ate with the disciples. During his ministry, he made the 5000 sit on the grass, and he fed them until they were full. They in turn rejoiced at the gift of God in their midst.

The church in Jerusalem understood the importance of a family meal.

The meal allowed them to relax and be devoted to the Apostle's teaching. They could talk about God and welcome each other, and the new people God was adding to their midst. They would share stories and hear of each person's needs and take care of each other. They praised God for what they have been given. Being nourished in body, they commune together and feast on the Lord's body and blood.

Church picnics allow us to be bound together and look to the future. A church picnic is a reminder of what God has given us. It reminds us of who we are as a body. Young and old and all in between gather in joy and celebrate. Thank God for picnics!

In Christ,

Pastor Don Johnson



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Immanuel is hosting an Ice Cream Social on **Sunday, August 3** following the church service. There will be ice cream and toppings for all to enjoy! There will also be Immanuel T-shirts for anyone that would like one!



1Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

4:12 Student Ministries is Immanuel's Youth Group.

This group is open to all youth in grades 7 through age 20. We meet the third Saturday of each month from October through June 7pm-9:30pm. All friends are always welcome! If you have any questions please contact Laura Reinemann at 920-698-1739, on Facebook, or via e-mail at Lareinem@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events

October 18th 7pm-9:30pm – activity TBD – watch the upcoming newsletters for more information



Immanuel Sunday School – will start on Sunday September 7th at 8:45am. We will be learning about the **Life of Jesus** this year through stories, crafts, activities and songs. Sunday school is open to all children ages 3 years old through 8th grade. There is no cost to attend Sunday School. There will be snacks and a bounce house on the 7th so come check us out! We hope to see you soon!

SCRIP NEWS

Many school supply lists have been published. Don't forget to grab some SCRIP gift cards before you head out to purchase your pencils and notebooks. Even if you don't have kids starting school, there are many groups looking for school supply donations. When you purchase SCRIP cards, you can choose to help the American Heritage Girls, Trail Life Boys, the Youth Group, or Immanuel Church. SCRIP cards are sold in the back of church after most services or stop in the church office during office hours. Thank you for your support!



IMMANUEL IS TURNING 135!!

We will celebrate with a catered lunch after the church service on Sunday, October 19th. **Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church with your name and number attending by August 31st.** We need to give the caterer the final numbers by the beginning of September. You can also call or email the church office to RSVP.

SALUTE TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WE HAVE HERE AT IMMANUEL!

- Thank you to Richard and Jennifer Schneider for all of their help with the landscaping and watering of flowers this summer.
- Thank you also to Tim Wiech and Fred Foshag who spent a morning in the Archive room putting up bulletin boards and white boards for their displays.



What would Immanuel do without its willing and generous volunteers! Please know that you are appreciated!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August Birthdays

2 – Elizabeth Brown
3 – Brenda Yurk
7 – Thomas Engelman
12 – Barbara Lohse
13 – Gessica Santino
15 – Joanne Matt
16 – Jeffrey Kirschner
17 – Kyle Mertes
18 – Nancy Key
19 – Sharon Richards



24 – Robert Mohr
25 – Preston Brunner
26 – Jacob Johnson
James Yurk
Kenneth Peterson
Megan Stroede
Patrick Stroede
27 – Gianna Santino
30 – Kyle Larson
Wendy Scharenbroch
Gianna Guevara
31 – Colin Brooks

August Anniversaries



1 – Michael & Diane Mertes
5 – Noah & Vanessa Markworth
8 – Brent & Elaine Halverson
9 – Aaron & Theresa Freitag
12 – Ken & Russelyn Peterson
14 – Thomas & Connie Engelman
15 – Bryon & Jennifer Brooks
17 – Timothy & Susan Wiech
22 – Larry & Sandra Lenz
Robert & Karen Mohr
30 – Michael & Kathy Goetsch

God's blessings to all who are celebrating!

If you have a birthday or anniversary that was not listed above, please call or email the Church Office (452-7266 or office@immanuelsheboygan.com) so we can update our records.



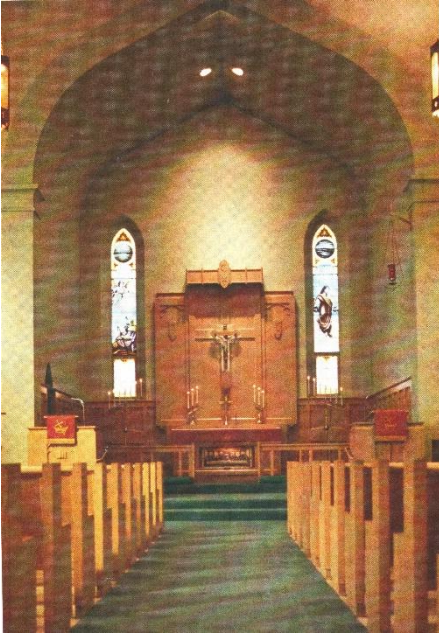
Sunday, September 7, 2025
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Beginning after the 10:00am church service

******Note: there is no church service on Saturday, September 6
so everyone can attend the picnic on Sunday******

BRAT FRY · DESSERTS · KIDS GAMES · FUN · FELLOWSHIP

***Signup sheets will be available soon in the back of church for attendance, food choices,
and volunteer and donation opportunities.***

From the Archives....



Immanuel Evang. Lutheran Church

1890 - *75th Anniversary* - 1965

"For Such a Time as This" Esther 4:14

And what a time it was for Immanuel! Our **Diamond Jubilee** would long be remembered as a time of great celebration in a newly remodeled church home, spirited messages in the pulpit by former pastors and Immanuel sons, and three days of banquets, music and fellowship.

Five years earlier the planning committee encouraged members to start donating funds and memorials to the upcoming 75th anniversary. This is the **ambitious list of improvements planned for Immanuel**.

- 1) Erect a new church entrance moving the steps inside
- 2) Paint the steeple and bell tower
- 3) Redecorate interior of church
- 4) Install emergency door east side of church, adjust the Jesus & Mary window
- 5) Install a new ventilation system in church
- 6) Place wood paneling to walls of narthex and under balcony
- 7) Install new coat racks
- 8) Place new carpeting in chancel and aisles
- 9) Extend safety railings on balcony
- 10) Replace organ grill panel with new material
- 11) Paint basement
- 12) Install basement cabinets for Altar Guild and choir robes
- 13) Replace altar, pulpit, lectern, baptismal font, hymn boards, credence table, and pews

As a testimony to the love of God and their church family, **many of these items were paid for by Immanuel members**. Not only was all the church furniture donated but the carpeting by Ladies Aid, pulpit and lights by Youth Group, a new communion chalice, baptismal shell, colored paraments, pastor's stoles and surplice, Sunday School tables, clocks, room dividers, envelope box, and communion linens by other members. Plus, **366 new red hymnals were donated!**

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations - 1965

For three days in October 1965 Immanuel joyously praised God for **75 years of grace and blessings**. **Returning home for worship services were former pastors, Immanuel sons, and organists.**

Sunday, October 17 - Speakers: Rev. E. Krause & son, Rev. E. Krause Jr., Organist: Paul Rosel
Evening Banquet at YMCA

Wednesday, October 20 – Speaker: Rev. Dr. H. Bouman, Organist: Hugo Burger
Social at Immanuel Hall

Sunday, October 24 – Speakers: Chaplains R. Klewin and T. Klewin, Rev. E. Schmidtke, Rev. Lutze
Organist: Donald Behnken
Bratwurst Dinner at Immanuel Hall



The planners estimated all of the projects and the three days of celebrations to cost about \$40,000. Thankfully many items were paid for by donations or memorials. **In 2025 that \$40,000 would be closer to \$408,000.**



From the Choir Director

Dear Friends,

I am looking forward with excitement to beginning a new season with the Immanuel Choir. This season we will be continuing our custom of singing for one church service per month. We have, however, added one special service in the fall.

Please plan to attend the “Christ the King Choral Vespers” on **November 23 at 3:00 pm**. This service will include two famous and beloved choir pieces: “The Lord Is My Shepherd” by John Rutter, and “E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come” by Paul Manz. We will also be premiering a new setting of Psalm 134, written by a local composer whose name you will recognize. (Come to the service to find out who it is!)

In the spring, the choir will again participate in Immanuel’s annual Lenten Concert. This season, the concert will be on **March 15 at 3:00 pm**. Please plan to attend!

The choir has been growing steadily, and we would love this to continue! If you are interested in singing, and would like to find out what it’s like, just show up at one of our rehearsals. We will be practicing **Wednesdays at 5:15 pm in the church balcony, beginning September 3**. If you have questions, please contact me (John Jordan). You can call or text me at **262-455-6699**, or email me at madorgantech@gmail.com.

This season we will be encouraging people from outside our congregation to join our choir. These could be people who do not belong to any church, or who belong to a church which does not have a choir. Since our choir sings only once per month, and does not sing on Christmas or Easter, it should be fairly easy for people from other churches to participate. If you know of anyone from outside our congregation who might be interested in singing, please point them toward me.

Finally, please check out our new choir website: immanuelchoir.org. The site can also be reached from Immanuel’s church website, under the “Music” tab. The choir website is geared toward inviting people from outside Immanuel to participate. It contains the choir schedule, a list of music we have sung, information on joining, and even audio recordings of us singing.

Thanks so much for your support of the Immanuel Choir!

Blessings,
John Jordan

Mark your Calendar!

September 3, 5:15 pm: First Choir Rehearsal
November 23, 3:00 pm: Christ the King Choral Vespers
March 15, 3:00 pm: Lenten Concert



I'M UNDER CONSTRUCTION, A WORK IN PROGRESS
I'LL NEVER BE DONE BUT NEVERTHELESS

I'M CONTINUALLY BEING FASHIONED BY THE HAND OF GOD
WHO IS CONSTANTLY WORKING ON THIS OLE BOD.

IT'S A BIG JOB TO DO AND I MUST HELP TOO
TO DO MY BEST AND HE'LL DO THE REST



HE DAILY ADDS BLESSINGS AND I MUST CHOOSE
TO MAKE IT THE BEST OR I WILL LOSE



TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS MAY COME MY WAY
BUT WITH MY TOOL, THE BIBLE, I'LL BE OK.

YOU SEE HE'S NOT ONLY CONSTRUCTING ON ME DOWN HERE
BUT PREPARING A MANSION IN HEAVEN SO I SHOULD HAVE NO FEAR

HE MADE SALVATION POSSIBLE OF SIN, SET ME FREE
WHEN A CROSS WAS CONSTRUCTED FOR HIM, HE DIED FOR YOU AND ME.

YOU TOO CAN ENTER THIS CONSTRUCTION ZONE
AND CALL ON JESUS TO BE YOUR VERY OWN

HE'S ALREADY PAID THE PRICE, HIS BLOOD SPILLED FROM A HAMMER AND NAIL
COME TO HIM NOW, DON'T WAIT, DO NOT FAIL.

HE'LL WORK ON YOU IF YOU LET HIM INTO YOUR HEART
GIVING TO YOU FROM THIS DAY A FRESH BRAND NEW START.

BLESSINGS, FRAN STANCAR



August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 6pm Worship w/HC
3 10am Worship w/HC 11am Ice Cream Social	4	5	6 6:30pm Worship w/HC	7	8	9 6pm Worship
10 10am Worship	11	12	13 6:30pm Worship	14	15	16 9:30am Board of Elders 6pm Worship w/HC
Gina on Vacation – Church Office Closed						
17 10am Worship w/HC	18	19 6pm Board of Directors	20 6:30pm Worship w/HC	21	22	23 6pm Worship
24 10am Worship	25	26	27 6:30pm Worship	28	29	30 6pm Worship w/HC
31 10am Worship w/HC						