



# Immanuel Messenger

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS

Sandy, Oregon

## July 2019

### Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM  
Holy Communion  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays



# IEC



We are having great numbers of children this summer! We are scheduled to have 18 kids some days!

We could use help with any artists in our

community. The Wy'East Artisans have so many children coming to the library that it was decided we would try to bring our local people in house for Art. If you have connections or have a project you would like to do with us give me a call!

503-504-1625.

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Thank You!

*Katy Rees*

*Director/Lead Teacher*



**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**  
Friday, July 19th

The Long Green Season

It came late this year, but it has begun. Pentecost. The long green season of days after the great day the Holy Spirit came as tongues of fire, filling people with God's presence and opening their mouths to speak the mighty words and deeds of God in Jesus.

This season we look to the Gospel according to Luke as our eyewitness account of Jesus' life. Each week the eyewitnesses invite us to believe they are telling the truth. Luke is not spinning yarns. Luke is not giving us fairy tales or mere myths. No, Luke did careful research. Luke went to the sources, the eyewitnesses. Luke conducted thoughtful interviews. Luke listened. Luke tells us what they saw with their own eyes. He tells us what they heard with their own ears. Yes, there are differences among the Gospel writers but there are also consistent, clear, core similarities.

After so many years, so many variant manuscripts, so many translations into so many different languages, it's easy to lose sight of where the Gospels began and what the Gospels truly are: Eyewitness testimony (John 19:35). The eyewitnesses were still alive when people first heard and shared their testimonies. This was no game of "telephone." No. The eyewitnesses were there listening, making sure their testimonies were not twisted. People heard their testimony in the open not in secret.

We still do this in our lives today. When we want to know what was said, what happened, we seek out those who were there. We listen to their testimonies. Not everyone sees or hears the same. We attend to the core. We believe them or not.

Our legal system relies on eyewitness testimony. In a court of law, witnesses are called to tell what they saw and heard. The court hears the testimonies of as many eyewitnesses as possible. The witnesses do not all say exactly the same things in the same order. There are differences in details. The prosecutor and defender question the witnesses in order to focus on the consistent, clear, core. Judge/jury decides to believe or not.

In this long green season, we hear the evidence handed down to us by eyewitnesses. No one asks anyone to take a blind leap of faith. I do not ask you

to take my word for it, rather I too am either believing the eyewitness testimony or not. We too can question the testimony, but in the end, we either believe Luke or not.

If we believe, that is, if we trust the eyewitness testimony is true, then the challenge begins. If it's true then Jesus is Lord and has claim on all our lives. Former certainties, personal opinions are set aside and we become open to learning, that is, we become disciples of Jesus. His call to follow him permeates every aspect of our lives. Discipleship is the end of us and the beginning of a new life lived by faith (trust) in God and by love for one another, all people, all creation.

Discipleship is difficult discipline of mind and body. We now engage with the enemies Jesus battled: Sin, Death, & the Devil. Believing the eyewitness testimony we find ourselves in the same place the Apostle Paul did as he wrote to the disciples in Galatia, *"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."* Galatians 2:19b-20

In the long green season, we grow in our experience and understanding of what it means to live by faith in the Son of God. As we see and hear Jesus, we come to have a testimony of our own. We too are eyewitnesses of the mighty works of God in our lives. We share our testimony and invite people to believe or not!

Believing, we love, we serve, we sacrifice, and we suffer loss of all things because in Jesus we have everything. We are *"...born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."* 1 Peter 1:3-5

Growing in the long green season with you,

*Pastor*

Pastor Kevin

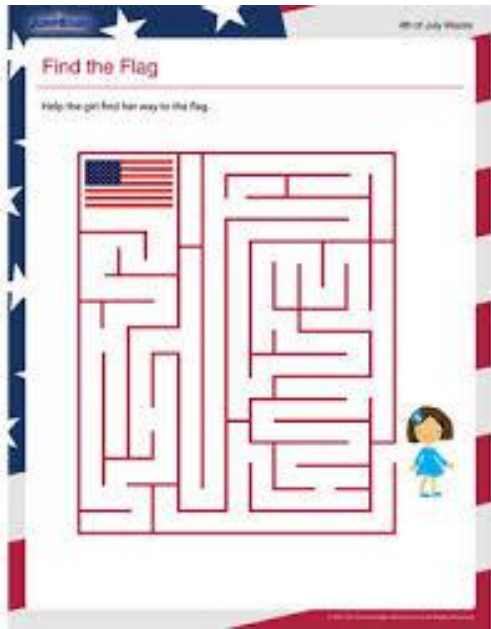




**July Altar Flowers**

Live flowers are a reminder that Jesus is risen and so we too walk in newness of life! Sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board next to the nursery in the narthex.

July 7	
July 14	Pat Brown
July 21	Pat Searls
July 28	



Hooray! Vacation Bible School is right around the corner for kids of the IEC Summer Program and kids of the congregation! Join Martin Luther, our mentor, as he helps us discover what we Christians believe about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit using the Apostles' Creed as our guide. VBS is for kids ages 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and will be held from 9:00-11:30, July 15-18<sup>th</sup> with a special "Party In The Parking Lot" on the evening of the 17th. **Want to help?** (Answer: Yes, you do! It's fun...really! :) Contact Deann, Kate, or Kindra

**July Birthdays  
And Anniversaries**

Birthday

- Wilma Meyer 7/6
- Rosemarie Gates 7/13
- Rachel McKinnis 7/14
- Ed Gates 7/17
- Erin Hodges 7/19
- Avery Lane 7/23
- Deann Fenster 7/30



Anniversaries

Melissia & Chris Aho

7/15

**FINANCE SUMMARY**

Immanuel Lutheran Church Financial Summary as of 6/25/2019	
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$ 20,754.93</b>
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 100.00
<b>Subtotal - Checks/Debits</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
<b>Available Checking Acct. Balance</b>	<b>\$ 20,654.93</b>
<b>Designated Funds:</b>	
Memorial Funds	\$ 100.00
Missions Payable	\$ 383.00
Pastor's Contingency Fund	\$ 40.43
Sanctuary Renovations	\$ 1,400.00
<b>Subtotal - Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,923.43</b>
<b>Remaining Checking Acct. Balance</b>	<b>\$ 18,731.50</b>
<b>Upcoming Expenses:</b>	
ILC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 598.52
IEC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 1,078.78
Concordia Plan	\$ 2,759.68
Janitorial Service	\$ 608.00
Brotherhood Mutual	\$ 1,391.25
Medical Contingency Funds	\$ 3,472.70
<b>Subtotal - Upcoming Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,908.93</b>
<b>Checking Acct. - Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ 8,822.57</b>

The information in the Finance Summary is as of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Our General Fund offerings and income are \$9,741.62 and expenses are \$5,909.00. The offerings for one Sunday remains in June at the time this report was written so our income total will increase slightly for the month. The checking account funds available as of June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 are \$8,822.57. Please note the \$5,909.00 in monthly expenses does not include an additional \$4,000.00 (approx.) in upcoming month end payroll expenses.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the financial information.

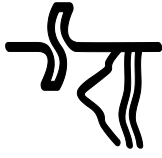
*Blessings,  
Dawn*

LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance	\$112,739.28
LCEF Line of Credit Loan	\$ 2,976.20
LCEF Steward Account	\$ 479.05
LCEF Steward Account Building Fund	\$ 3,279.15
LCEF Steward Account Electronic Offerings	\$ 105.72
Unemployment CD - CCB	\$ 2,215.00

Checking Account Balances	
Enrichment Center	\$16,834.12
LWML	\$ 2,072.27
Youth Group	\$ 1,025.35










# July 2019

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Tollgate Bakery	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM—8:00 PM SDG	<b>3</b> 10:30AM - Women's Bible Study 10:00AM - Cascadia Bible Study 12:00 PM—1:00 PM AA 5:30 PM—6:30 PM AA	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:30AM—8:30AM AA
<b>7</b> 10:00 - Divine Service	<b>8</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Tollgate Bakery	<b>9</b> 6:30 PM—8:00 PM SDG	<b>10</b> 10:30AM - Women's Bible Study 10:00AM - Cascadia Bible Study 12:00 PM—1:00 PM AA 5:30 PM—6:30 PM AA	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM- 10:30AM Weight Watchers 5:30 PM—7:00 PM Weight Watchers	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30AM—8:30AM AA
<b>14</b> 10:00 - Common Service	<b>15</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Tollgate Bakery	<b>16</b> 6:30 PM—8:00 PM SDG	<b>17</b> 10:30AM - Women's Bible Study 10:00AM - Cascadia Bible Study 5:30 PM—6:30 PM AA	<b>18</b> 5:30 PM—7:00 PM Weight Watchers	<b>19</b> <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> 	<b>20</b> 7:30AM—8:30AM AA 9:00 - 11:00AM - NAMI Support Group Avery Lane Birthday Party 11:30 AM
<b>21</b> 10:00 - Divine Service 11:30 - Leadership Council Meeting	<b>22</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Tollgate Bakery	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM—8:00 PM SDG	<b>24</b> 10:30AM - Women's Bible Study 10:00AM - Cascadia Bible Study 12:00 PM—1:00 PM AA	<b>25</b> 9:30 AM- 10:30AM Weight Watchers 5:30 PM—7:00 PM Weight Watchers	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:30AM—8:30AM AA
<b>28</b> 10:00 - Common Service 11:30—LWML Gathering	<b>29</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Tollgate Bakery	<b>30</b> 6:30 PM—8:00 PM SDG	<b>31</b> 10:30AM - Women's Bible Study 10:00AM - Cascadia Bible Study 12:00 PM—1:00 PM AA	<b>Alter Guild:</b> Iola Lofthus	 <b>Lay Readers:</b> 7/7: Missy Aho 7/14: Wayne Stone 7/21: Chris Doss 7/28: Erv Schroeder	



*You made my whole being;  
You formed me in my mother's body.*

Psalm 139:13

In my closet hangs a sweater that I seldom wear. It is too small . . . I should throw that sweater away . . . But *love* won't me . . .

It's the creation of a devoted mother expressing her love . . . Each strand was chosen with care. Each thread was selected with affection . . . It is valuable not because of its function, but because of its maker.

That must have been what the psalmist had in mind when he wrote, "you knit me together in my mother's womb."

Think on those words. You were knitted together. You aren't an accident. You weren't mass-produced. You aren't an assembly line product.

You were deliberately planned, specifically gifted, and lovingly positioned on this earth by the Master Craftsman . . . In a system that ranks the value of a human but the figures of his salary or the shape of her legs . . . Let me tell you something: Jesus' plan in a reason for joy!

*The Applause of Heaven  
Grace for the Moment  
Max Lucado*

*Submitted by Laverne Luedtke*

*I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Marvelous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well Psalm 139:14*



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