



July-August 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Immanuel has been immensely blessed by the women of our congregation. From serving on church council, being a part of WinGS, singing in the choir, reading during Sunday service, teaching Sunday school, volunteering at vacation bible school, leading in our nursery school, the list goes on and on. We are thankful for their servant hearts, for their nurturing, and their great love and selflessness among other things.

In thinking about women in the church, I am reminded of two special ladies that maybe you've heard of that goes by the names of Perpetua and Felicitas. Here is their story.



"The account of the martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicitas in 202 AD had gained 'reverential status' in the early church. The great theologian St. Augustine (354 AD-430 AD) loved the story of Perpetua and Felicitas so much that he gave four sermons on their martyrdom.

Vibia Perpetua was a 22-year-old new mother from a respectable family in Carthage, an important Mediterranean harbor in North Africa. She was educated, well versed in Latin and Greek. According to her contemporary Tertullian, Perpetua was 'respectably born, liberally educated, a married matron.' She had recently converted to Christ and had just given birth.

Perpetua and a pregnant servant girl named Felicitas were arrested with four others from a catechumen group (confirmation class in preparation for baptism). They were arrested for refusing to offer a sacrifice to the gods. The Romans referred to them as atheist because they didn't believe in the gods. Non-conformists were looked at with suspicion in the Roman world; it hindered 'Pax Romana', the Peace of Rome.

Perpetua was allowed paper and pen and wrote down her experience. 'A few days later we were lodged in prison; and I was terrified as I had never before been in such a dark hole,' she wrote. 'O bitter day!' Perpetua said. 'With the crowd, the heat was fierce, then there was the cruel handling of the soldiers. Lastly, I was tormented there by care for the child.'

Perpetua's honesty and personal nature of her writing is unique in the ancient world. Some believe it is also the first writings from a Christian woman In Christ's Service and Yours,

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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The young servant girl, Felicitas, was 8 months pregnant. When a jailer mocked Felicitas about her impending suffering, she said, 'Now I suffer, what I suffer; but then Another will suffer for me, because I will suffer for Him' ("Another" and "Him" referring to Christ).

Felicitas would eventually give birth to a baby girl in the dark cell. Both Perpetua and Felicitas nursed their infants in the dungeon together as Perpetua's family would bring her baby to nurse. 'All at once I regained my health, relieved of my worry and anxiety about the child' she said as her baby was brought to her. 'My prison had suddenly become a palace, so that I wanted to be there rather than anywhere else.'

"We're in the hands of our persecutors," she said, 'when my father...made new efforts to shake my resolution, I said to him, 'Can that vessel, which you see, change it's name?' He said, 'No.' 'I replied, 'Nor can I call myself any other than I am, that is to say, a Christian.'

Perpetua was brought before the local governor Hilarianus, where her father begged her to relent, but she steadfastly refused to deny her Savior.

The impatient governor had enough. 'Are you a Christian?' he asked. 'Yes, I am' she replied.

That's all he needed to hear. 'Then Hilarianus passed sentence on all of us: we were condemned to the beast,' Perpetua wrote. Perpetua and Felicitas could not deny their Lord, for to deny Christ was worse than death

The fateful day came. An eyewitness said they entered the arena 'joyfully as though they were going to heaven, with calm faces, trembling, if at all, with joy rather than fear. Perpetua went along with shining countenance and calm step.'

A wild heifer charged the women (a wild cow can be just as dangerous as a bull). Perpetua was tossed into the air and onto her back. Her clothing ripped, she sat up, covered herself and looked for a pin to fix her hair.

She noticed Felicitas was crushed to the ground and went over to help her up. They stood side by side. She called out to her brother and other believers in the stand and said, 'You must all stand fast in the faith and love one another, and do not be weakened

Soldiers were then sent to finish them off. The soldier who came to Perpetua was trembling and hesitant. To make sure he did his job well, Perpetua grabbed the blade of the sword and guided it to her throat. She was giving her life fearlessly and willingly. She knew she would soon be before her Lord.

St. Augustine said Perpetua and Felicitas will always be remembered together as their names joined together have a special bond-in Latin 'Perpetua Felicitas' means, 'everlasting happiness.' Perpetua and Felicitas are now experiencing everlasting happiness together in heaven" -source <https://www.facebook.com/church.history01>.



Ryan Alan Harris

Congratulations to Ryan Alan Harris, born April 29, 2022. and baptized on June 19, 2022. Ryan's parents are Matt and Audra Harris. Ryan's paternal grandparents are James and Marilyn Harris. His maternal grandparents are Randall Bradley and Casey Shelton. The sponsors for Ryan are Daniel Sauers and Rachel Harris.

God's blessings with grace, peace, and happiness.



Eleanor Jo Smith

Congratulations to Chase Smith and Jamie Johansen at the Baptism of their daughter, born November 20th 2021 and baptized on May 28th 2022. Eleanor weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces. Her full name is Eleanor Jo Smith. Eleanor's godparents are Dalton Smith (her uncle) and Anna Poseno (a close friend). Eleanor's grandparents are Jimmy Johansen and Tammy Comrad, and Brian and Penny Smith. May God bless their family with love, grace and happiness in the years to come.



NURSERY SCHOOL FIELD DAY AND GRADUATION MAY 2022

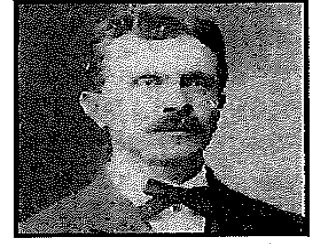
Pastors Of Immanuel Lutheran Church



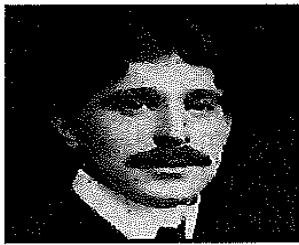
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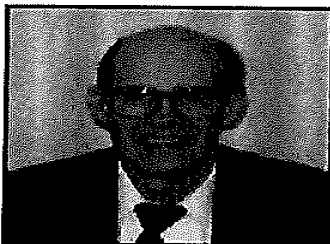
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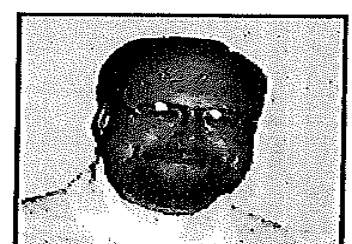
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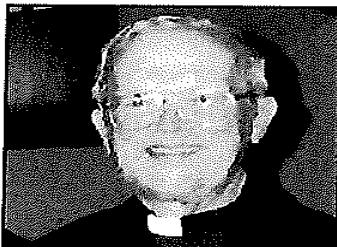
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Rev. Walter R. Steele
(1995-1997)



Rev. Neal E. Anderson
(1997-2005)



Rev. Edwin Thress
(2005-2009)



Rev. Thomas E. Becker
(2009-2015)



Rev. David Casey-Motley
(2017)

Thanks to our Pastors 1896—2022



Jennifer Flannigan	7/1
Robert Hopkins	7/2
Kathy Schmidt	7/4
Laura Glessner	7/5
Crew Hopkins	7/6
Nikki Morris	7/7
Jonathan Nichols	7/7

Catie Casey-Motley	7/8
John Northam	7/8
Darlene Wilson	7/9
Joan Gounraj	7/10
Carole Greenage	7/12
Corryn Johansen	7/12
Veronica Phillips	7/12

Tom Ferkler	7/13
Robert Beebe	7/14

Luke Dutton	7/16
Caleb Erskine	7/16
Jacob Erskine	7/16
Samantha Fisher	7/16
Hunter Marshall	7/16
John Monroe	7/18
Julie Schmidt	7/18
Zachary Braband	7/19

Susan Kirwan	7/20
Dee Lambert	7/21

Kyle Starken	7/21
Katie Taylor	7/21
Millie Quidas	7/21

Linda Fairbanks	7/24
Desi Casey-Motley	7/24
Dana Limpert	7/24
Grayson Dutton	7/25
Mary Lou Frase	7/25
Raiker Sheldon	7/27
Ann Ferkler	7/29
Emilie Shanken	7/29
Ron Andrew	7/30



Dennis & Caron Janko	7/15
Joey & Sarah Durham	7/16
Paul & Jackie Nichols	7/20
John & Karen Lyons	7/27




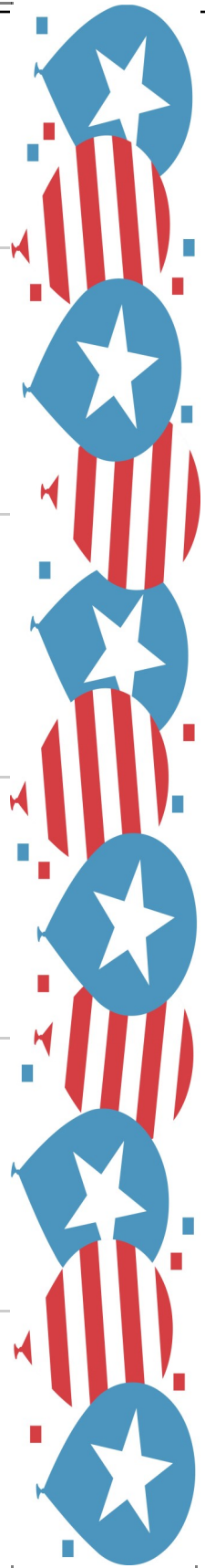
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Donna Degroat	8/3
John Schmidt	8/3

Kelsey Limpert	8/4
Tom Starken	8/5
Ronda Jefferson	8/5
Shelby Hochmuth	8/6
Ag Sturtz	8/8
Kim Jantz	8/9
Peggy Meyer	8/10
Charles Fry	8/11
Kate Frase	8/14
Eric Karge	8/14
Bob Lorenz	8/14
Meridith Brooks	8/15
John Crampton	8/15
Zachary Kirwan	8/17
Joanne Smith	8/17
Gary Wright	8/18
Raechl Cannon	8/20
Keirsa Buckingham	8/21
Windsor Meyer,	8/23
Austyn Ostermann	8/25
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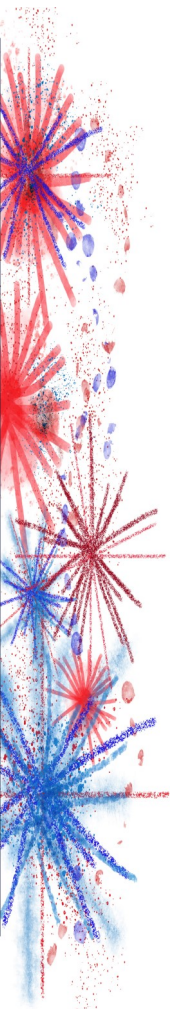
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Tom & Ann Ferkler	8/8
Butch & Laura Frase	8/8
Allen & Evelyn Reichlin	8/11
Debra & Jeff Chambers	8/25
John & Cheryl Hochmuth	8/30

July 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Note: No meetings are scheduled for July				1	2
3 10:30am Divine Service with Holy Communion	4  Independence Day Office closed	5	6	7	8	9 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
10 10:30am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	11 8-12 Summer Camp	12 8-12 Summer Camp	13 8-12 Summer Camp	14 8-12 Summer Camp	15	16
17 10:30am Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	18 8-12 Summer Camp	19 8-12 Summer Camp	20 8-12 Summer Camp	21 8-12 Summer Camp	22	23
24 10:30am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:30am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg						

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL JULY 2022

Date	Ushers	Assisting Elder	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Sound System	Camera Operator	Kids Worship	Greeter	Head Tellers
July 3	Rex Rosebrock Roland Limpert	Todd Butler	Dicky Wheatley	Catie Casey-- Motley	David Schmidt	Janice Isenberg	Rene Langwost	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
July 10	Rex Rosebrock Roland Limpert		Chrissy Frase		David Schmidt	Jennifer Phillips	Rene Langwost	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley	Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
July 17	Rex Rosebrock Roland Limpert	Mark Frase	Carol Frase	Kalei Durando	Rex Rosebrock	John Crampton	Rene Langwost	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley	Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Linda Jefferson
July 24	Rex Rosebrock Roland Limpert		(24)Hugh Smith (31) Desiree Casey-Motley		Jim Harris	Ruth Thomas	Rene Langwost	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley	David & Kathy Schmidt Julie Schmidt
July 31						TBD			TBD





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	1	2	3	4	5	6 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
7 10:30am Divine Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	8 8-12 Summer Camp 7:00 Church Council	9 8-12 Summer Camp	10 8-12 Summer Camp	11 8-12 Summer Camp	12 8-12 Summer Camp	13
14 10:30am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	15 8-12 Summer Camp	16 8-12 Summer Camp	17 8-12 Summer Camp	18 8-12 Summer Camp	19 8-12 Summer Camp	20
21 Service with Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	22 7:00 Board of Edu- catopm	23	24	25	26	27
28 10:30am Worship 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg	29	30	31			

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL AUGUST 2022

Date	Ushers	Assisting Elder	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Sound System	Camera Operator	Kids Worship	Greeter	Head Tellers
August 7	Ron Andres Jack Collins	Rex Rosebrock	Ruth Thomas	Veronica Phillips	David Schmidt	Janice Isenberg	Rene Langwost	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
August 14	Ron Andres Jack Collins		Kathy Schmidt		David Schmidt	Jennifer Phillips	Rene Langwost	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley	Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
August 21	Ron Andres Jack Collins	Nark Frase	Todd Butler	Lukas Maloney	Rex Rosebrock	John Crampton	Rene Langwost	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley	Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Linda Jefferson
August 28	Ron Andres Jack Collins		Kate Frase		Jim Harris	Ruth Thomas	Rene Langwost	Kenny & Michelle Wheatley	David Schmidt Kathy Schmidt Julie Schmidt



VBS 2022 At Immanuel Lutheran Church



Food



Fun



Music



Science Lessons



Immanuel's 125th Anniversary "For such a time as this"



Upcoming 125th Anniversary Events

*You are invited to a reception
In honor of the 5th Anniversary
Of Pastor David and Desi's ministry
At Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sunday, July 10, after the Service
In the Fellowship Hall (Undercroft)
"For such a time as this"*

On Sunday, July 10, as we celebrate Pastor David's tenure here, we will also commemorate the work of Immanuel's previous pastors as part of the 125th Anniversary Celebration. Photos, articles, and other memories will be on display in the Fellowship Hall. As a special memento of the day, a booklet with the history surrounding the pastors

Thanksgiving Worship Service

125th Anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran Church

1897-2022

Sunday, September 25, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Potluck Luncheon Following the Service



Members enjoy historic photos and articles about the construction of Immanuel's original and current sanctuary and Geiger Hall, education building, at the June 125th Anniversary event.



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