



May 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

## **PASTOR'S PONDERINGS**

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

When I was a teenager, I began to really consider what it would mean to die. I didn't want to die, mind you, because there were things that I hadn't done yet but wanted to (get married, have children, drive a car, be an adult, etc.). Rather, when I thought about death, it was more along the line of what happens to someone when they die? Is that it? If there is more, then what does "more" look like?

Then, I began going to church regularly and I heard about a place called heaven. It was described to me as being paradise. In heaven, everything is perfect, the way God intended. There are no tears in heaven because our Lord has wiped them from our eyes. And, heaven is where we meet our loved ones again, all while gathered around the feet of Jesus.

Hearing that, it isn't hard to imagine the decision I made about where I wanted to spend eternity when I died. I wanted to go to heaven and not the other place full of fire, brimstone, weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth. Thankfully, by the grace of God alone, I now know with full confidence that heaven is indeed my home, and I have a place there prepared for me by my Jesus who died so that we might live.

There was another question I asked during that time as well, and maybe you have too, and that is: what happens to our bodies when we fall asleep in the Lord?

Our Christian faith teaches us the language of a "resurrection of the body" and rightly so. But this idea that a person's physical body will somehow rise from the grave on the day that Christ returns seems like nonsense to many people. The bible says in Acts 17:32, "Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, 'We will hear you again about this.'"

Why would a claim of a bodily resurrection seem so preposterous? Because it doesn't make sense by reason. I mean after all TV shows, crime dramas, horror movies, and social media have shown us up close what happens to the human body when we draw our last breath on earth. Some families choose to have their loved ones cremated. Whatever happens to our physical bodies, we take notice of God's Word that we are dust and to dust we shall return (Genesis 3:19).



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# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## **CHURCH OFFICERS — 2022**

President..... Richard Wheatley  
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Elders Chair ..... Mark Frase

But friends, let us not lose hope with this reality. Yes, this physical body will decay even as it sleeps in the tomb, but; there is so much more. And that "more" is what we as the church can be excited about! While we will never fully understand the promise of a bodily resurrection for us, we can find comfort and hope in God who created our bodies and who can do with it whatever He pleases. And what is His pleasure: the empty tomb on Easter.

Let us not forget that our Lord died as we will. He breathed His last scripture tells us. His body was taken down from the cross and was prepared for what was thought to be eternal sleep. But God had other ideas and we rejoice because of it. Remembering our baptisms remind us daily of the resurrection promise. For when Christ died on the cross for us, we died with Him. When His body was taken down, prepared, wrapped in linen, and placed in the tomb, we too were buried. And when the women arrived at the tomb that first Easter morn and found the stone rolled away, and our Lord risen from the dead, His resurrection became ours as well. How? Because in baptism we are united with Him. For the resurrection of the body is the great hope for us Christians. Because Christ rose, our physical bodies will rise from the grave on the last day and will meet our spiritual bodies which dwell with the Lord the moment we fall asleep in Him. (See 1 Corinthians 15:12-58. Go ahead. I'll wait. Then come back and read the rest).

Friends, there are some things we can take away from the promise of a bodily resurrection. First, the body matters. This sometimes contrasts the way we speak about the death of our loved ones when we say or think that only the spirit matters. But to think that once the body has fallen asleep, it no longer matters goes against what our Lord has done for us, for has He not given us both body and spirit? Death is horrific and separates the two. But, praise the Lord, death does not get the final say. For death has lost it's sting, and is defeated, and because Jesus has overcome death, hell, and the grave for us, on the last day; we will be restored and our bodies will be glorified like Jesus for we were created in His image. What's more, Job's prophecy will come true for him and for us, "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes

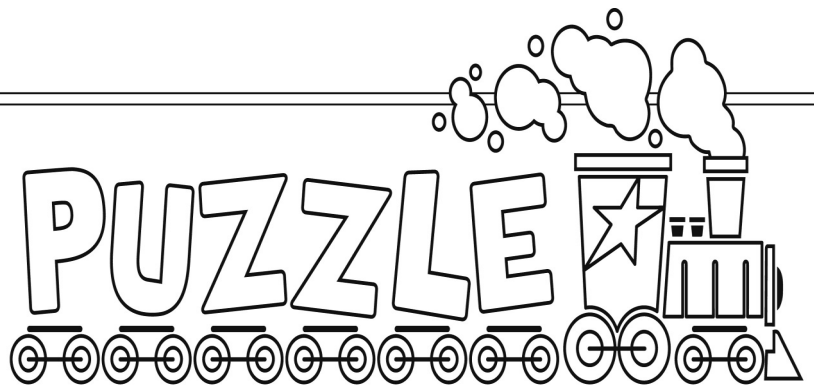
shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!" (Job 19:25-27).

Fellow redeemed, our bodies are good, even if the evil one of this world disfigures us. We can laugh at the devil and rejoice, accepting ourselves the way that God has created us, beautifully, fearfully, and wonderfully made (Ephesians 2:10 anyone?).

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we can live in the hope of Jesus knowing that the resurrection of the body is promised and fulfilled when we take our final breath here on earth, closing our eyes until that last day, when we our lids open again, with our chest rising and falling once more for all eternity. We grieve when we are separated from loved ones in death, but our grieving turns to joy and our tears are no more, as we look upon the faces of our beloved saints and the face of Jesus who welcomes us home.

Praise the Lord that we can have no fear when it comes to death, knowing that our rest in the tomb is only temporary as our earthly bodies await the final advent of King Jesus. For on that day, we will see Jesus just as the disciples did, standing before our Savior with our beloved saints gone before. But best of all, we will live forever with Jesus who bought us, shed His blood for us, and broke the power of sin and death over us. For He is with us always just as He said. God bless you. Amen.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed,



# Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

*Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.*

party - t = p r a y (v. 1)

lady + i = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 3)

drab + e = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 5)

rod + o = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 7)

bask - b = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

keeps - p = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

define - ee = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

shift - t = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sneaky - y = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sift + g = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 13)

Answer: pray, daily, bread, door, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit



# **SPECIAL FUNDS**

## **Leonard Slyter Memorial**

Nancy Sword & Norma

## **Stained Glass Fund**

Sharron Jamarik

## **Stained Glass Fund**

### **- In Memory of Emilie Schmick**

Carl & Donna Newton

## **Nursery School**

Linda Jefferson

## **Youth Group**

### **- In Memory of Leonard Slyter**

Glen Plutschak, Brad Plutschak  
& Robbie Karge

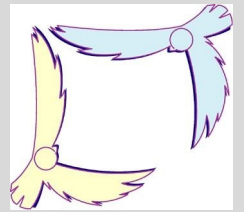
## **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund**

Linda Jefferson

## **Choir Fund**

Janice Isenberg

Thank You



## **Wings Update:**

WINGS would like to thank everyone again who helped in any way with the Easter eggs. We were completely sold out before Easter Sunday! This year we “only” made 2850 eggs! We could not have done it without all the help!!!! We are so thankful!!! Also, May 21 will be our Rummage sale. Please save the date. You may start bringing gently used items & place in room behind stage curtain. There is a 125 celebration Sunday May 15 so items are welcome after that day for sure. Please NO computers, tv screens, technical or very large items. Any questions contact Shelly or any WinGs member. Our regular meeting will be moved to May 19. Donations & helping that week to set up & work that day is welcome! Thanks, WINGS



## Easter Sunday Breakfast

- A special thanks for Katie Mae's for catering our Easter Breakfast this morning. And thanks to everyone "behind the







## Letter from Seminary

Student:

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your wonderful generosity in helping support me in my seminary education. I am extremely blessed to have the opportunities that I have as a result of you. To keep you updated this semester I have started visitations with my field work pastor, and I have started writing sermons in my homiletics class. I am learning a lot, and ask for your continued prayers.

Blessings,

Andrew Gordon

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# PUZZLE

## Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

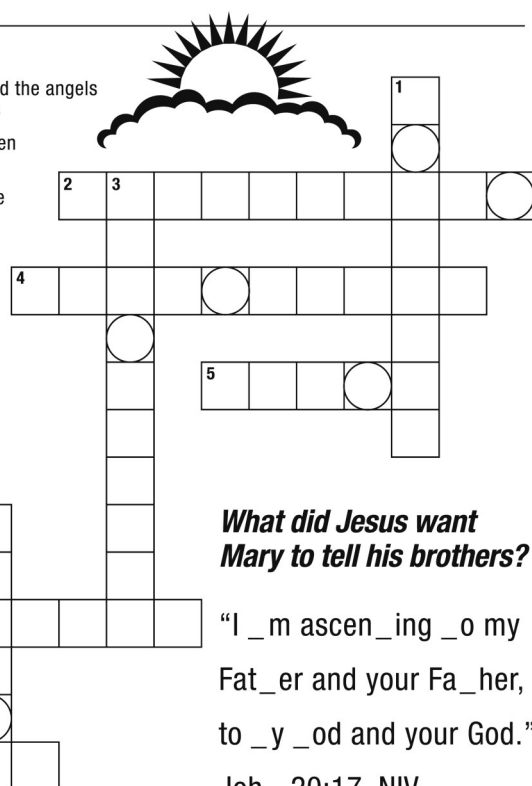
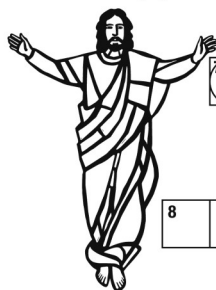
*Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.*

### ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

### DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



**What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?**

"I \_ m ascen \_ ing \_ o my  
Fat \_ er and your Fa \_ her,  
to \_ y \_ od and your God."  
Joh \_ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen;  
DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome, "I am ascending to my Father and  
your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV



## -VBS Time is Almost Here-

It's time to start thinking about VBS, Being held June 20th—23rd 2022, starting at 6 pm with dinner. 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 is 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's a lot of fun and even if you've heard the Bible stories before, they are presented in a different way, and its always good to hear them again, and it might give you a new way of looking at what the story is trying to tell us. It's awesome when you see the kids 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 @ 410-31—1488 or see Rene' Langwost, you can see us both at church. Please pray for VBS's success.

In God's Service ,

Rene' Langwost

Karen Lyons



# Did You Know?

In the “Did You Know – Early Immanuel,” we ended with church meetings in August Gadow’s home on Payne Road. We begin this segment by giving you the “rest of the story.” According to the late Robert Rieck, the above photograph is the family of his grandparents, August Gadow, his wife and their children. The photo was taken shortly before 1900, in front of the home where church services for Immanuel were first held.



Reverend George Thomas was the first circuit minister beginning July 26, 1896. He became ill the next year and had to resign, replaced by Reverend E.P. Wilhelm on August 22, 1897. Later on, the Gadows added a second story to the right of the photo and enlarged the front porch.

Robert and Roselle Rieck married and moved in the home in 1947, renovating the kitchen on the backside of the house around 1960. In 1985, Rex and Kim Rosebrock bought the farm and around 2000, renovated and added to their home to what it looks like today. Thanks go to Rex and Kim for their input of Immanuel’s history concerning their home. Now, we move on to building the first Lutheran church in Preston.

According to our history, services were then held in the Swedenborg church building in Preston, which Immanuel rented until we could build a church of our own. When the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod was first organized, the trustees began looking for land to build on. William M. and Mary Williamson deeded land to John Bridegroom, August Gadow and George Fuchs, trustees for the church on June 15, 1900. This land is where our church stands today. Most of the church was built by the members. They hired one carpenter, paid the sawmill; and finished the building in 1901.

All of this was done while having a Lutheran School in Linchester for the German speaking students! An important event happened nearly forty years later – the Depression and World War II. It was a hardship for many, yet some of our church members sponsored families that had been prisoners of war and did not want to return to their country. Instead, they were allowed to stay and be productive members of the community. Christianity at work.

In the early 1940’s, a new and larger house of worship needed to be built. Funds were raised for land for the church, as well as the Quaker land on Back Landing Road so that a parsonage could be built. God bless the foresight of the three men who made sure we had land to build our church and God bless Immanuel! To be continued...





Jessica Marine	5/4		
Kelli Schanken	5/5	James Johansen	5/23
Katherine Bowman-Pinder	5/8	Eleanor Wittemen	5/25
Dawn Gencel	5/9	Linda Jefferson	5/26
Ella Cannon	5/10	Chuck Braband	4/29
Douglas Frase	5/10	Colton Northam	5/29
Gunner Johansen	5/11	Barbara Andrew	5/30
Lynn Faulstick	5/13	Brody Christopher	5/30
Hugh Smith	5/13	Ruth Thomas	5/30
Kristy Marshall	5/15	Reece Durham	5/31
Mallory Morris	5/16		
Shelby Stevens	5/16		
Sonny Hopkins	5/18		
Mary Ann Frase	5/19		

There are no Anniversaries  
in May





# MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	2 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	3 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	4 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 7:00 pm Woman's Choir Practice	5 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	6	7 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	9 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	10 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	11 8:50-3:25 Nursery School 6:30 pm Bell Practice	12 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	13	14
15 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Divine Service with Holy Communion Anniversary Displays 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	16 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	17 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	18 No School 6:30 pm Bell Practice	19 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	20	21
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	23 6:30 Nursery School Board Meeting 6:30 pm Board of Education mtg.	24 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	25 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	26 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	27	28
29 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	30 8:50-3:25 Nursery School	31				

## THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL MAY 2022

Date	Ushers	Assisting Elder	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Sound System	Camera Operator	Kids Worship	Head Tellers
May 1	Richard Wheatley Hugh Smith	Mark Frase	John Crampton	Lukas Maloney	David Schmidt	Janice Isenberg	Rene Langwost	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
May 8	Richard Wheatley Hugh Smith		Janice Isenberg	Pastor/Elder	David Schmidt	Jennifer Phillips	Rene Langwost	Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
May 15	Richard Wheatley Hugh Smith	Rex Rosebrock	Kathy Schmidt	Catie Casey-Motley	Rex Rosebrock	John Crampton	Rene Langwost	Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Linda Jefferson
May 22	Richard Wheatley Hugh Smith		Iris Rieck	Elder/Pastor	Jim Harris	Ruth Thomas	Rene Langwost	Dave and Kathy Schmidt Julie Schmidt
May 29	Richard Wheatley Hugh Smith		Glen Plutschak	Elder/Pastor			Rene Langwost	Carol Frase Paul Nichols



# Immanuel's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration

*"For such a time as this!"*

## May 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event – Life at Immanuel – 1946-2022 –“

### May 15 – Life at Immanuel 1946-1045

After the service on May 15, you are invited to gather in the Undercroft (Fellowship Hall) to see some moments in history of the congregation. We also are anticipating some additional photos and documents from the early years that didn't make previous early years display. Refreshments will be served.

Is your family a part of these years at Immanuel? You are invited to bring items from your family that show life here at Immanuel during these years – from the time of building the current church through the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and the 2000's. Even if you are a "newcomer" - if you have a photo or something else to share – please consider bringing it. Family photos, confirmation, baptism, marriage photos or certificates, bibles, hymnals, Bible studies, bulletins, newsletters or other publications are all part of our congregation's story. We hope you will add your part to that story for display on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Details: Please bring your items to the Undercroft (Fellowship Hall) the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> before the service. We will have note cards available if you need to provide any information such as family names or other explanations. Please arrange to take your items home immediately after the displays are viewed. Thank you! If you have questions or need to make special arrangements for early delivery or late pick-up, please contact Irene, Iris, or Lynn.

### Upcoming 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events

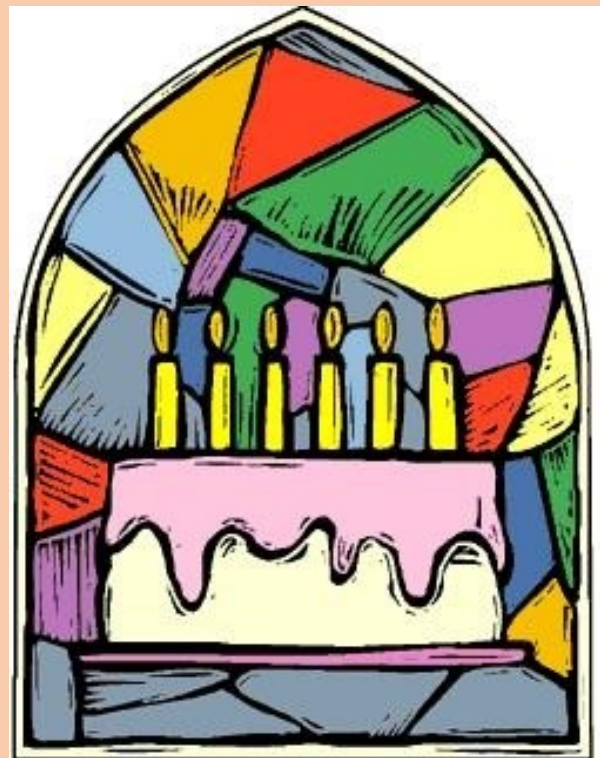
May 15 – Life at Immanuel (1945-2022)

June – Building the structures

July – Our Pastors

August – Education and Youth

September 25, 10:30 Anniversary Worship Service and Potluck



# Church ANNIVERSARY