

The Lutheran Beacon

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

304 Spruce St., P.O. Box 466, Tower, MN 55790

June 2022



Dear Immanuel,

As we enter into the summer season out in the world and the season of ordinary time in the church, I find joy in knowing the sun may shine more, the temperatures might get warmer and joy and delight are right around the corner. Summer time in the church is filled with visitors, guests, joy filled singing, outdoor worship and whatever else the Spirit leads us in and to.

So I wonder with you, what brings you joy and delight during this season? Where do you find yourself smiling, humming or even doing a little dance as your rise in the morning or throughout the day? What could possibly keep you from singing?

How did you do in May? Did you check in with a neighbor or friend? Did you check in with yourself? What did you do last month as part of your self care? We can be aware that it was Mental Health Awareness Month, but what did we do with that awareness? What actions did we take either for ourselves or others?

How will you take care of yourselves this summer? What time will you take to be still in

the summer breeze, listen to the birds sing out, hear the waves lap on the shore? Where will you find joy and delight this month? This summer?

Joy and delight are indeed part of life, but so are sorrow and grief and disagreement and difficult conversations. During the May 22 congregational meeting here at Immanuel, I found so much joy in hearing from those that shared their opinions, thoughts and experiences. All was shared in such a respectful manner. Listening took place. Non judgmental conversation happened. Difficult conversations are hard to have and Immanuel, you did it! It is my prayer that we can continue to engage each other in such ways as the Spirit leads and guides us!

As summer unfolds, I wish you rest and wellness. As this ordinary time in the church becomes a time to bloom and grow may you feel the Spirit working in your life to bloom and grow as well.

Summer is a great time for coffee or tea, a walk or boat ride so if the Spirit nudges you to offer such an invitation, I would love to say yes!

Happy summering, hosting, resting and being well!

Pastor Liz





June 1	Mikayla Jesme
June 1	Patrick Mickle
June 2	Dale Swanson
June 3	Randall Johnson
June 9	Hazel Quick
June 10	Nico Lenci
June 10	Greta Nevala
June 11	Joshua Zobitz
June 15	Seth Leino
June 17	Rosie Zimmerman
June 18	LeRoy Holmes
June 18	Brandon Mosher
June 19	Annette Anderson
June 24	Hadley Bundy
June 29	Daryl Lamppa



June 10	Jim & Cathy Carlson
June 22	Dennis & Elaine Passi
June 23	Peter & Patti Stoddard
June 27	Bruce & Kathy Carlson

Offering & Attendance

Date	Attendance	Offering
May 1	40	\$ 1,730
May 8	36	\$ 1,025
May 15	45	\$ 1,915
May 22	54	\$ 885
Direct Deposit		\$ 2,323
Noisy Offerings-May-will not collect until May 29		

Income & Expenses

May 2022

Income: \$7,711 Expenses: \$ 9,697
 May 2022 does not include May 29 givings and also includes all expenses for month of May

May 2021

Income: \$25,885 Expenses: \$ 8,350
 May 2021 income included \$11,225 designated to the building account (25,885-11,225=14,660)

June Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers-if you are able to help the church, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you.

USHERS

June 5	Jim and Cathy Carlson
June 12	Jim and Cathy Carlson
June 19	Jim and Cathy Carlson
June 26	Jim and Cathy Carlson

COMMUNION PREP

June 5	Lynn and Muriel Scott
June 12	Lynn and Muriel Scott
June 19	Lynn and Muriel Scott
June 26	Lynn and Muriel Scott

LECTORS

June 5	Mary Batinich
June 12	Laurie Anderson
June 19	Rolf Anderson
June 26	Elaine McGillivray

*We sincerely appreciate our Volunteers!
 Thank you*

We're Going Potluck

I think I'm finally getting the hang
Of church work, Lord.
I'm putting up a sign that reads;
Let's make it potluck.

I admit it. I'm changing my style.
Once I did nothing but one-woman shows.

Nobody else could run the kitchen to suit me.

The church school project would fall apart if
I didn't do the whole thing single-handedly.

If committee work was to come out right,
It was up to me to take care of it.

I'd still be operating that way if I hadn't
discovered potluck dinner parties at home.

I had always played super hostess,
flying from the oven to telephone to refrigerator
to vacuum cleaner, I was always limp with
exhaustion when guests arrived.

Then I found it-the beautiful freedom of potluck.

Suddenly it was nice to know that somebody else
was dropping chunks of fruit
into half-thickened Jello.

Somebody else was frosting a cake or
assembling a casserole.

And me? I was serenely vacuuming the welcome
mat, hanging up guest towels,
Lighting the pillar candles.

You know, Lord, church work is fun again
since I've learned to share it.

Everybody does a little,
nobody has to do too much.

I'm not handing in my resignation, God. Don't
think I'm trying to get out of everything.

The work of the church will get done, but from
now on we're making it potluck.

The above poem was submitted by a church member, it is so spot on! It is wonderful how this has happens in our own church. Recently the church was cleaned, by many members. The breakfast for the school children has been made

for a few weeks, by many members. Thank you everyone for contributing to the potluck,



Council Meeting

The council met on Wednesday May 11, 2022 at 9 AM. Art Dale was a guest speaker, Art is starting a non-profit with a colleague to work towards the process of gathering, training and small ministry pods.

Pastor Liz reported she had a number of pastoral visits and phone calls as well as 5 funerals/burials last month. She also attended the Synod Assembly held in Brainerd along with Nancy Wagner and Angie Gurius.

The next council meeting will be held at 9 AM on Wednesday June 8th, 2022.

A full copy of the Council Minutes is on file with the church secretary if interested.

Congregational Meeting

The Congregational Meeting was held after service on Sunday May 22nd.

A resolution to correct a mistake over the committee designations at the annual meeting was resolved.

Resolution was also approved for the purchase of Yamaha Clavanova purchase.

A discussion on "diversity" and the writing of a formal policy statement was put forward. Much positive input was heard from the congregation, the council will draft a final recommendation to be presented to the congregation for approval sometime in the next quarter.

WELCA

The WELCA ladies have finished meeting for the season.

They will be meeting again in September and hope that many of you will join them.

Thursday Book Study

The Thursday Book study group will be taking the summer off. We will let you know when the book study is starting up again in the fall.

Quilting

The Immanuel Quilters have finished quilting for the season.

We will let you know when quilting will start back up for the Fall. Enjoy your Summer everyone!

Parish Health Ministry

Our Parish Health Ministry cabinet members are the following and can be contacted with any suggestions for the health ministry. If any of you have family or friends that the ministry may be able to assist in some way, please do not hesitate to contact any of these cabinet members:

- * Cathy Carson 753-3885
- * Muriel Scott 410-4543
- * Barbara Rinne 753-2091
- * Kay Hanson 218-248-0198
- * Shelly Padgett 218-780-3192
- * Ilene Rice 719-331-3447
- * Faye Mobilia, Parish Nurse 753-6708
- * Marit Kringstad, Council representative 1-612-280-9195

Please note there is a Resource Book/Binder in the church office for your convenience.

Vacation Bible School August 1-5 (9:30-Noon)



Join St. James and Immanuel Churches of Tower for a week of Vacation Bible School.

We will focus on healing in an expansive sense – the healing of mind, body, spirit, community, and creation.

Day 1 – Roots of Creation (Psalm 104)

Day 2 – Healthy Minds and Bodies (3 John 1:1-5, 11-14)

Day 3 – Different Bodies, Different Gifts (Psalm 139: 1-18)

Day 4 – Healthy Grief (Romans 14:6-9) or Being Filled (Psalm 78:29)

Day 5 – Bearing Fruit (John 13: 3-15, 33-35)

Open to Age 4 – Grade 6

Please Pre-register by returning the form to IELC PO BOX 466, Tower, MN 55790

Or filling out the following form online:

<https://forms.gle/xgr7WeV99gnAUfAL6>

Community Meal Kick-Off

A group met for some initial planning to start up a FREE monthly community meal. A menu has been set for 12 meals and we are going to start in August with a special Block party style community meal!

Save the date - Wednesday, August 24th from 4:00 - 6:00 Community Meal Kick-Off We will be eating outside, picnic menu (hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, potato salad, watermelon, desert and drinks) FREE! Entertainment, fellowship, food and fun! Hope you can bring a friend or neighbor and join us!

More details will follow and a list of volunteers and needs will be made available in the July newsletter.

We are looking to apply for two Thrivent Action Team grants. One for cooking supplies (Pots, pans, etc..) and one to purchase the food for August 24th. If you can help, please see Pastor Liz.

Our next planning meeting will be Wednesday, July 13th at 10:30 a.m. all are welcome! If you would like to be included on the task force planning team email list, please let Pastor Liz know.

This ministry opportunity falls under the Social Ministry/Evangelism committee and our main contact for community meals is Heather Chaulklin - 218-780-9731

Contact Us

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 – 1:00

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Liz Cheney
Office Manager: Donna Frank
Minister of Music: MaryBeth Reller
Custodian: James Urick

Members Who Are Homebound

Jim Charles (Birthday May 5)
4559 Shoreline Drive, Apt #406
Spring Park, MN 5584

Carol and Bob Burgess
705 17th St. N. Apt #304
Virginia, MN 55792

Ron Hujanen (Birthday November 25)
Cook Hospital & Nursing Home Room S-204
10 5th St. S.E.
Cook, MN 55723

Eileen Swanson (Birthday July 11)
Vermilion Senior Living
Tower, MN 55790
Virginia, MN 55792

Ralph Christopherson (January 16)
Edgewood Vista
705 17th St.
Virginia, MN 55792

Scripture readings for the month of June

June 5

Acts 2:1-21
Psalms 104:24-34,35b
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17{25-27}

June 12

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31
Psalms 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 19

Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalms 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:36-39

June 26

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21
Psalms 16
Galatians 5:1,13-25
Luke 9:51-62

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