

JUNE 2024 AT IMMANUEL GEORGE

SUNDAYS:

9:00 a.m. – Worship (Communion is served the 1st & 4th Sundays)

June 2th | 9:00 a.m. – Worship in Rock Rapids

June 9th | 9:00 a.m. – Worship in George

June 16th | 9:00 a.m. – Worship in Rock Rapids

June 23th | 9:00 a.m. – Worship in George

June 30th | 9:00 a.m. – Worship in Rock Rapids

Mondays:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Pastor Matt Office Hours, George

Wednesdays:

June 24th | 5:00 p.m. – Monthly Bread of Life Distribution

JUNE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bread of Life:

This month's bread of life distribution will be held on June 26th, at 5:00 p.m. The item of the month is paper plates, and napkins.

REMIND:

We are setting up a notification system via text called Remind. If you would like to be a part of this, please put your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Meals on Wheels:

If you are able to help out delivering Meals on Wheels for the month of July there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

JUNE/JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SOUND/POWER POINT	GREETERS	READERS	ACOLYTES
6/9: Lexi Landis & Bennett Jorth	6/9: Harris & Bev Kaster	6/9: Angie McConnell	6/9: Khoryn Funk
6/23: Fred Landis & Lillian Jorth	6/23: Betty Hansmann & Angie McConnell	6/23: Mary Behrens	6/23: Bennett Jorth
7/7:	7/7: Clay & Deb Hansmann	7/7: Lexi Landis	7/7: Leo Ver Steeg
7/21:	7/21: Mark & Mary Behrens	7/21: Julie Ver Steeg	7/21: Khoryn Funk

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries:

3rd - Greg & Julie Ver Steeg
 9th – Mark & Mary Behrens
 16th – Mike & Deb Bathke
 17th – Ryan & Karlee Bathke
 19th – Rich & Marla Ahrenholtz
 20th – Byron & Carol Krull
 24th – Fredwin & Faye Trei
 24th – Mike & Bridget Dickmann
 25th – Carl & Jaeda Kruse

Birthdays:

1st – Lynette Kruger
 8rd – Cameron Thompson
 8th – Ryan Bathke
 9th – Abigail Krahling
 11th – Kathy Huff
 11th – Dwight Shaffer
 11th – Mike Bathke
 11th – Kevin Herding
 12th – Chad Hansmann
 14th – Melissa Bathke
 15th – Khoryn Funk
 15th – Cullen Funk
 15th – MaKayla Hoing
 23rd – Andrew Everhart
 25th – Khrysy Funk
 25th – Craig Denny
 26th – Matthew Hansmann

Please lift in Prayer:

Bev Kaster, Brad Sandbeck, Clay Hansmann, David Perlick, Darrell Ver Steeg, Doug Hilbrands, Isaiah Sandbeck, Rich Ahrenholtz, Rita Hilbrands, Ruben Stueven, Sandy Luenberger, Wanda Parker, Wendy Smith, and Military Families

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MATT

“Update in Progress please wait.....”

Before I get into my article, I wanted to make sure to credit the Reverend Otis Moss III for the inspiration for this article idea as he did a similar idea in one of his presentations. He is a fabulous preacher and I got to hear from him not once but twice at the Festival of Homiletics in Pittsburgh which was amazing!

Anyway.....so the last couple months I have been frustrated with my current cell phone. It works fine, and somehow (SOMEHOW!) I have made it last 4 years. Previous cell phones have lasted me a maximum of 2 years. I am extremely hard on phones (I drop them, I use them frequently, and am not always the most graceful person!). Although a person I met in Southern California shared that those who are closer to God have a harder time with their electronics, I make sure to remind Jenni of this frequently! So to have this miracle happen of lasting 4 years is great...however the designer (Apple) is not thrilled about this.

Why would the designer not be happy with their creation? First because it means that I am not buying their newest creations and that means they are losing out on a customer. So how does this get remedied? The simple answer is that they stop supporting the software, which means that apps that I use are not able to get updated. If they are unable to get updated that means that I can't use them.... meaning that eventually my “smart” phone will be rendered a “dumb” phone only being able to call and text.

This is extremely frustrating...the phone when I purchased it was fine, it did what I wanted. I saw the phone and it was good. So I've rambled on about my phone for probably too long...what is the point? The point is how many of us are any different than this phone? I include myself in this....but the designer (God) created me and you, saw that we are good, in fact very good! But as we go through life we too need to get updates. We can't stay disconnected from our Designer or at the same basic point as we were when we were created. We too need software updates, otherwise at some point we too may be rendered useless or not working properly. We need these updates so that we can see where God is at work, and how we can join in that work. We need these updates so that we don't become callused by the difficulties of this world. We need these updates so that we are filled with God's love and that we can care for those who are marginalized and need the Good News of God's love for them in their lives. Simply put, we need updates so that we fill ourselves with God's love and we fill the world with that love. Yes, we do this through attending worship, but that is the beginning of the updates not the only place to receive updates. We do this through prayer, silent time with God, reading Scripture, and many various ways.

God's peace, love, and presence be with you as you are getting your “software update”!

Pastor Matt

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Council met Sunday, May 5th. President Ryan Funk called the meeting to order.

Present: Craig Denny, Angie McConnell, Marla Ahrenholtz, Mark Dickmann, Ryan Funk, Clay Hansman and Pastor Matt.

Devotions: Pastor Matt discussed John 15:9- Abide in My Love.

Pastor's Report: In April Pastor attended Synod Assembly. They talked about the declining attendance at churches. They had discussion about “change is coming.” We need to look at the future and not dwell on the past. He also said there is a shortage of Pastors. Pastor gave his financials for April. Mark D made motion to approve and Clay seconded. He attended 1st call retreat in Ames and thought it was a great opportunity.

Secretary's Report: Angie reported minutes approved by email.

Treasurer's Report: Craig – nothing to report at this time.

Evangelism and Worship: Graduation recognition will be May 12 for 6 high school and 3 college students.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for coffee and fellowship following services in June and July (June 9 and 23 and July 7 and 21). Start time is 9:00am. Pastor is looking forward to the shared services for the summer. He will take the extra time to reflect on what he can do to make the churches more unified.

Our question for June: “Identify what ministries are blooming in our congregations.” Pastor wants us to talk about the upcoming shared services for June and July. If someone needs a ride we will have a sign- up sheet in the Narthex.

Property and Stewardship: Thanks to Marla A., Mark B. and Mary B. for cleaning out the Sunday School rooms.

Education and Youth: Confirmation is finished for the year. Pastor will talk with Blair Hansman about planning for the future of youth programming.

Old Business: Bread of Life will continue at Immanuel Lutheran.

New Business: Pastor would like to implement an auto-notification system in our church. Rock Rapids is doing this now. It will allow him to send out notifications of special events and weather-related cancelations. We will put a sign-up sheet in the narthex for names and phone numbers.

Next meeting:

June 9 after church. Motion to adjourn made by Marla A. and 2nd by Craig. All approved.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.