

Immanuel Monthly

June 2023

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



GOODBYE FROM PASTOR JEREMY

I hate goodbyes. They are always hard. That is true of any kind of goodbye. I don't even like saying goodbye to TV show characters after watching them for years. I hate watching series finales. I just really don't like goodbyes. Saying goodbye means something is ending. It may be ending for a short while. It may be ending for a long time. It may be ending forever. Any ending is hard though. Any ending is sad.

My time at Immanuel is coming to an end. An ending that has come sooner than any of us probably anticipated. It is hard to end something you love and, although it wasn't long, I have truly loved my time here. I have grown to love so many of you. Saying goodbye is not easy. Hard endings come with being a pastor though. You are invited into people's lives and get to know them and be a part of their lives. You love them, then you leave. You say goodbye and go on to another place. That is hard. I have been honored to get to know so many of you, and to love you over this past year and a half.

I wanted you to know that before I leave. But not nearly as much as I want you to know how much God loves you. I guess those are my parting words to you all: God loves you. If you have learned anything from my time here, I hope that's it. I hope you've learned God loves you very, very much. God loves you for the person you are. God will always love you, no matter what this life brings. God loves you, and nothing can change that.

In life, the people we love often come and go but in God, we find a love that is always there for us. A love that remains no matter where life takes us. A love that is eternal. God loves you and gives you that love each and every day. Someday you will have another pastor to come along and tell you that. You will love that pastor and that pastor will love you. God's love will continue to be known through you. I know it will.

So, keep on loving. Keep on loving others because you are loved by God. Keep on being a place where God's love is shared. Keep on being the amazing people you are. My time with you may be ending, but the work you have been doing is still just beginning.

There are so many more people out there for you to share God's love with — people for you to love. Go love them with the love you have shown me. Go love them with the love that never ends. Go love, for that is what you do. Go love the world because you are loved by God and always will be.

*Pastor Jeremy Winter's last day at Immanuel is June 11.
A farewell reception will follow worship that day.*

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

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

BIRTHDAYS

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

THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL: JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 9:15 Worship w/communion Coffee Fellowship	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:15 Worship Pastor Jeremy Farewell Council Meeting	12	13	14 FLAG DAY 	15	16	17
18 FATHER'S DAY 9:15 Worship w/communion Coffee Fellowship	19	20	21 5:00 Bread of Life	22	23 DEADLINE FOR JULY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS	24
25 9:15 Worship Congregational Meeting Coffee Fellowship	26	27	28	29	30	

JUNE/JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers –June: Angie McConnell; July: Craig Denny

SOUND/POWER POINT

- June 4: Fred Landis & Aiden Bathke
- June 11: Henry Ver Steeg & Bennett Jorth
- June 18: Richard Heidloff & Lillian Jorth
- June 25: Lexi Landis & AJ Landis
- July 2: Greg VerSteeg & Sosie Ver Steeg
- July 9: Gregory Stueven & Bennett Jorth
- July 16: Fred Landis & Lillian Jorth
- July 23: Henry Ver Steeg & AJ Landis
- July 30: Richard Heidloff & Sosie Ver Steeg

READERS

- June 4: Mark Behrens
- June 11: Kristi Landis
- June 18: Amanda Jorth
- June 25: Mary Behrens
- July 2: Gregory Stueven
- July 9: Darlene Woelber
- July 16: Mary Behrens
- July 23: Angie McConnell
- July 30: Sosie Ver Steeg

GREETERS

- June 4: Harris & Bev Kaster
- June 11: Steve & Darla Kruse
- June 18: Norma Ubbinga & Betty Hansman
- June 25: Randy & Teresa Popkes
- 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

ACOLYTES

- June 4: Khoryn Funk
- June 11: Jack Denny
- June 18: Bennett Jorth
- June 25: Isaiah Sandbeck
- July 2: Bennett Jorth
- July 9: Jack Denny
- July 16: Cullen Funk
- July 23: Khoryn Funk
- July 30: Isaiah Sandbeck

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 14, 2023

The Church Council met at 9 a.m. on Sunday, May 14. President Mark Behrens called the meeting to order. Present: Fred Landis, Mark Dickman, Craig Denny, Ryan Funk, Angie McConnell, Brent Jorth and Pastor Jeremy Winter.

Pastor opened the meeting with devotions from Philippians chapter 4.

Pastor's Report

- Graduates Ashton Dickmann and Joshua Hannsman will be recognized during today's service.
- Pastor, Mark, and Mary Behrens attended the synod assembly April 21-22 in Le Mars. The budget was discussed and passed. The abortion resolution was tabled.

Secretary's Report

- Approved through email.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Report

- Brent went over the summary with the council. Ryan made a motion to approve and Mark D seconded. Passed.

Evangelism and Worship

- Angie reported the Sandbultes are fully funded for their Africa mission trip.

Property & Stewardship

- Premier updated the system, and we no longer have cable TV, just phone and internet. Fred is going to check on the cable TV.

May 21, 2023 Special Meeting

The Church Council held a special meeting following worship on Sunday, May 21, to discuss the next steps to take with Pastor Jeremy leaving.

President Mark Behrens called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. Present: Fred Landis, Angie McConnell, Ryan Funk, Mark Dickman, and Craig Denny.

Pastor was present at the beginning of the meeting to inform the council that St. Johns of Boyden presented him with a call, and he accepted.

Mark Behrens talked with Pastor Lorna about the call process. There are some pulpit supply options that the council will look into.

The Council decided Pastor Jeremy's last day Sunday will be June 11. There will be a farewell following worship with coffee and cupcakes. Ryan made a motion to approve,

Education & Youth

- Pastor mentioned all the activities are done for the year.

Old Business

- Church committees are about finished. We will update them as soon as we can.
- Fred is looking into pulpit supply for June 18.
- Spring clean-up went well. The kids helped get it done.
- We need to check into mowing of the church parsonage. Ryan will ask Bridget Dickman.
- Immanuel is scheduled to volunteer for the Bread of Life food distribution on August 23. We will need a sign-up sheet for volunteers.

New Business

- Pastor told the council about the call he is receiving. The church is taking a vote on May 21 so he will let us know what happens. He hopes to stay with us through June. We will have to set up a call committee and get pulpit supply. Reverend Judy Johnson will work with us from the ELCA synod. We will have a congregational meeting when we know more about this situation.

The next meeting was set for Sunday, June 11 following worship.

Motion to adjourn made by Fred. Ryan seconded. All in favor.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

and Fred seconded. Motion passed.

A congregational meeting will be held Sunday, June 25, following worship to begin moving forward with the call process.

The Council received a thank you from Brenda Sandbulte for the mission fund donation she received from Immanuel.

Dave Erickson asked the council if it would be possible to rent the back garage to store his motorcycle. It was taken to a vote and decided, for insurance purposes, it would not be a good idea. It was suggested that if he wanted to talk with the renter of the parsonage to use the front garage and work something out with him, that would be an option.

Motion to adjourn made by Craig. Mark D. seconded. All in favor.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer.



June's Bread of Life item is SpaghettiOs. The next distribution is Wednesday, June 21. Donations may be left by the pantry door.



Delivery Help Wanted

Immanuel is signed up to help with July's Meals on Wheels delivery. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Have questions? Contact Jennifer Hansmann.

Please Lift in Prayer

Ruben Stueven, Jan, Starr, Wendy Smith, Isaiah Sandbeck, Brad Sandbeck, Teresa Popkes, David Perlick, Wanda Parker, Sandy Luenberger, Grant Khraling, Bev Kaster, Bev Hoing, Rita Hilbrands, Doug Hilbrands, Clay Hansman, and Military Families.

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