



June 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Saints of Immanuel,

Have you ever felt paralyzed? You know what I am talking about: that deer in the headlights frozen in our track's moment. Yet, if there is a more frightful condition than paralysis then as of this writing, I cannot think of it. It was for a good reason that the nation was gripped by the story of Christopher Reeve, Superman, incapacitated by a freak fall from a horse. But then, this sort of thing happens all too often. I think of two of our members who are full of wit, life, and joy, their bodies ravaged, but their minds at more than full strength.



There is a story in the Bible that I am reminded of that go along these same lines. It's the story of Jesus passing by the pool at Bethesda, a place where people hoped upon hope for miracles. And we all understand. Who would not look for healing waters, pursue every path, no matter how unlikely the success? And so it was with this man, an invalid for some 38 years. He'd been told that if he got into the pool when the waters were stirred, there was some hope, however far fetched it may have seemed to others. But there was no one there to help him, so he laid by and watched. That's the story he told our Lord when asked if he wanted to be healed. And then our Lord said simply, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." And so, the man did.

Don't you like the bit about taking up his bed? Tidiness is encouraged. But then, our Lord seems to have made his bed too, at least he did after being laid in the tomb from Friday to Sunday. The disciples found the burial garments nicely folded. Would make Mary proud, I imagine.

But where are those miracles today? We surely shouldn't discount the miraculous advances in science and medicine that have transformed so many lives. But others remain lame, crippled, even paralyzed. And it's heart breaking, even as some inspire. But nothing is hopeless. Things change, and miracles still happen. And, if they don't happen now, they will happen fully and forever on the day of resurrection. You with aching bones and palsied limbs will skip and jump and run again.

Where does Christ's miracles ministry happen today? At the Baptismal font. There, eyes and ears are opened, faith is born and fostered, sins are washed away. But there is more. Every miracle that our

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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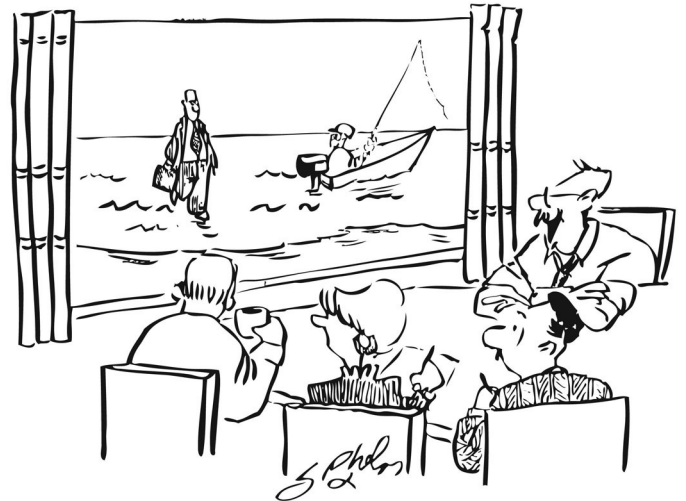
Lord did during his earthly ministry was temporary. The dead who were raised died once more. But baptism plunges us into the swirling life giving waters stirred by Christ's death and enlivened by the good news of Easter. Having been baptized into Christ's death, we shall rise again, and so bodily, with perfectly seeing eyes, perfectly hearing ears, with limbs strong, and bodies vigorous and mobile.

Yes, with Christ, there is sure hope. Even after 38 years. Even after a lifetime of despair. For great joy awaits us, a new day, a time of restoration, a time to walk forever in the newness of life. And we get a brief snapshot, a foretaste of it, in the story of the once paralyzed man at Bethesda, and a pool that points us to the font.

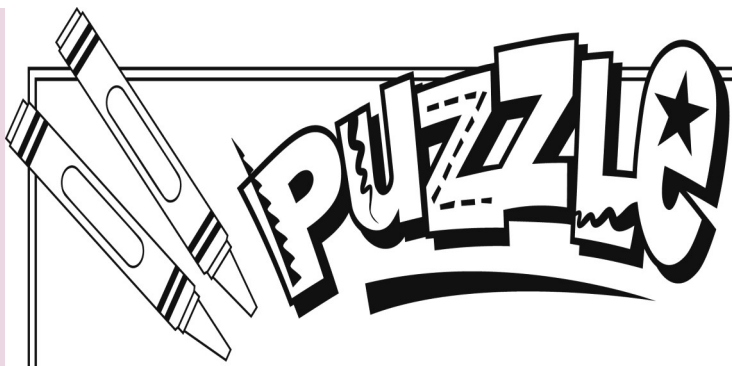
God bless you dear saints. I pray for you daily. May our Lord continue to richly bless you and keep you now and always.

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Pastor David



**"At last, a pastor who fits
our job description."**



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant
3. To plant
4. Sharp part of a plant
5. What is harvested
6. To dry up and shrivel
7. Person who plants
8. The earth a plant grows in

"But the _____₂ falling on good _____₈ refers to

someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a _____₅, yielding a

hundred, sixty or thirty times what was _____₃ n."

MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow



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

Altar Flowers

Thank you so much to all the members who signed up for flowers this past week.

There are still some openings on: June 26th, July 10, July 24, and July 31st.

Please sign up for one of this dates.



SPECIAL FUNDS

Stained Glass Fund
In Memory of Vera Worm
Janellen Lewis



A Note from Preston Fire Department

To the Members of Immanuel Lutheran Church:

The members of the Preston Volunteer Fire Company would like to thank you for your considerable donation of five Hundred dollars. With your donation, it will allow us to continuously support and assist our community.

Did you Know?

That Pastor is the volunteer Chaplin for the fire Department

Did You Know?



We begin where we left off last month – acquiring the land to build a larger place of worship for Immanuel's growing congregation. Even though many items of the church were donated, the cost of our new church amounted to over \$165,125.00 back in 1952. In today's market, it would cost somewhere around – wait for it - \$1,801,143.00. We are truly blessed with the foresight of those that came before us!

There are different stories of how this building came to be. One story is as follows: St. Edmond Roman Catholic Church on King Charles Avenue in Rehoboth Beach, DE was a block away from the summer home of Harry Rieck, Sr. and family. They walked by the church to go downtown many times. He loved the gothic look of this beautiful church and even received permission to check out the inside and obtain the builder's name and address in Baltimore, MD.

In 1941, the congregation knew a larger church needed to be built and a building fund committee was elected so funds could be solicited. Finally, on October 24, 1949, they proceeded with the building after a vote was taken by the congregation. A Building Committee was elected as follows: Harry Rieck, Sr.-Chairman, Paul Plutschak, Conrad Fuchs, Ernest Goehringer, William F. Gadow, Albert R. Krieger, Edwin Dietrich, William Kleinwachter, Henry Rosebrock, John T. Schmick, Sr., Albert Ischer, Leo Frase and Hajo Tjaden. (Continued on page 8)

WinGS Update:

– A special thanks for everyone who participated in the Yard sale on May 21st



Vacation Bible School

June 20-23

Dinner 5:30

VBS 6:00-8:00



Immanuel Lutheran Church

Main Street Preston

410-673-7107

Register at

vbsmate.com/ilcprestonmd

-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?

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Plans were drawn by the architect firm of Zink & Moehle. They sold items that would not be needed for the new church and thought they may need around \$120,000.00 to build. They had roughly half, thanks to pledges and sales. The Building Committee awarded the contract the Lawrence Construction Company in Baltimore, MD on August 1, 1950. On August 13, ground was broken with a special service with 223 in attendance.



to

Geiger Hall

Construction began on October 1, 1950. The church was built with North Carolina's Mount Airy Granite. On May 20, 1951, enough progress was made that a cornerstone laying could take place – a treasured moment for Immanuel! The 3:30 pm service was conducted by Rev, A.J. Stiemke from Church of Our Savior in Baltimore. He was the nephew of the pastor who conducted services before the congregation was organized. Two hundred fifty people attended this service. The cornerstone was laid by three men: Harry Rieck, Sr., President of the congregation, Lawrence Baziano, representing the contractor and Pastor Louis Geiger, our minister during this time. A sealed copper box was placed in the cornerstone and holds the following items: a Lutheran Hymnal, Luther's Small Catechism, a copy of the Lutheran Witness, minutes of the Building Committee, a complete membership list, officers and committees of the congregation, a copy of the Preston News and Farmer and church bulletins.

By January, 1951, memorials by either individuals or families were committed for all of the stained-glass windows, hymn boards and chancel furnishings. The gifts by our members were so generous. The week of September 14, 1951, the concrete floor of the undercroft was poured. By the spring of 1952, the church building was almost completed. The pews were in place and waiting for the pulpit, altar, lectern rail and hymnals to be in place. The electronic organ was installed in February of 1952 and on March 30, dedication services were held. In the morning service that day, the keys to the church were presented by the architect to Pastor Geiger, who unlocked the door. The doors were opened by the chairman of the building committee and the processional by the visiting clergy, the Church Council, choir members and congregation. An afternoon service was also held.

God truly blessed Immanuel by giving us Pastor Louis Geiger as their minister from 1917 until 1955.

JUNE



Robert Karge Jr.	6/1
Samuel Wittemen	6/4
Richard Engle	6/5
Michael Greenage	6/6
Gary Hubbard	6/8
Charles Frase	6/9
Linda Frase	6/9
Amy Ruark	6/11
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

Brittany Andrew	6/20
Lauren Gounraj	6/22
Katie Northam	6/22
Kayla Dilworth	6/23
Thomas Greenage	6/25
Charlene Robbins	6/27
Holden Dutton	6/28
Juliette Frase	6/28
Gavin Gounraj	6/28
Georganne Dutton	6/30

NOTE

Please call the Church Office if you have any changes in Birthday, Anniversary, or other dates so we can update our files

JUNE



David & Kathy Schmidt	6/2
Craig & Rene Langwost	6/5
Michael and Samantha Fisher	6/6
Jessica & Brent Marine	6/12
Richard and Irene Wheatley	6/12
Todd and Darlena Butler	6/14
Joshua & Lindy Ayers	6/16
Carl & Phyllis Frase	6/16
Kristy & Melvin Marshall	6/17
Chuck & Sherry Braband	6/22
Jason & Jessica Wittemen	6/26
Barbara & Ronald Andrew	6/27
Paul & Dawn Gencel	6/27
Wade & Nikki Morris	6/30





JUNE

VBS 6Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 pm Bell Practice 7:30 Choir Practice	2	3	4 8:30 AM Men's Bible Study
5 10:30 am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	6 6:30PM Elders mtg.	7	8 6:30 pm Bell Practice	9	10	11
12 9:30 Men's Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Video 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	13	14 7:00 Church Council	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day 9:45 Men's Choir 10:30 am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	20 .VBS Dinner 5:30p VBS 6:00m—8:00pm	21 VBS Dinner 5:30p VBS 6:00pm—8:00pm	22 VBS Dinner 5:30p VBS 6:00 pm—8:00pm	23 VBS Dinner 5:30p VBS 6:00 pm—8:00 pm	24	25
26 10:30 am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	27	28	29	30		

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL JUNE 2022

Date	Ushers	Assisting Elder	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Sound System	Camera Operator	Kids Worship	Head Tellers
Jun 5	Dale Kenton John Hochmuth	Todd Butler	John Crampton	Veronica Phillips	David Schmidt	Janice Isenberg	Rene Langwost	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
Jun 12	Dale Kenton John Hochmuth		Sam Lozen	Pastor/Elder	David Schmidt	Jennifer Phillips	Rene Langwost	Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
Jun 19	Dale Kenton John Hochmuth	Mark Frase	Catie Casey-Motley	Lukas Maloney	Rex Rosebrock	John Crampton	Rene Langwost	Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Linda Jefferson
Jun 26	Dale Kenton John Hochmuth		Arlene Stevens	Elder/Pastor	Jim Harris	Ruth Thomas	Rene Langwost	Dave and Kathy Schmidt Julie Schmidt

Immanuel's 125th Anniversary Commemoration

“For such a time as this!”

May 125th Anniversary Event –
Life at Immanuel – 1946-2022 –“
Life at Immanuel – 1946-2022

Upcoming 125th Anniversary Events

125th Anniversary Celebration

June 12 – Building our Places of Worship and Study

July 10 – Immanuel's Pastors and Celebration of Pastor David's and Desi's Fifth Year with us

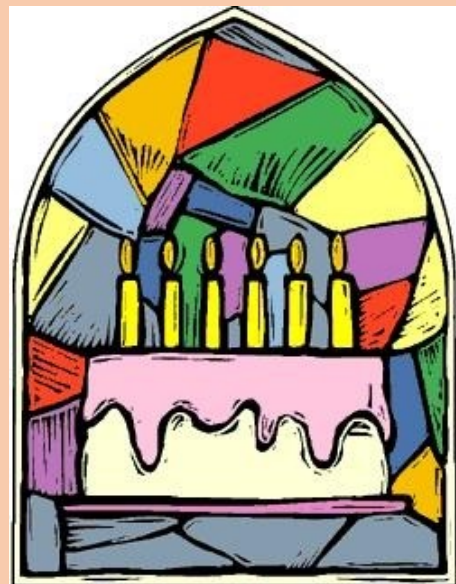
August/September – Education and Youth

September 25, 2022, 10:30 am – Festival Worship Service

October – Music at Immanuel

Building Our Places of Worship and Study - June 12th, after the service. Come to the undercroft to see photos of the construction of Immanuel's current church building. We plan to display the photos as a slide show on the large screen. If you have not seen these pictures before, you will be amazed at the construction process. Other photos and items of remembrance of the original church and Geiger Hall will be on display. Plus, refreshments will be served!

If your family has any items to add to this display, please let Irene, Iris, Marsha, or Lynn know so we have a display space set up for you



**Church
ANNIVERSARY**