

IMMANUEL SPEAKS
JUNE 2024



Dear Friends in Christ,

Spring is here and on the 20th summer begins, and you know what that means! Dandelions!!! We tend to not think too much of dandelions, do we? If left alone, they will populate your whole lawn and they are nearly indestructible. Pulled out by the roots, it will re-root itself, while the broken root will grow a new flower. They are hard to get rid of, unless you spray, or dig them out by the root. But sometimes that doesn't even guarantee that they will not come back. Dandelions, they flower, bloom, and wither only to come back to life time and time again.

I know the official flower of Easter is the Easter Lilly and they are beautiful. But maybe the dandelion is a more appropriate flower. The dandelion is a great reminder for all of us that we are an Easter people. The dandelion serves as a reminder of Christ's victory over sin for us! The dandelion serves as a reminder of Christ's victory over the grave! It serves as a reminder that the devil and all the forces that defy God; no longer has called and claimed us as His own for all eternity.

The dandelion is also a wonderful symbol of our lives together as followers of Christ. Sometimes life can be hard and we do indeed face many challenges. We can feel utterly beat down, isolated and alone at times. However, we are like the dandelion aren't we? We like the dandelion will continue to sprout and grow, because our Lord and Savior who through his cross and his resurrection has assured us of life with him both now and forever. This is what we celebrate together each Sunday. Nourished by God's Word & sacraments we experience again and again the promises of our Savior surrounded by a great communion of saints.

We may be beaten down in this life but like the dandelion we will endure, for in Christ you have been called and claimed as God's children. The dandelion proclaims the undeniable victory of Jesus Christ, who could not, and would not be overcome, not even by death itself. And because death could not hold Him, it will not hold you; there is nothing in all of creation that will separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord!

In Christ,

Pastor Joel

May 19, 2024

1. Pastoral Acts

- 41 pastoral visits
- 1 funeral: Sharon Stager

2. Worship

- Clara City Care center
 - Led worship on April 24th & May 8th
- Pentecost & Graduate recognition on May 19th.

3. Education/Youth

-Sunday School

- Final Sunday of Sunday school will be May 5th.
- Sunday School singing on Mother's Day, May 12th.
- End of the year Sunday school party, May 17th.

-Thank you to all the teachers and volunteers who helped make it a great year!

-Confirmation

- Final night of confirmation on May 12th. Completed our journey through the OT.

-Youth Gathering

- Thank you for all your support!
- Youth Gathering meeting May 22nd at 8pm

4. Mission & Outreach

- May 5th community meal was a big hit; next meal on June 2nd
- Pie & Ice cream social & music @ Care Center, Sunday of Prairie Fest.

5. Continuing Education/Pastoral Self-Care

- Festival of Homiletics, May 13th-16th
- Faith+lead (Luther Seminary) courses
- Vacation May 23rd-27th; Addisyn leading worship with recorded sermon.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 19, 2024 10:00 A.M.

Present: Laurie Dieken, Andrea Prekker, Katherine Schwitters (Treasurer), Randy Grussing, Addisyn Pederson, Gabby Rognlie, Derek Rand, Jane Niemeyer, Pastor Joel

Absent: Cheryl Colby, Terry Noble

Meeting was called to order by President Andrea Prekker.

Reports: Treasurer's Report: M/S/P to accept report.
M/S/P to set salary for Brandea (janitor) for 30 hours/2 weeks. Will reassess in six months.
M/S/P to purchase ProVision Quickbooks for a yearly fee.
Secretary's Report: M/S/P to accept report.
Committee Reports: No reports.
Pastor's Report: No reports.

Old Business: Wiring done for emergency lock boxes.
Handrail by elevator was installed. Thank you to Gerald and Steve Kleene for making the handrail and thank you to Steve Kruger for installing it.

New Business: Will need a pastor for July 14 and 21.

Next meeting will be on June 11th at 7:00 p.m.

M/S/P to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Niemeyer
Church Council Secretary

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Sunday, June 2: Acolyte/PowerPoint: Kylie Prekker
Lay Reader: Carissa Pederson
Altar Guild: Nancy Gosseling

Sunday, June 9: Acolyte/PowerPoint: Kailee Rosendahl
Lay Reader: Daryl Niemeyer
Altar Guild: Ken & Jan Beyerl

Sunday, June 16: Acolyte/PowerPoint: Austen Olson
Lay Reader: Gary Meyer
Altar Guild: Sara Sabe

Sunday, June 23: Acolyte/PowerPoint: Eva Swenson
Lay Reader: Laine Rieger
Altar Guild: Michele Shubert

Sunday, June 30: Acolyte/PowerPoint: Karly Bratch
Lay Reader: Cindy Meyer
Altar Guild: Carissa Pederson

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RUEBEN TRIBE UP FOR MONTH OF JULY

Below we have printed the Tribe Membership for July 2024. The chairperson will be calling or texting you in the near future, asking you to help serve Immanuel in some way. Start thinking about what you can volunteer to help with! If everyone takes one job, the “needs” list will be filled.

- Jeremy Bratsch Family
- Al and Gloria Refsland
- Rodney and Tammy Jaenisch
- John and Kathy Fritz – Tribe Leaders
- Wayne and Annette Rosen
- Kenny and Joyce Klaassen
- Randy and Traci Grussing
- Steve and Denise Miller
- Issac Gosseling

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COFFEE FOR GALS

Women of Immanuel Lutheran Church are invited for fun, fellowship, and laughter on Wednesday, June 26 from 2:00-3:30 p.m. We meet in the Fireside Room! All ages are invited!

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OPEN RADIO BROADCASTS FOR 2024

We have a few radio broadcasts open for sponsorship for 2024. If you would like to sponsor any of these, please contact the church office at 847-2138, talk to Pastor Joel, or Kathy. The cost is \$100.00 for each broadcast. Thank you for continuing to support this ministry outreach!

June 23, 30 October 20, 27
August 18 December 1, 29

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COMMUNITY MEAL, SUNDAY JUNE 2

The Community Meal is Sunday, June 2nd from 5:00-6:00 p.m. We will be serving to-go meals in the alley way and in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on Immanuel's Facebook page or call the church office with the number of meals you need. The menu is: chicken breast, pasta salad and dessert.

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SUMMER BEAN BAG TOURNAMENTS

We will be having bean bag tournaments starting in June! We will meet in the park by the Clara City Care Center. Watch Immanuel's Facebook page and the bulletin for dates and times!! All ages are welcome to come and play!!

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June

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 Worship Service/Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour 5:00-6:00 Community Meal	3	4 7:00 NA Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 9:00 Worship Service/Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour	10 1:30 Joy Bible Study	11 7:00 NA Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 9:00 Worship Service/Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour Happy Father's Day!	17	18 7:00 NA Meeting	19	20	21	22 11:00 Carol Groothuis Prayer Service
23 9:00 Worship Service/Communion 10:00 Fellowship Hour	24	25 7:00 NA Meeting	26 2:00-3:30 – Coffee for Gals	27	28	29
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