



Immanuel Messenger

We are here to enrich lives by sharing the loving word and ways of Jesus.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS

Sandy, Oregon

April 2021

Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

Or via Zoom.us

See Immanuelsandy.com for details

Holy Communion

1st and 3rd Sundays



Call Committee

The Call Committee has completed their task of completing the call survey. It is now going to be presented to Council, and Pastor Keil, for review and submission to the District. We are still taking nominations, for those that wish to nominate a candidate. Please contact Dwight Reigert with anyone you would like to nominate. Those names will also be submitted to the Council and ultimately to the District. Dwight's email: rdwight@gmail.com Home phone: 503-663-0567.

Thank you!

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IEC

We had our first picnic on the playground during Spring Break. It was a sunny day and the picnic table offered a perfect spot for whole wheat goldfish crackers, string cheese, and apple juice.

Katy Rees
Director/lead Teacher



Good News of Easter

Some of my reading lately has pointed out the obvious: We are facing a world that is changing in many and unpredictable ways. That applies to the church, too. New attitudes and expectations, new technology (Zoom), and new processes mean changes for us. Ready or not, we are confronted by challenges that can be overwhelming and scary.

As we celebrate Easter, we see something new that is not threatening by joyful. Jesus' resurrection means new life for us, a new future that includes eternity in heaven. His victory over death means that we can have hope and peace as we cope with the loss of a loved one. His assurance of strength and compassion sustain us through crises and struggles.

We can see the future as full of exciting opportunities or filled with danger and risk. Frankly, we don't know what is going to occur. We do know, however, that we go into the future with Jesus by our side. We live each day in the presence of the Almighty Creator and Giver of life. His cross shows that He is committed to us. His empty grave guarantees our resurrection. Let's celebrate the good news of Easter as we rejoice in the good news of life everlasting.

In Christ,
David Keil,
Vacancy Pastor



Who's Who at Immanuel

Hello to all!- My name is Elaine Gynther and I was born a Lutheran in my grandparents home near New Haven Indiana to Florenz and Noah Lehmer on April 13, 1931 and baptized on May 24, 1931. I am the third child with an older brother and sister and a brother and two sisters followed me. When I was 6 years old we moved north of Fort Wayne where my parents bought a 40 acre farm.



My dad was not a Lutheran but we soon found Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church so Dad was baptized – it was quite a day for us as we had never seen an adult baptized. For several years our family was the largest in the church – 8 of us! The church was strict with the men on one side and women on the other – they were changing though but some of the men still sat in the balcony. For communion, which was twice a year(!) the men sat on the left up front pews and the women on the right, but the men went first! We also had a one room school which I attended all eight years. We rode the public school bus and if the bus got there before we were ready, they had to wait until we said The Lord's Prayer!

My dad worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne. It was a 35 mile drive one way – so he did the farming in the evening and on Saturdays since we did not work on Sunday – that was God's Day so we always went to church and rested. Mom & Dad always had a big garden and a truck patch that we helped with. We also worked in the fields to make some money. When I went to high school our fun time was roller skating on Friday and Sunday nights and sometimes we would get to the drug store and soda fountain and have a cherry coke – a real treat! In the winter the lakes froze over so we went ice skating.

When I was 11 years old our house burned down, it was war time so Dad couldn't get any materials to rebuild so he bought two Quonset huts and put them together in a T form, for the eight of us – forget about asking for my own bedroom! We four girls were in one room, my brothers in a tiny room and there was one closet. In the other part Mom & Dad had a bedroom and the rest of it was kitchen and dining. It was crowded but we survived.

My parents were planning a move to Oregon, but us kids didn't want to do it. Dad had a sister and brother and their families were in Portland. So we had an auction/sale and then on the day after the Vanport Food, in 1948, we headed west with Mom driving the Hudson with the four girls followed by Dad in the pickup pulling a small trailer and my younger brother. By then my oldest brother was in the Air Force. It was quite the adventure since we hadn't done much traveling before. We went to Yellowstone Park and it was beautiful. We got to Portland in time for the Rose Festival Parade. It was all a shock for us as we never had a bathroom or a phone in Indiana. Another shock came when I went to Washington High School in Portland. I came from a high school of about 150 kids in the entire school to a school body of

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Who's Who Continued . . .

2000! One of my classes was Short Hand and my teacher was also from Indiana – she liked me – her sister was Norman Gynther's aunt.

Norman and I met January 16th, 1949, he had been in the Navy and was four years older than me. We were married on June 23rd, 1951 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, near The Grotto. We attended St. Marks Lutheran Church and Norman liked it so we joined there. In 1965 we moved to Sandy, down by Cedar Creek, but we continued at St. Marks and joined Immanuel where our three kids were confirmed. Our son, J., now teaches in California, Marcia lives in Montana and Michael lives here in Sandy. I have always been very active in the church with many years in Altar Guild, AAL, Women's Guild, LWML, and working on quilts for years. We were such an active group and had a lot of potlucks where you could find me in the kitchen with my many friends.

In June of 2001 I made a trip back to Indiana for the 150th anniversary of my childhood church, Zion Evangelical. I was surprised to see my 1st – 3rd grade teacher – he must have been in his '90's and also my 8th grade teacher. Both of them had married local gals. But the big shock was how much my big school had SHRUNK!! It was a two room school but they couldn't afford two teachers, we also had a big basement and kitchen and stage where we had played in bad weather as well as held potlucks with loads of food. We also used to play in the cemetery. I was confirmed on May 20th, 1945. While in my confirmation class my Pastor thought I should become a teacher but I decided I wanted to be a bookkeeper and that's what I've done for many years, mostly in the medical field.

Lets get together friends!

Do you want to share your story with Who's Who at Immanuel?
Just let Michele Riggs or Dawn in the office know!

Questions to aid in Sharing Your Story

Where did you grow up?

What were your special interest as a child. (Sports, Music, Play)

How did you come to Sandy, OR and or Immanuel Lutheran Church?

Occupation? College or training?

Places lived and traveled?

Favorite vacation spot or spots

Past and or present occupation.

What Hobbies; interest; pastimes

Family and or pets

Favorite pastime while you are staying at home during the pandemic?

Favorite scripture or scriptures.

What or who brought you to Immanuel?

YOUR STORY

LWML NEWS

This article illustrates what the mite box offerings for missions do across the world! A list of the missions that were funded is on the bulletin board or table in the inner narthex.

Thanks,
LWML



LWML News & Events

February 15, 2021 | LWML eNews issue #321 – SPECIAL EDITION

LWML Reaches 2019-2021 Mission Goal!

Sing the Doxology, “Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!” The LWML, by God’s grace, has reached the mission goal of \$2.1 million set for the 2019-2021 biennium.

This means that all mission grants selected for this biennium can be funded! God has great plans for spreading His Gospel story through those ministries. He has great plans for the 2021-2023 mission grants as well. Of the 65 completed mission grant submissions, 34 were selected for the 2021 LWML Convention ballot and approved by the LWML Board of Directors (BOD) and Presidents Assembly in January.

The LWML BOD and Presidents Assembly will meet in March to approve the 2021-2023 mission goal – and after the end of the biennium (March 31, 2021) – any surplus mite offerings not given to mission grant recipients in this biennium will be added on top of the allocation for the 2021-2023 mission grants. What a joy and privilege it will be to pray, consider, discuss, and vote for those recipients!

LWML Treasurer Karla Koehler wrote, “We thank God for the many women and men who have generously shared their material blessings so that the LWML can share the love and forgiveness of Christ!” Let the trumpets sound and the cymbals crash, in praise to the Lord!



YARD WORK VOLUNTEERS!

With the onset of Spring we are in need of volunteers to help with yard work around the church. This can be a one time deal or done on a consistent schedule. If interested contact Janet Nelson or Dawn in the office.



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 11th James Solso
- 13th Elaine Gynther
- Jean Whisenant
- 14th Debbie Stones
- 28th Allan Hazelett



Anniversaries

- 15th Ralph & Sue Stevens
- 21st Luke & Erin Hodges
- 23rd John & Debbie Pyryt
- 26th Mike & Carol Annes



April Altar Flowers

- 4th _____ Lilies
- 11th _____ Lilies
- 18th _____
- 25th _____

I Live For Those Who Love Me.

I live for those who love me,
Whose hearts are kind and true;
For the heaven that smiles above me
And awaits my spirit, too;
For all human ties that bind me,
For the task that God assigned me,
For the bright hopes left behind me,
And the good that I can do.

I live to learn their story,
Who suffered for my sake;
The emulate their glory
And follow in their wake;
Bards, patriots, martyrs, sages,
The noble of all ages,
Whose deeds crown history's pages,
And time's great volume make.

I live to hold communion
With all that is divine;
To feel there is a union
'Twixt nature's heart and min;
To profit by affliction,
Reap truth from fields of fiction,
Grow wiser from conviction
And fulfill each grand design.

I live to hail that season
By gifted minds foretold,
When man shall live by reason
And not alone by gold;
When man to man united,
And every wrong thing righted,
The whole world shall be lighted
As Eden was of old.

I live for those who live me,
For those who know me true;
For the heaven that smiles above me
And awaits my spirit, too.
For the cause that lacks assistance,
For the wrongs that need resistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do.

(Accredited to the Dublin University Magazine)

*Found and submitted by Ann Marie Amstad
From the Sandy Historical Society*

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Financial Summary as of 3/30/2021**

Checking Account Balance	\$ 50,031.10
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 1,418.45
Subtotal - Checks/Debits	\$ 1,418.45
Available Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 48,612.65
Designated Funds:	
Altar Guild	\$ 100.00
Missions Payable	\$ 221.00
Pastor's Contingency Fund	\$ 503.79
Church Improvement Fund	\$ 104.45
Christmas Tree Replacement Fund	\$ 35.11
Exterior Building Fund	\$ 3,132.67
Subtotal - Designated Funds	\$ 4,097.02
Remaining Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 44,515.63
Upcoming Expenses:	
ILC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 292.76
IEC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 2,493.58
Janitorial Service	\$ 608.00
Sandy Chamber of Commerce	\$ 80.00
Office Decpot	\$ 278.25
City of Sandy	\$ 149.41
Brotherhood Mutual	\$ 1,583.00
NW Natural	\$ 598.85
Quadrant Systems	\$ 105.00
Medical Contingency Funds	\$ 4,000.00
Subtotal - Upcoming Expenses	\$ 10,188.85
Checking Acct. - Funds Available	\$ 34,326.78

FINANCE SUMMARY

The information in the Financial Summary is as of March 30th, 2021. Our General Fund offerings and income are \$16,282.00 and expenses are \$6,316.92. The checking account funds available as of March 30th, 2021 are \$34,326.78.

If you have any questions regarding the Finance Summary please let me know.

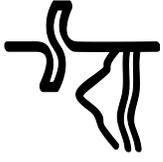
*Blessings,
Dawn*



Checking Account Balances

Enrichment Center	\$ 75,519.06
LWML	\$ 1,335.02
Youth Group	\$ 1,048.65

LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance	\$105,471.58
LCEF Steward Account	\$ 18,787.03
LCEF Steward Account Building Fund	\$ 0
LCEF Steward Account Electronic Offerings	\$ 108.52
LCEF Steward Account Sale of Property Funds	\$ 54,907.69
Unemployment CD - CCB	\$ 2,421.00



April 2021

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Lay Readers: 4/4: Barb Reigert 4/11: Ann Marie Amstad 4/18: Missy Aho 4/25: Wayne Stone</p>	<p>Altar Guild: Ruth Nutting</p>		<p>1 6:00PM-Holy Thursday Service w/ Communion </p>	<p>2 6:00 PM - Good Friday Service </p>	<p>3 8:00AM—9:00AM SDG</p>	
<p>4 10:00AM Divine Easter Ser vie </p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 11:00 AM Scruffy's</p>	<p>7 10:30AM-Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 8:00AM—9:00AM SDG</p>
<p>11 10:00AM - Worship</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 11:00 AM Scruffy's</p>	<p>14 10:30AM-Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>17 8:00AM—9:00AM SDG</p>
<p>18 10:00AM-Divine Service</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 11:00 AM Scruffy's</p>	<p>21 10:30AM-Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 8:00AM—9:00AM SDG</p>
<p>25 10:00AM - Worship 11:15AM Leadership Council Meeting</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 11:00 AM Scruffy's</p>	<p>28 10:30AM-Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	



Not Perfection, but Forgiveness

*Christ had no sin, but God made him become sin so that
in Christ we could become right with God.*
2 Corinthians 5:21

It wasn't the Romans who nailed Jesus to the cross. It wasn't spikes that held Jesus to the cross. What held him to the cross was his conviction that it was necessary that he become sin—that he who is pure become sin and that the wrath of God be poured down, not upon the creation, but upon the Creator.

When the one who knew no sin became sin for us, when the sinless one was covered with all the sins of all the world, God didn't call his army of angels to save him. He didn't, because he knew he would rather give up his Son than give up on us.

Regardless of what you've done, it's not too late. Regardless of how far you've fallen, it's not too late. It doesn't matter how low the mistake is, it's not too late to dig down, pull out that mistake, and then let it go—and be free.

What makes a Christian a Christian is not perfection but forgiveness.

*Walking with the Savior
Grace for the Moment*

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