

Immanuel Monthly

July 2023

Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Join us Sundays at 9:15 a.m. All are welcome!



IMMANUEL MOVING TO GMAIL



In order to better streamline operations, Immanuel Lutheran is moving their email address from the Premier account to a Gmail account. Effective immediately, the new email address is immanuelgeorge400@gmail.com. Be sure to delete the old one from your records and replace it with this new one.

Individual email messages announcing this change have been sent from the new Gmail to the email addresses of record. If you did not receive this email, or would like to change your email address of record, please let Amanda Jorth know.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN JULY

If you have ever received a warm meal from a friend, family member, or coworker, you know how important that meal means to you. It's a sign of care and thoughtfulness, prepared for you usually during times of stress, illness, grief, or a big life change.



Consider how a meal can change a life for many homebound older adults. These people – our neighbors and friends – rely on the help of others to have a healthy, freshly cooked meal delivered right to them.

Perhaps you're able to deliver Meals on Wheels for a day or two in the month of July? You'll pick up the meals at 11:25 a.m. at the back side of the Good Samaritan Society in George. The route is laid out for you and the entire trip takes about 30 minutes.

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Write your name on the calendar for the date(s) you're able to help.

GOOD NEWS FROM PASTOR DUFFY

Pastor Chad Duffy, Immanuel's pastor from January 2014 to June 2017, graduated from Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque this past May and now has his own church in Slayton, MN. He was ordained/installed at Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 25.

In a letter to the church, Pastor Duffy said, "I would like to thank you all for trusting me to be your pastor for those years and teaching me along the way.

"If it wasn't for you calling me back in October of 2013, I am pretty sure I wouldn't be becoming ordained and installed at Christ Lutheran! I pray you are all doing well."

Congratulations, Pastor Duffy!



NEW MEMBER

Immanuel Lutheran is pleased to recognize Karen Perlick as a new member of the congregation. Welcome, Karen! We're happy to have you.

THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL: JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:15 Worship w/communion Coffee Fellowship	3 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	4 Independence Day! 	5 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	6 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	7 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	8
9 9:15 Worship Coffee Fellowship Council Meeting	10 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	11 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	12 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	13 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	14 August Newsletter Submissions Due 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery	15
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30 9:15 Worship Coffee Fellowship	31 11:25 - Meals on Wheels Delivery					

JULY/AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers – July: Craig Denny; August: Fred Landis

SOUND/POWER POINT

- July 2: Greg Ver Steeg & Sosie Ver Steeg
- July 9: TBD & Bennett Jorth
- July 16: Fred Landis & Lillian Jorth
- July 23: Henry Ver Steeg & AJ Landis
- July 30: Richard Heidloff & Sosie Ver Steeg
- August 6: Lexi Landis & Aiden Bathke
- August 13: Greg Ver Steeg & Fred Landis
- August 20: TBD & Lillian Jorth
- August 27: Fred Landis & AJ Landis

READERS

- July 2: TBD
- July 9: Darlene Woelber
- July 16: Mary Behrens
- July 23: Angie McConnell
- July 30: Sandbecks
- August 6: Brent Jorth
- August 13: Glenda Heidloff
- August 20: Lexi Landis
- August 27: Cathy Huff

GREETERS

- July 2: Clay & Deb Hansmann
- July 9: Dick & Glenda Heidloff
- July 16: Mark & Mary Behrens
- July 23: Lynette Kruger & Kevin Herding
- July 30: Bev Strenge & Marilyn VanGelder
- August 6: Fred & Kristi Landis
- August 13: IdaMae Kruger & Dale Garlic
- August 20: Lawrence & Noreen Funk
- August 27: Ryan & Khristy Funk

ACOLYTES

- July 2: Bennett Jorth
- July 9: Jack Denny
- July 16: Cullen Funk
- July 23: Khoryn Funk
- July 30: Isaiah Sandbeck
- August 6: Leo Ver Steeg
- August 13: Bennett Jorth
- August 20: Jack Denny
- August 27: Cullen Funk

COUNCIL MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes: June 11, 2023

The Church Council met on Sunday, June 11 following worship and a good-bye reception for Pastor Jeremy Winter.

President Mark Behrens called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.

Present: Angie McConnell, Fred Landis, Mark Dickman, Ryan Funk Craig Denny, and Amanda Jorth.

Mark opened the meeting with a devotion about following Jesus in new directions.

Secretary's Report

- Approved through email.

Financial Report

- Fred

Treasurer's Report

- Craig went over a summary. Motion made by Mark D to approve. Ryan seconded. All in favor.

Evangelism and Worship

- There will be no communion on June 18. The next communion will be July 2.
- Mark has lined up pulpit supply through July 9. Pastor Ernest Gardener will do these services.
- Fred has talked with Ashley Stueven for future pulpit supply.

Property & Stewardship

- The new Culligan system has been installed.
- Bridget Dickmann will do the parsonage mowing.

Education & Youth

- Nothing at this time.

Old Business

- Church committees have been updated. Amanda will

print them up.

- The congregational meeting will be on June 25 after the church service. We will discuss the pastoral vacancy. Ryan will call the meeting to order and Amanda will print up agendas.

New Business

- Amanda Jorth brought forth that Immanuel Lutheran has the month of July for Meals on Wheels. We will need volunteers for this.
- Darla Kruse has the templates Pastor Jeremy created in PowerPoint for worship services.
- Amanda expressed concern on needs for acolytes. We will have to look into doing things a little differently.
- We will have to check and see who we can have do the pastoral visitation list.
- We also have some baptisms coming up. Alexis and Christopher Trei want their baby baptized on October 22. They will get in touch with Amanda.
- There have been some issues with the church email account in Outlook. Amanda may look into changing this.
- The council discussed having worship in the park. No date was set. Amanda asked if we could think about having the Vander Zee's Carroll Street Treats trailer come for this or a different event.
- Fred said he was asked by the George Daycare if the church would consider being an emergency backup site just in case running water and a kitchen are needed. We all agreed.

The next meeting was set for Sunday, July 9, following worship. Motion to adjourn made by Mark D. Ryan seconded. All in favor.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Congregational Meeting Minutes: June 25, 2023

The Immanuel Lutheran congregation met after church on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

Council Vice-President Ryan Funk called the meeting to order. There were 29 members present. No one elected to join via Zoom or phone.

Ryan called for questions from the floor on which direction the congregation wanted to take going forward with the pastoral vacancy.

Kristi Landis asked if sharing the minister from Immanuel Lutheran of Rock Rapids would be an option. Ryan stated the council has been in contact with their council through Pastor Lorna.

Greg Ver Steeg expressed concern about not moving forward too fast because we don't want to be in the same situation as we are right now. He encouraged the congregation to take our time and explore our options.

Marla Ahrenholtz asked if the synod would have any names for us to explore.

Cathy Huff asked if we know how many openings there are for

churches in need of Pastors.

Greg asked if we were to share with Rock Rapids, would we need to form a call committee. He also questioned what the timeline was.

Kristi Landis made a motion to proceed with contacting Rock Rapids Immanuel on the sharing process. Amanda Jorth seconded. Motion carried. That would mean bringing Pastor Matt Poldsifer in for a few Sundays to hear him preach.

Marla A. asked who is doing the visits for the sick and shut-ins. Amanda said we could hire Pastor Gardner or the congregation could do the visits.

Dave Huff said he is in favor of hiring Pastor Gardner and the members agreed. Pastor Jeremy visited the sick and shut ins before he left.

Marla A. said that the funeral committee would need to be contacted if we are without a pastor.

Dave made a motion to adjourn. Jim McConnell seconded. All in favor.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

JULY CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11th – Blair & Jennifer Hansmann
- 11th – Tom & Lauri Starr
- 12th – Jeremy & Jackie Stueven

BIRTHDAYS

- 1st – Ashley Stueven
- 3rd – Renae Thornton
- 8th – Dan Ahrenholtz
- 10th – Sara Luenberger
- 12th – Janie Kraehling
- 12th – Lawrence Funk
- 15th – Dawn Gisolf
- 18th – John Sandbeck
- 18th – Richard Schmidt
- 21st – Christopher Hansmann
- 25th – Jim Bathke
- 27th – Elise Sandbeck
- 29th – Judy Busse
- 30th – Karen Wibben
- 31st – Matthew Matuska



Delivery Help Wanted

Help is wanted for July's Meals on Wheels delivery. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Have questions? Contact Jennifer Hansmann.

COMITTEES ARE BACK, UPDATED

After taking a hiatus due to COVID, our church committees are back and updated.



Church Council

President: Mark Behrens
 Vice President: Ryan Funk
 Secretary: Angie McConnell
 Treasurer: Craig Denny
 Financial Treasurer: Fred Landis
 At Large: Mark Dickmann

Education & Youth

Craig Denny
 Fred Landis

Worship & Membership

Ryan Funk
 Angie McConnell

Buildings & Grounds

Mark Dickmann
 Mark Behrens

Memorial

Marla Ahrenholtz 2023
 Norene Funk 2024
 Darla Kruse 2025

Altar

Dick & Glenda Heidloff
 Mark & Mary Behrens
 Greg & Julie Ver Steeg

Archives

Darlene Woelber 2023
 Grant & Marla Kraehling 2024

Audit

Dick Heidloff
 Greg Ver Steeg
 Dave Huff

Kitchen

Norene Funk
 Becky Stueven
 Marla Ahrenholtz

Funeral

Marla Ahrenholtz
 Darla Kruse
 Julie Ver Steeg

Parish Education

Greg Ver Steeg 2023
 Lynette Kruger 2024
 Becky Stueven 2025

Parsonage

Harris Kaster
 Rich Ahrenholtz
 Dave Huff

LYO Advisors

Blair & Jennifer Hansmann

Nominating

Fred Landis
 Mark Behrens
 Amy Phelps

Music

Angie McConnell
 Glenda Heidloff
 Darlene Woelber

