



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Caring for Our Community Through Christ
for 125 Years!*

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located downstairs. An elevator is available in the narthex.
- A **nursery room** is available at the rear of the Sanctuary for young children and their parents. The nursery room is equipped with a speaker so you can hear the service.
- **Registration cards** are placed in the back of the pews for worshipers to use for: 1) Visitor registration; 2) Communion registration for communion services; 3) Prayer requests may be written on the back of the card; after filling out the card, please place it in the offering plate.
- **Preprinted offering envelopes** are available in the pews for special offerings and Special Funds donations. Visitors are welcome to use these envelopes as well as members. Members, please make sure to note your envelope number on these special envelopes and place in the offering plate.
- **Kids Worship** - We love having children in church! It is so important for the kids to be welcomed and loved in God's house. Kids Worship is offered during the service, after the Bible Readings. Kids ages 3 through 10 can come downstairs where we offer an age appropriate lesson on the readings, snack and sometimes a craft. Children will return to the sanctuary at end of service and on communion Sundays just before communion. For more information contact Rene Langwost at 410-253-8735.

We kindly request that all cell phones be silenced.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE HOLY TRINITY

June 12, 2022 ~ 10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

As God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit dwell together in relationship, all of us who are part of this church community dwell in relationship. Holy Trinity, please strengthen us in love for one another.

WORDS OF PREPARATION

Today is Trinity Sunday — not so much a time to explain a complex doctrine as an opportunity to dwell in the mystery of God. Welcome.

Divine Service, Setting Two

Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 167-183

♪ = *congregation sings response*

Prelude ***Holy God, We Praise Your Name*** *Katholisches Gesangbuch/Setting Wilbur Held*

Gathering Prayer Concerns

Welcome

The Call to Worship

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P We pause silently to prepare ourselves for worship.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Lord says to you as Paul wrote to the church at Colossae: “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.”

C **We come to the Lord to hear His Word, to receive His forgiveness, present our**

tithes and offerings at the altar. It is my desire to be reconciled – to make things right – with you my sisters and brothers (Matthew 5:23-24). Receive the “peace” I share with you as I receive the peace of God through Jesus.

Stand

Processional Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 507

~ Confession and Absolution ~

LSB 167

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

~ Service of the Word ~

Introit

Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

- P: Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.
- C: **I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.
- C: **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**
- P: You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.
- C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie

LSB 168

- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- ♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- ♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***
- P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for
the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- ♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to
the Lord.
- ♪ C ***Lord, have mercy.***
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- ♪ C ***Amen.***

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170

- A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- ♪ C ***Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.***

*You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

♪ C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever

♪ C *Amen.*

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

¹Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

⁴“To you, O men, I call,

and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.

²³Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields,

or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there;

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them,
²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’”

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

““The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

♪ *C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter
♪ C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

John 8:48–59

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

♪ C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sit

Sermon

Stand

Athanasian Creed

P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
And the catholic faith is this,
that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the
persons nor dividing the substance.

C **For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the
glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one
Infinite.
In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.
So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

C **Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct
person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say
that there are three Gods or Lords.
The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

**The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

- P** And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

- C** **He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.**

**Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

- P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

- C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Blessed Father, from You comes all that is, and we are forever indebted to Your grace for the gift of life. Receive this day our special thanks for the redemption You have provided in Jesus Christ, Your Son, and for the work of the Spirit in bringing us to know You by faith and to be adopted as Your children by Baptism into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Father, You desire not the death of the sinner but that all may live. Grant Your Holy Spirit, that hearing Your Word all people may be brought to repentance and may confess with us their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Father, You have revealed Yourself to us in Christ, that we may know You by faith and confess You before the world. Give us Your Spirit, that all churches may confess truly and faithfully Your Word and live in harmony of doctrine and life, in anticipation of that day when we shall kneel together at Your altar. Lord, in Your mercy

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Father, You have established marriage and sanctified the home to be a place of blessing and love. Give to parent and child the courage to love as You have loved us. Unite them in their common life by Your Spirit to know Jesus and serve Him. Bless the single with chastity, comfort the widowed, protect the orphan and defend the helpless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Father, You guard Your world as Your own possession and have established governments and leaders to serve Your purpose. Bless our president, our governor, and all elected and appointed officials, that in their stewardship of the nation and state they may be faithful and serve honorably for our benefit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Father, You have suffered fully the cost of love through Your Son. Give healing and peace to all the afflicted, the grieving and the dying [*especially those who have requested our prayers, including _____ and those we name in our hearts (brief silence)*]. Give them all that is needful, that they may endure their illness confident of Your presence. Supply them with grace sufficient for their every need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Father, Your Son was the voice that spoke all things into existence, and Your grace still preserves all that You have made. You did not abandon Your people when they abandoned You, but You have delivered us by the blood of Christ. Grant us Your Spirit, that we may know Your Word and keep it in faith through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage until we are joined with faithful Abraham, with patriarch, prophet, apostle and evangelist, in Your presence forevermore; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Arr. Kevin McChesney)

Handbell Ensemble

Stand

Offertory

LSB 176

♪ C *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the Lord's house in the midst of you, O Jerusalem*

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;

**and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Stand

Closing Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the gift of Your Word, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

LSB 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

♪ **C** **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578

Sit

Announcements

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Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book

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SERVICE INFORMATION

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL TODAY

Pastor	Rev. David Casey-Motley
Administrative Assistant	Sharon Gutz
Director of Music, Emeritus	Dennis L. Janko, M.M.
Director of Music & Organist	Lynn Short
Director of Hand Bells	Janice Isenberg
Ushers	Dale Kenton & John Hochmuth
Lay Reader	Sam Lozen
Assisting Elder	
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Elder/Pastor
Sound Operator	David Schmidt
Camera Operator	Jennifer Phillips
Tellers	Karen Lyons & Jennifer Phillips

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL NEXT SUNDAY

Ushers	Dale Kenton & John Hochmuth
Lay Reader	Catie Casey-Motley
Greeter	
Assisting Elder	Mark Frase
Kids Worship	Rene Langwost
Acolyte	Lukas Maloney
Sound Operator	Rex Rosebrock
Camera Operator	John Crampton
Tellers	Dee Lambert, Glen Plutschak, & Linda Jefferson

The Flowers on the Altar today, were given to the glory of God, by Richard and Irene Wheatley, in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary and in thanks to family, friends, and blessings from God.



ADMINISTRATION

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday – Friday	Church Office Open	9:00 – 12:00 noon
Tuesday	Church Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Men’s Choir Rehearsal	9:45 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	AA Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Be sure to check the church calendar for events happening at Immanuel Lutheran this month. Check with the church office before scheduling meetings or activities so they can be put on the calendar.

STATISTICS –June 5, 2022

WORSHIP SERVICE

Attendance: 59

Goal Income Per Week: \$3,802.04

Offering: \$ 3,655.00

TREASURER’S REPORT FOR May 2022

Goal income per month	\$16,475.17
Actual Offerings	14,459.50
Total Disbursements	<u>-10,979.81</u>
Checking account balance, end of month	\$54,489.14

PRAYER LIST & CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS

SHUT-INS – RETIREMENT FACILITIES – NURSING HOMES: June Elzey, Jimmy Fuchs, Bobby Hopkins, Lee Roesti, Lawrence & Viola Schmick, Martha Ann Schmick

SPECIAL PRAYERS – Wyatt Ewing, Jennifer Flanagan, Butch Frase, Linda Frase, Pete Hitchens, Cheryl Hochmuth, Dennis Janko, Bob Lorenz, Rev. Donald Meyer, Charlene Robbins, Ellen Thress, and Pastor Nuss.

ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE PERSONNEL & FIRST-RESPONDERS

Ryan Andrew, Heather Blake, Matthew Harris, Shelby Hochmuth, Michael Jantz Jr., Robbie Phillips, Eric Stacey, Jerry Stivers, Amber Thamert

BIRTHDAYS

Victoria Schanken	6/13
Holly Beebe	6/14
Joseph Headley	6/14
John Lyons	6/14
Erin Andrew	6/15
Annalee Ayers	6/15
Gina McConnell	6/15
Robert Beebe	6/17
Corliss Wright	6/17

ANNIVERSARIES

Jessica & Brent Marine	6/12
Richard & Irene Wheatley	6/12
Todd & Darlena Butler	6/14
Joshua & Lindy Ayers	6/16
Carl & Phyllis Frase	6/16
Kristy & Melvin Marshall	6/17

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WELCOME VISITORS! Before leaving, please stop in the Narthex to sign the guest book and pick up your Welcome Bag. We hope to see you again!

125th Anniversary Event - TODAY, after the service. Come down to the Fellowship Hall to see displays and photos of the construction of the original church building, our current building, and Geiger Hall. Photos and video will be played on the large screen for all to see. Enjoy some refreshments, too.

There are a few openings for flowers on the altar. Please feel free to sign up for a day.

-VBS Time is Almost Here-

It's time to start thinking about VBS, Being held June 20th—23rd 2022, starting at 5:30 pm with dinner/ Registration and Bible School Starting at 6:00 PM. We need teachers for music, arts and crafts, recreation etc. and for the classroom. We also need helpers in all areas including the kitchen. VBS is a great outreach for our church and it's usually well attended. It takes all of us to make this a success and to make sure that the children have fun and learn about our loving God. It is a lot of fun and even if you've heard the Bible stories before, they are presented in a different way. It is awesome when you see the kid's faces light up when they sing or tell the story they just heard. We need all kinds of help, we would be grateful for whatever time you can give us even if it's only 1/2hour. If you are interested or have any questions please call Karen Lyons @ 410-310-1488 or see Rene' Langwost, you can see us both at church. Please pray for VBS's success.

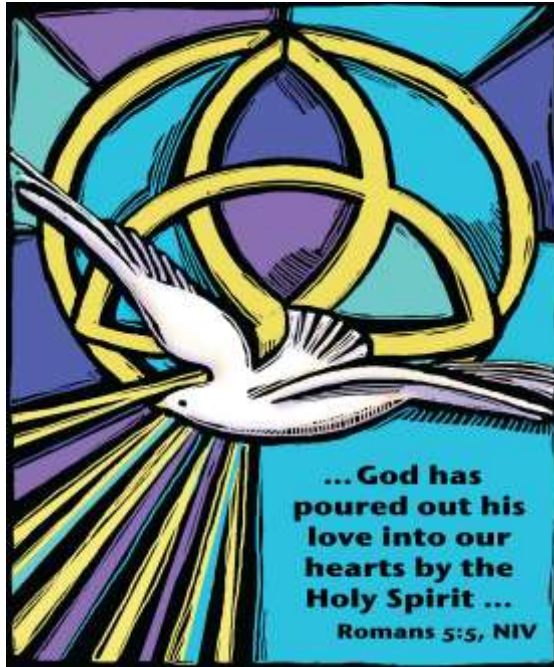
In God's Service,



Help Needed

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Immanuel is looking for a few good men and women to volunteer to be ushers and/or readers. Unfortunately, we have a shortage of both so we need all able-bodied people to please step up and help us out. As elder I do my best to call on those who haven't served and those who haven't served in a while. I also want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have served and continue to serve as ushers and readers, but they can't do it alone and

I don't think it's fair to ask them to be the only ones to serve. **It's an easy job, it requires no long-term commitment, it's only once in a while, and it is a very needed job.** So please if you are able please consider it. Yours in Christ, Todd Butler



Sunday June 26th Announcement

Reminder: Rev. Dr. James Stoltenberg will be with us on Sunday June 26 from Food for the Poor. There will be a 9:15 Bible Class in the undercroft for anyone interested in Pr. Stoltenberg's presentation. He will then be preaching for us. His sermon theme will be, "Let's Show Christ's Love by our Actions" from 1 John 3:16-19.

From Pr. Stoltenberg: "A little about Food for the Poor: Food for the Poor's mission is to Save Lives, Transform Communities and Renew Hope. Come and hear Pr. Stoltenberg share how loving, caring Christians are doing just that!"

SERMON NOTES

Title

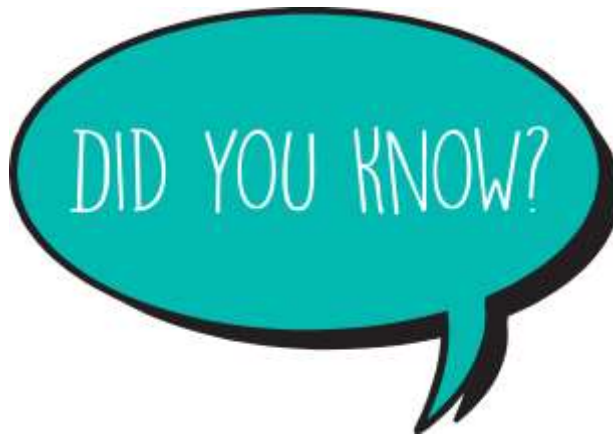
Text

Law

Gospel

Summary

Application



The building of our Sunday School and Office Accommodations

Geiger Hall



The new church provided a wonderful and spacious building for worship. Fifteen years later, it became evident that something needed to be done about the Sunday School space. The Undercroft of the church became packed to the brim with eager learners. Movable screens separated classes and it was challenging to teach and learn. The youngest children had classes in the little rooms off the stage. After Pastor Schuette left to accept another call in February, 1966, Immanuel was in the planning stage to build a structure for a Sunday School. The Rev. Floyd P. Duff was installed as our pastor on April 9, 1967 and guided Immanuel by helping prepare an informative booklet showing what was needed in pledges, etc. to make this building a reality.

A new lot adjacent to the church became available and the church bought it with a plan to build a two story 6500 sq. ft. building. The lowest bidder was for \$105,450.00. To make this work, a letter was sent to a Lutheran church in Hyattsville to pay back monies Immanuel loaned them, which they did with grateful thanks, borrowed money from two different banks and individuals in our church. Immanuel also had a Special Fund drive to receive the last \$45,000.00.

The Building Committee for Geiger Hall consisted of: Co-Chairmen, William G. Schmick and Harry H. Rieck, Jr., Albert Boevers, Jesse Ellis, Wilber Engle, James Fuchs, Paul Geishler, William Kleinwachter, William Rieck, Jr., Frederick Schmick, Leon Schmick and William L. Wright. On February 4, 1968, Geiger Hall was completed and dedicated with a 4:00 pm service. The minister for this service was Pastor Carl Schuette, who was our minister before Pastor Duff. Following the service, everyone walked to Geiger Hall, where the architect, R. Calvin Clendaniel, gave the keys to the Building Committee Co-Chairmen to unlock the door. The President of the Congregation, William G. Schmick, opened the door and the dedication was made by Pastor Duff.

Prior to the dedication, by unanimous vote, the Voter's Assembly named the building "Geiger Hall". On the day of dedication, Pastor Duff said these heartfelt words: "Today we see God's sustaining presence as we, with a prayer of gratitude in our hearts and on our lips, dedicate Geiger Hall in honor of the sainted Rev. Louis Geiger whose faithful ministry at Immanuel spanned a period of thirty-eight years."

God bless all those that gave their time and talent to making sure the church and Geiger Hall were built and God bless Immanuel.



