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"God With Us"



May 2021

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Here we are in May! The year 2021 is flying by at Immanuel, it seems.

Just last month, we celebrated a meaningful Holy Week and a really joyous Easter. We celebrated Holy Communion every week for our First Communion kids, Our congregation's friend, and

Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Steve Brackett, visited us and officially installed Immanuel's new Pastor, Yours Truly. Confirmation is face-to-face again as of April 7 and will continue through May before summer break. It's great to open up our ministry just a little more.

In May, we will update our Holy Communion distribution, so we can receive the bread and wine in a safe and more traditional way. And we will celebrate the sacrament every Sunday. May brings Mother's Day and Graduation, so we will honor Moms and Grads at worship services. Check your calendar and mark these occasions with us Sundays at Immanuel.

We continue to offer Facebook Live each Sunday and of course, the same goes for our Radio Broadcast.

I want to express my thanks to Immanuel for the lovely and moving Installation Service and Fellowship Coffee on April 18th. Thanks to all Cindy Yslas and Jenny Matt for their work on the bulletin, thanks to Dale for reading the lessons, thanks to Lindsay Johnson, Doug Berg, Bob Omar, Sue Easler, Cindy Yslas and Kenny Lueschow for their participation, and as always many thanks to our great musicians. It was the best installation in my experience. Thanks to all who attended in person or joined us in spirit. I look forward to what the future brings.

*Sincerely,
Pastor Charis*

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**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUMMARY OF COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 5, 2021**

TREASURER’S REPORT: General Fund ending balance \$13,568.60, Capital Improvement \$19,615.68, Benevolence year to date sent to ELCA \$4,058.90, Checking Account balance \$47,704.95, Savings Account \$53,458.91 and ILC Miller Fund \$243,578.19.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Pastor Charis said she had four Sunday services, four Lenten Wednesday Services, first communion instruction for four youth, one in-home communion at Evans Home, one in-home bereavement visit, one in-office visit, Mid-Month Communion and four Zoom meetings. She thanked the musicians for their contributions during Holy Week and also the members who put up a ladder on the pastor’s bookcase and built a new cross for Good Friday worship.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: April 18th is the installation of Pastor Charis Combs-Lay with Steve Brackett of the Northeastern Iowa Synod officiating in person. Weather permitting there will be an outdoor, coffee fellowship after the service.

When science says it is safe, there will be a gradual reopening and postcards will be sent announcing the changes.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion passed to approve the distribution of Endowment interest and Memorial funds as follows. Endowment expenditures: Howard County Food Pantry \$400, Howard County Hospice \$400, Midwest Mission \$200, Lutheran Services in Iowa \$346, Operation 23 to Zero (for veterans) \$300, Wartburg Seminary \$500, Wings of Refuge (for Iowa women) \$400, ELCA water projects \$400, GoServ Global (for grain bin houses) \$300 and ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission \$400.

Memorial expenditure: A check payable to Immanuel for \$1,015.00 expended from the Hammond Radio Broadcast Memorial Fund. It is the difference between the amount paid to KCZQ in 2020 for radio broadcasts and the 2020 memorials collected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Arlyn Grube presented a report about the on-line views of Immanuel’s worship services and a funeral service. In the past three months it averages 22 live viewers and 251 total views.

BOARD REPORTS:

Parish Fellowship – The board will furnish a bakery made, white cake for the April 18th installation.

Worship & Music – Discussed the safe distribution of Holy Communion in May and summer services.

Youth Ministry – April 7 Pastor Charis will begin 8 weeks of in-person Confirmation instruction.

Church Properties – The board refinished interior doors, painted the kitchen walls and repaired the dishwasher. Next month they will present cost estimates for roofing and siding the storage garage.

Evangelism & Social Concerns – Plans are being made for “Back to School and Family Give Away” on Thursday, Friday and Saturday two weeks before school starts. Monetary donations are accepted for the purchase of socks and underwear. Clothing donations will be requested of the community and local thrift stores.

*This is a summary of minutes of the April council meeting.
Full minutes will be available after formal approval by council at the next meeting.*

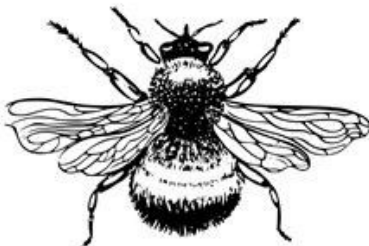
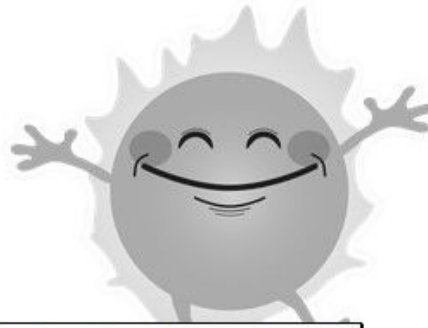
Treasurers Report March 2021
Bob Gast, ILC Treasurer

GENERAL FUND	March	Year to Date	
Beginning Balance	\$15,139.50	\$32,151.39	General Fund
General Fund Income	\$10,930.00	\$40,293.00	Savings Account
Reimbursed Income	\$1,610.00	\$2,792.00	\$53,458.91
Reimbursed Expenses	\$0.00	-\$13,165.62	
Miscellaneous Income	\$804.64	\$1,962.41	Parsonage Rent
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Coffee Fellowship	\$0.00	\$0.00	
General Fund Expenses	-\$3,028.05	-\$15,517.66	ILC Miller Fund
General Executive Committee Expenses (Payroll)	-\$11,887.49	-\$35,246.92	Account Balance
GENERAL FUND	\$13,568.60	\$13,268.60	\$246,878.43
Operating Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	31-Mar-2021
Savings income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Savings expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Debt Reduction Income / Fall Dinner	\$0.00	\$300.00	
Debt Reduction Exp /Op Loan / Savings / Payment	\$0.00	\$0.00	
General Fund Ending Balance	\$13,568.60	\$13,568.60	
Men's Breakfast			
Beginning Balance	-\$280.95	-\$585.00	
Men's Breakfast Income	\$276.00	\$769.00	
Men's Breakfast Expense	-\$165.63	-\$354.58	
Ending Balance	-\$170.58	-\$170.58	
Hands of the Master			
Beginning Balance	\$1,217.17	\$667.17	
Hands of the Master Income	\$0.00	\$550.00	
Hands of the Master Expense	-\$133.75	-\$133.75	
Ending Balance	\$1,083.42	\$1,083.42	
BENEVOLENCE FUND			Sent to the ELCA
Beginning Balance	\$3,467.22	\$2,357.22	March
Income	\$2,340.00	\$6,055.00	\$1,307.00
Expenses	-\$1,380.00	-\$3,985.00	2021
Ending Balance	\$4,427.22	\$4,427.22	\$4,058.90
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND			Pledged
Beginning Balance	\$19,325.68	\$18,735.68	\$15,000.00
Income	\$290.00	\$880.00	
Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$19,615.68	\$19,615.68	
Luther League Account			
Beginning Balance	\$9,180.61	\$9,180.61	
Youth Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Youth Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ending Balance	\$9,180.61	\$9,180.61	
Checking Account Balance	\$47,704.95	\$47,704.95	

KIDZ KORNER

Name: _____

May Word Search



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CINCO DE MAYO

FLOWERS
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MEMORIAL DAY

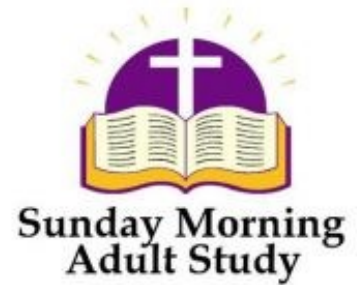
MAY DAY
BUMBLEBEE
BUTTERFLY
SUNSHINE
BLOSSOM

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Adult Study Information!!

The Adult Class continues to meet at 7:45 Sunday mornings. We use the ELCA Faith Lens materials which includes a study of the weekly lectionary and a reflection using a news story from the week. We are following the CDC guidelines and have resumed meeting in the conference/library room. Copies of the lesson are made available in the entryway along with the weekly bulletin. Feel free to join us!



What's Happening Around Immanuel??

Blessing of the Keys will be held on **Sunday, May 16th**. Together our Congregation prays for those young drivers just starting to drive and the parents who are brave enough to help them through this milestone in their lives!!

Hymn Selection meeting is set for May 17th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend and give input on the hymns selected for each Sunday!!

Senior Recognition will be on Sunday, May 23rd!! Come out & honor those Grads who put forth the work and dedication to successfully complete their highschool years!

A huge Thanks to all those who donated items or money to the personal care kits this year. Your kind generosity allowed us to make over 50 kits (twice that of last year) for needy folks in underprivileged areas.

We wish to thank all those who have dropped off items for our Mission to the ***Pine Ridge Indian Reservation***. At this time, no trip is scheduled to visit them so ***we are unable to take any further donations*** as we are limited on storage space. More information will be made available as a trip is scheduled in the future. Thanks again for your support & generosity!!

A tentative date of June 1, 2021 for the start up of delivering Hot Meals for ***Meals on Wheels*** has been planned. No congregate meals at this time. For more questions/answers, please contact Sharon Johnson at 563/547-3334.

Save the Date: There will be a ***“Celebration of Life”*** for **Shirley Lueschow** on Saturday, June 19th at Immanuel. More details to follow as the family finalizes plans!

Thanks to the help of so many volunteers, we now are at the stage where we have lots of sheets and **simply need help turning them into bandages**...any assistance would be appreciated. If interested, contact Sue Easler or check with the office.

Time to send kids to camp again!! EWALU & Riverside are taking applications for Summer Camp and as always, the church will offer a scholarship to offset some of the cost...see the office for more details!

The 10th Annual back to school clothing give away will be here before we know it...time to start bringing in those gently used clothes for infants through - High school NO adult clothing please as there just isn't room for more than the children's' clothing!

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