

# THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

August, 2018

OK. It's summer. Well, actually, summer will soon be over. In a couple of weeks students and teachers will be back in school. A few short weeks after that and combines will be patrolling the roads, searching for some field to enter and begin wreaking havoc on unsuspecting plants. So, it is summer, but it is slipping away much too quickly.

So, I'm taking the easy way out of writing a newsletter article. What follows is a piece of writing which I have filed away for at least 20 years. I don't remember who wrote it or even from what book it came. I am shamelessly sharing it with you. I'm planning to relax. I might even go barefoot! Enjoy!

*Pastor*

Ah, Lord,

On such a day I could let the "child" in me out to play. I could marvel at the smoothness of a stone, at the stellar symmetry in a slice of okra. I could take off my shoes, and wriggle my toes in the soft grass.

Or I could finish painting the bathroom, and get the mending done for once. Which is what I *ought* to do.

Ah, Lord . . . *ought*. There's the hang-up. The "child" in me has been so hemmed in by "oughts" that she almost never gets out to play anymore – almost forgets the delicious feel of grass, almost ceases to wonder at the ripple of legs on a millepede.

The morning is full of wonder, the child in me tugs to romp in it. So she shall!

Yes – oh yes! The grass *does* feel good to bare feed – just as I remembered it!

And there is new beauty in everything when I see it with the curious *this*-moment vision of the "child" that is *still* within me.

I'm grateful, Lord – deeply grateful that the child is still present, still likes to do such things, and that there are moments when I can delight in your creation . . .

Wiggling my toes in the grass, and romping in your good green world. Amen.

## CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES

July 10, 2018

Options were discussed for a Church pictorial directory with Melissa Suits. She has been contacted by Life Touch, the company that did our last directory. A motion to pursue a smaller size, spiral-bound directory with family photos and abbreviated member addresses was approved.

**Pastor's Report** – Discussed Society of the Holy Trinity - Chapter V: Confession and Absolution. Comparison of Church service attendance from last year to this year was also discussed.

**Fellowship** – Thank you to Judy Rademaker for making coffee and providing treats after Church services July 8<sup>th</sup> prior to the chicken dinner at Scott & Jana Sage's.

### **Property**

- Accordion doors have been ordered.
- Plan to get bids for the heating project by November
- Followed up with English Brothers regarding tuck pointing.
- Fire alarm system installation was completed July 2.
- Waters Electric will be contacted to replace spotlights in Sanctuary and check lights under balcony.

### **Unfinished Business**

- After School Program will meet again in August to continue to discuss various requirements.
- Church Security - Kurtis Buckley will provide Intruder/Active Shooter training on August 26 at 9:30AM to Office Staff, Church Council, Ushers and Sunday School Teachers. Security Cameras are being installed.

### **New Business**

Mission Festival - Rev. Rimon Said from St. Elias Church in Chicago has agreed to preach at the evening service and Rev. Cathi Braasch will preach at the Saturday evening and Sunday morning services.

**Date of next meeting:** August 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE**

	Sat.	Sun.	Total
6/3	33	117	150
6/10	32	166	198
6/17	27	156	183
6/24	32	137	169

**ATTENDANCE FOR JULY**

	Sat.	Sun.	Total
7/1	32	95	127
7/8	25	202	227
7/15	24	110	134
7/22	23	99	122



NAME: Brenley Kate Breymeyer  
 BORN: March 20, 2018  
 PARENTS: Brennon and Carlee Breymeyer  
 SPONSORS: Kate Silver  
 Brayton Breymeyer  
 BAPTIZED: June 10, 2018



Levi Kopmann and Elise Prosser were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at Immanuel, officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS.

Mary Ann Reitmeier and Colton Custer were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at Immanuel, officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS.



Lorin A. Schluter completed his baptismal journey on July 7, 2018 in rural Penfield, Illinois. His funeral at Immanuel was on July 12, 2018, officiated by James T. Lehmann, STS. His Committal was at Kopmann Cemetery

Margaret A. Priebe completed her baptismal journey on July 17, 2018 in Oregon, Wisconsin. Her graveside prayer service and committal were at Beckman Cemetery on July 28, 2018, officiated by Pastor Barbara Busboom.

Our warmest and best wishes to each of you as you celebrate your special day!

- 8/1 Esther Kopmann
- 8/1 Melvin Reitmeier
- 8/6 Jo Ann Duitsman
- 8/8 Clarissa Schluter
- 8/8 Judith Studer
- 8/10 Carolyn Flesner
- 8/11 Elmer Huls
- 8/14 Robert Tuller
- 8/16 Virlon Suits
- 8/31 Bernice Loschen

Happy  
AUGUST  
Birthdays!



Keep our homebound and shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers. They would all enjoy calls or visits:

**Brookstone Estates**

- Dora Ehmen
- Norma Flesner
- Lela Huls
- Emilie Steffey
- Wilber Wilken



**Country Health Nursing Home**

- Gesina Erdman
- Dorothy Fruhling
- Esther Kopmann

**Holly Brook, Rantoul**

- Berl Peavler

**Holly Brook, Savoy**

- Bill & Norma Reitmeier

**Riverview Assisted Living, East Peoria**

- Donna Flessner

**Brookdale**

- Ann Duitsman

**PRAYER CHAIN**



*"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."* 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Immanuel currently has one active telephone prayer chain. However, we are looking for more individuals who are interested in serving in this capacity. If you are interested, please contact the church office and we will provide you with the specific guidelines and procedures to be followed to ensure the highest level of confidentiality so that you can begin this type of ministry. As always, if anyone has an immediate need for prayers, they should contact Pastor and he will forward the request to the prayer chain.

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation orientation will be Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**LYO NEWS FOR AUGUST**

I would like to thank Jean Palmer, Eric and Alyson Suits for chaperoning the youth on their mission trip to Nashville. They experienced and survived no air conditioning and cool showers during the week of serving others. Through it all they had fun, impacted lives and grew closer to God. This was all made possible by their willingness to serve and to the members of Immanuel who supported them during this trip with prayers, treats and financial support. They showed they had "GRIT-Gaining Righteousness in Trust." They put their trust in the Lord and he did provide. Alyson and the kids gave a great wrap up presentation when they returned and thank you to all those Immanuel members who came to hear their story.

To support our next adventure in Christ, we are planning a movie night. We will watch, "I Can Only Imagine" and learn of Bart Millard's growth and relationship with his father and his Father. Watch the bulletin for further details. There will be a freewill offering to support the LYO. We hope you can join us and help us continue on this journey we are on.

**JOY BELLS**

Joy Bells will begin practice on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Our rehearsal time is 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. We welcome new ringers to join our bell choir. We'd love to have young and old; men and women, join us, to serve our Lord with the beautiful sound of the bells! Feel free to call Laveda Clem at 694-4528 or just come to a practice on Wednesday evening!

**CATHEDRAL CHOIR  
Singing Prevents a Cold**

The catch: You have to belt it out with other people. Group singing increases levels of SigA, or secretor immunoglobulin A, the fancy name for an antibody that serves as the first line of defense against bacterial and viral infections. Studies found that **choir singers** have lower levels of the stress hormone cortisol and better moods overall, which probably plays a role in the immune system boost. "There's something about having to coordinate your actions with those of others that brings particular health benefits," says Daniel Levitin PhD, a professor of psychology, neuroscience and music at McGill University in Montreal.

Now if you think you need another reason to join Immanuel Choir ... there it is ... Fewer Colds and Better Moods :-)

Start your first line of defense against bacterial and viral infections by joining us at our Choir Retreat as we prepare to sing songs of praise to our Great GOD and Loving Savior:

**When:** August 19, 2018 / 10:30 to 2:00

**Where:** Penfield Club Hall (in Penfield)

**Why:** Fun, Food and Fellowship as we prepare to sing for Mission Festival.

**Regular choir practice resumes on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please join us!!**

**AUGUST STEWARDSHIP PROJECT**

The August stewardship project for the Women of Immanuel will be collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief. The kits include:

- notebooks -- 70-sheet each wide or college ruled approximately 8" x 10 1/2" (No loose-leaf paper)
- 30 centimeter ruler (with centimeters on one side and inches marked on other)
- pencil sharpener
- eraser - approximately 2 1/2" long
- blunt pair of scissors
- unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- box of 16 or 24 crayons



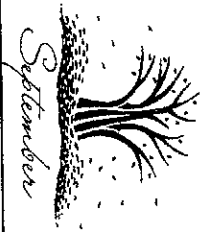
**AUGUST 2018 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study	2 8:30 a-LWR Sewing	3	4 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
5 8:30 a- Worship & Holy Communion	6 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 7:30 p - ML Men's Chorus Practice	7 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	8 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study	9 10:00 a- Holy Comm at Brookstone 1:30 p- Holy Comm at Country Health	10	11 9:30-3:00 -Diers Hall / A. Suits 5:00 p - Worship
12 8:30 a- Worship Baptism: Swanson	13	14 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	15 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study Newsletter Deadline	6 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	17	18 10:00-3:00 -Diers Hall / D. Hamer 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
19 8:30 a- Worship & Holy Communion	20 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 7:30 p- ML Men's Chorus Practice	21 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	22 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study	23	24	25 5:00 p- Worship
26 8:30 a- Worship 9:30 a- Security Training 1:30 p-Hymn Sing at Country Health 2:00 p-Devotions at Country Health	27	28 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	29 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir 7:30 p-Orientation/ Confirmation	30	31	

## AUGUST 2018

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers/ Altar Guild
<b>Sunday, August 5, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Paige Schoonover Lindsay Suits	Denise Wolken	5:00 Karon Currie 8:30 Denise Wolken Coley Wolken	Andy & Missy Buhr Dave & Denise Wolken	<b>August: 8:30am</b> Dave Wolken(Captain) Thomas Wolken Grant Goff Adam Crites
<b>Sunday, August 12, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m.	Grace Flessner	Joyce Romine		Janice Duitsman Joyce Romine & Mike Stark	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Mary Quinlan (Chair) Wilma Suits Karon Currie Marie Reitmeier Elaine Busboom Amy Jones
<b>Sunday, August 19, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Adam Wilson Colin Wayland	Teri Travis	5:00 Rylee Sjuts 8:30 Bev Lehmann Matthew Lehmann	Julie Hedrick Edgar & Sharon Hovel	
<b>Sunday, August 26, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. <b>PROMOTION SUNDAY</b>	Rylie Huls Brenden Maury	Kim Wood		Maynard & Jo Ann Duitsman Sylvia Flessner & Rylee Sjuts	

# SEPTEMBER 2018

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers/ Altar Guild
<b>Sunday, September 2, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Paige Schmidt Colin Wayland	Bev Lehmann	5:00 Bonita Kopmann 8:30 Bev Lehmann Mathew Lehmann	Robyn Camp Rodney & Peggy Bergman	<b>8:30 am Ushers:</b> Ryan Sage (Capt) Edgar Hoveltn Sharon Hoveltn Jeff Hoveltn Brant Hoveltn
<b>Sunday, September 9, 2018</b> 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. <b>MISSION FESTIVAL</b>	Lindsay Suits Brendon Maury Brodie Harms Adam Wilson	Angie Sage Mike Stark		8:30 Casey & Molly Flesner Barry & Sandy Maury 7:00 p.m. Lester & Beverly Wolken Les & Debbie Stuts	<b>10:15 am Ushers:</b> Loyd Duitsman (Capt) Brian Emkes Gary Busboom John Blue
<b>Sunday, September 16, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Hallie Harms Madison Wolken Rylie Huls Cain Buhr	Wilma Suits Ellen Blue	5:00 Lois Harms 8:00 Elaine Wilson Robyn Camp 10:15 Stacey Huls Pete Sage	8:00 Elaine Wilson & Shirley Johnson Norman & Darlene Uken 10:15 Mike Stark & Joyce Romine JoAnn Mennenga & Barb Hall	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Toni Brown (Chair) Melissa Suits Nicole Crites Adam Crites Julie Kellogg Stephanie Vogelsang
<b>Sunday, September 23, 2018</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Grace Flessner Paige Schoonover Brooks Brown Brett Brown	Denise Wolken Toni Brown		8:00 Darla Rubarts & Betty Ihnen Ray & Elaine Uken 10:15 Toni & Jeff Brown Janine Standifer & Hailey Braden	
<b>Sunday, September 30, 2018</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Cain Buhr Kyle Meccoli	Robyn Camp Dr. David Bruns		8:00 Rick & Jodi Woken Emilie Steffey & Lois Harms 10:15 Dr. David Bruns Gene & Joan Schmidt	

## JUNE 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT

### Fund Balance Information

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>				<u>BUILDING FUND</u>			
Fund Balance	5/31/2018		\$ 164,394.12	Fund Balance	5/31/2018		\$ 121,248.66
Offerings		\$ 17,040.98		Offerings		\$ 6,576.00	
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts		3,497.59		Total Income			\$ 6,576.00
	Total Income		\$ 20,538.57				
Pastoral Ministry		\$ 16,355.94		Landscaping		\$ 84.00	
Worship & Service		3,589.18		Building & Repair		(5.00)	
Our Church Home		2,818.74		Utilities		1,161.17	
Dedicated Fund Expenses		3,427.81		Total Expenses			\$ 1,240.17
	Total Expenses		\$ 26,191.67				
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>6/30/2018</b>		<b>\$ 158,741.02</b>	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>6/30/2018</b>		<b>\$ 126,584.49</b>
Less Dedicated Fund Total			73,779.58	<i>Building Fund Invested as:</i>		<i>Checking</i>	\$ 126,584.49
<b>Total Unobligated Balance</b>			<b>\$ 84,961.44</b>				
<i>General Fund Invested as:</i>				<i>Other Fund Balances</i>			
		<i>Checking</i>	\$ 1,640.91	Endowment Capital	\$ 46,601.23	Memorial	\$ 31,766.01
<i>Money Market</i>	\$45,991.68	<i>CD</i>	\$43,001.93	Endowment Common	\$ 37,585.95	Endowment Interest	\$ 5.66
		<i>CD</i>	\$ 68,106.50				

### Offering & Attendance June 2018

#### By Category

General	\$ 17,040.98
Benevolence	4,048.75
Building	6,576.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,665.73</b>

<b>June Attendance</b>
679
<b>Average Weekly Attendance</b>
170

#### Benevolence Offering Includes

Gen Benevolence	3,154.50	Lutheran CORE	20.00
Rantoul Food Bank	380.00	NALC Seminary	455.00
I.W.R.	39.25		

#### Additional Offerings Received

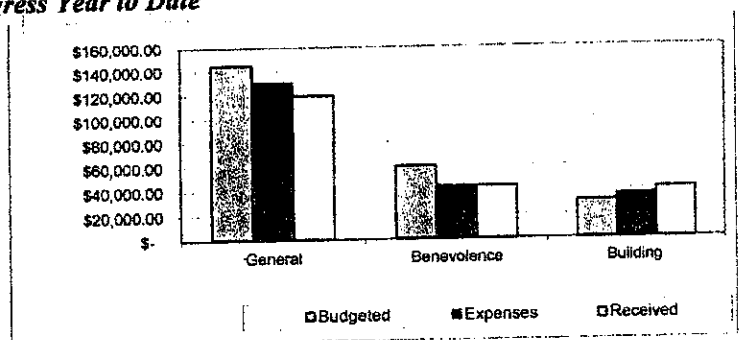
Sunday School	35.00	Parking Lot	400.00
LYO	190.00	Radio Broadcast	70.00
VBS	366.00	Cookbooks	15.00
Special Flowers	80.00	CD's	16.00
Altar Flowers	85.00	Cathedral Choir	50.00
Anniversary Books	100.00		

### Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 144,642.00	\$ 119,237.46	\$ (25,404.54)
Benevolence	60,000.00	43,312.33	(16,687.67)
Building	31,092.00	41,219.83	10,127.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 235,734.00</b>	<b>\$ 203,769.62</b>	<b>\$ (31,964.38)</b>

	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 130,125.53	\$ (10,888.07)
Benevolence	43,312.33	-
Building	35,639.05	5,580.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 209,076.91</b>	<b>\$ (5,307.29)</b>



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Brenda Barr, Sec.  
Scott Sage, Treasurer

**Congregation Council**

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Rodney Bergman  
Kenny Buhr  
Casey Flesner  
Stacey Huls  
Kevin Kellogg  
Bonita Kopmann  
Ryan Sage  
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**Cathedral Choir Director** Charlene Bergman  
**Cathedral Choir Co-Directors** Marilyn Buhr/  
Darla Rubarts

**Cathedral Choir Pianist** Lois Harms  
**Bell Choir Director** Laveda Clem

**Organists:** Irene Buhr, Janice Siuts, Brenda  
Anderson, Linda Pein, Laveda Clem,  
Heidi Brown

**Parish Education  
Committee**

Judi Studer - Chairman  
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Marie Reitmeier  
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Lantis  
Denise Wolken

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Erin Siuts  
Megan Siuts

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Julie Kellogg and Laurie  
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