



Immanuel Messenger

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS

Sandy, Oregon

July & August 2020

Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM

Via Zoom.us

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Request from Sharon Capp, Church Council Executive Director

As the leadership team continues to work with Pastor exploring new opportunities to bring God's word to everyone during the COVID 19 pandemic, we discussed at our last Leadership Council Meeting, held 6/28/2020, the need for a new camera for "live streaming" to our website, Facebook and You Tube, which would be a new outreach ministry. The cost for the camera with supporting hardware and software is \$2,420.00. It was thought we could take the money needed from the Land Sale Fund.

It was decided at a Special Voters Meeting held October 1, 2017 that the monies from the Land Sale would be invested/used to further promote new or existing ministries within Immanuel Lutheran Church. We believe this falls under the guidelines on the use of the money.

Since the members of the congregation are to be included in any discussion regarding the use of the money we would like to know, as members of the congregation, how you feel about using the money for this project.

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Getting There



How are you? Really? Recently, I started a sermon with that question. It's a way to acknowledge the weight of the world all around us today. It's okay to not be okay right now. Virus pandemic, protests, riots. It's okay to wonder where is God, and how much longer will this all persist.

I find that if I want to get anywhere in life I must begin with an honest confession of where I am. I start here so I can get there. I don't much like where I am right now wearing masks and social distancing. I don't like riot destruction, harm done to anyone, anywhere, anytime. It's okay to not be okay with where we are. I want to move from here to there, where we can gather again without masks and social distance. I want to move from here to where people live together in peace.

In times like these I look to Psalm 13. We live in what I call a Psalm 13 moment. Here's the English Standard Version:

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID.
How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

² *How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?*

³ *Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, ⁴ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.*

⁵ *But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.*

⁶ *I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

How long, O LORD? David confesses where he is, in the moment. It's okay to not be okay, and as he writes this Psalm, David is not okay. We can see where David wants to go; he wants to sing again. David wants to get back to rejoicing in God's salvation. David wants to rejoice and sing of all the ways God has dealt bountifully with him. And he will get there. Indeed, trusting in God's steadfast love, he will rejoice and sing.

I love this little Psalm. It is not well known. Psalm 23 gets all the attention. Psalm 13, if you ask me, is also worth committing to memory and printing on posters.

Psalm 13 should be carved into wall hangings and given prominence in our lives. Psalm 13 reminds me it's okay to not be okay. Psalm 13 encourages me to move from here (not okay) to there (trusting, rejoicing, singing).

When we entered Stay Home, Save Lives in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic, I wondered, "How Long, O LORD?" I was where David was then. I was not okay. I leaned on Psalm 13. I made it my own (as I have done many times in my life). I did so because I've learned that if I want to get anywhere, I must begin with an honest confession of where I am. Trusting in God's steadfast love, my heart longs to rejoice in the salvation that is ours in Jesus. I want to sing because I know, no matter where I am at any time, God has always dealt bountifully with me.

And I'm getting there. The rejoicing has begun... singing each week, recording songs for our worship services via Zoom. The singing has begun as Phase 1 makes room for a service of Holy Communion in our sanctuary at Noon on 2nd & 4th Sundays. The singing has begun as Scruffy's make music most every Monday. My heart does rejoice, preaching and teaching God's Word. Indeed, the LORD has dealt bountifully with us all.

The pandemic, and months of not gathering in our sanctuary has created opportunity to lovingly renovate our worship space. New video screens can be seen by all no matter where one sits. Deep cleaning and new lights brighten the air. Painting the east wall brings color back to the sanctuary and highlights the chancel furniture: altar, pulpit, lectern, Cross and candles. We will return to a renewed space and, I pray, a renewed vision for new missional endeavors, enriching lives by sharing the loving word and ways of Jesus.

How are you? Really? It's okay, to be wherever you are. You'll get there. We'll all get there, trusting God's steadfast love along the way.

Getting there with you,

Pastor Kevin

Kevin Fenster

IEC

We are raising 6 caterpillars. They will become Painted Lady Butterflies, that we will release when they are ready. We are also planting some sunflowers soon that all can enjoy.

We are asking for prayers for patience and positivity. A couple of our students require some extra behavior management which can be tricky while trying to give attention to the other students. We feel like we are having to spread ourselves out pretty thin because we don't want anyone feeling left out.

Thank you!

Katy Rees
Director/Lead Teacher



July & August Birthdays And Anniversaries

Birthdays

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
Ralph Stevens	8/11
Barb Reigert	8/14
Nathan Fenster	8/17
Ed Pitzrick	8/19
Calvin McKinnis II	8/23

Anniversaries

Melissia & Chris Aho	7/15
Dennis & Kate Lane	8/4
Ed & Beth Pitzrick	8/12
Dwight & Barb Reigert	8/12
Al & Connie Fry	8/15
Wayne & Debbie Stone	8/21
Calvin & Teresa McKinnis II	8/31



SUMMER PARTY



**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Financial Summary as of 6/29/2020**

Checking Account Balance	\$ 47,396.08
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 5,346.28
Subtotal - Checks/Debits	\$ 5,346.28
Available Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 42,049.80
Designated Funds:	
Altar Guild	\$ 100.00
Missions Payable	\$ 222.00
Pastor's Contingency Fund	\$ 65.07
Church Improvement Fund	\$ 1,191.52
Subtotal - Designated Funds	\$ 1,578.59
Remaining Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 40,471.21
Upcoming Expenses:	
ILC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 637.93
IEC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 1,954.52
Brotherhood Mutual	\$ 1,438.25
Janitorial Service	\$ 608.00
NW Natural	\$ 35.45
Quadrant Systems	\$ 105.00
Concordia Publishing	\$ 300.00
Medical Contingency Funds	\$ 4,000.00
Subtotal - Upcoming Expenses	\$ 9,079.15
Checking Acct. - Funds Available	\$ 31,392.06

FINANCE SUMMARY

The information in the Financial Summary is as of June 29th, 2020. Our General Fund offerings and income are \$13,689.00 and expenses are \$11,555.99. The checking account funds available as of June 29th, 2020 are \$32,257.06. Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding the financial information.

*Blessings,
Dawn*

Checking Account Balances

Enrichment Center	\$25,007.68
LWML	\$ 1,725.79
Youth Group	\$ 1,048.65

LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance	\$108,396.71
LCEF Steward Account	\$ 12,273.65
LCEF Steward Account Building Fund	\$ 3,310.64
LCEF Steward Account Electronic Offerings	\$ 107.96
LCEF Steward Account Sale of Property Funds	\$ 54,769.81
Unemployment CD - CCB	\$ 2,221.70

Curious about some of our Zoom (™) Service Music?

Trevor Orme (18th June 2020)



*Trevor's Hauptwerk (™)
Virtual Organ set-up at home*

One thing this wretched COVID-19 virus shut-down, lock-out etc., etc. has done is to make a lot of us think harder about how to do things and, to support that, the use of our rich imaginations, gifts and abilities to improvise (no pun intended) and make things work. Yes, we have indeed excelled ourselves, says he, and have found ways, very successfully, to share with each other, our Worship, Praise, Prayers and thanks during this difficult time.

So, firstly, the use of Zoom (™), a new on-line tool quite new to most of us. How wonderful it has been to be able to join together each Sunday morning at 10:00am, using our sometimes 'taken for granted' technology, to join and worship together, even if only virtually across one or two 'screen's worth' of images including a host of pet cats and dogs. Wonderful. We must congratulate Pastor Kevin, too, on the use of his technical skills, which, week by week, have shown great improvements (says he) in both style and presentation. Thank you Pastor Kevin.

Secondly. you may have noticed, too, that our truly talented team of musicians, Kathy Dunbar, Scruffy's, Pastor Kevin (and, er, me?) have certainly risen to the occasion to provide 'live' music utilizing most, if not all, means available to us. Kathy Dunbar's recordings of the hymns using our own Immanuel Organ; Scruffys doing their own thing (most always fun and always enjoyable) and Pastor Kevin belting out worship songs and the occasional hymn on his guitar, with both he and Deann belting out the words so we can all sing along too! It all works! Well done everyone.

My contribution has been interesting and somewhat experimental. The Organ music you have heard when it has been my turn to provide some hymn-singing accompaniments is a revelation in itself. Would it surprise you to learn that you have sung along accompanied by the great organs of Salisbury Cathedral, UK., Hereford Cathedral (UK) and the organ of the Church of Our Lady Mt Carmel (Chicago, USA)? Well, you have, and this has been made possible by some very sophisticated (and expensive, I may add) computer software which is taking the organ world by storm, called Hauptwerk (™) which, through my iMac, drives and processes multiple recorded sound samples of every single pipe's sound, squeak, wheeze, rumble, hiss, groan belonging to the instrument being sampled. Not only that, it captures magnificently the true and actual acoustic of the building in question, creating a realism I could never have imagined possible and still find unbelievable. My issue as always, as I know many of you will attest to(!), is the temptation I have to pull out all, or at least a mighty fist-full of fat, meaty stops (!), but no, I have been somewhat restrained, and for the recordings I have done thus far for our virtual services, have only used a maximum of eight to 10 speaking stops out of, for example, the available 65 speaking stops (and the 11,000 corresponding sound sample files) making up the beautiful Salisbury Cathedral Father Willis virtual instrument.

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Truly remarkable indeed. You can thank (or shout and wave your fists at) St Thomas's Church, Fifth Avenue, NYC for acquainting me with the Hauptwerk (™) system as that magnificent Gothic-style church was always a port of call when in New York City for work - all those many years ago now – where, I believe, their Hauptwerk (™) instrument now lives in their Choir School following the multi-million Dollar rebuild of their massive pipe organ.

There are now hundreds of sampled 'virtual' instruments available from all around the world. Maybe next time, I'll use the beautiful and rich 87speaking stops virtual organ from St. Peter and Paul in Görlitz, Germany. Remember; Ear plugs are available at our local Fred Meyer store (and other stores too) at a reasonable cost. But in any event, enjoy the music, and please, please, please SING UP!



Hereford Cathedral, UK



Hereford Cathedral, UK Actual Organ Console

Salisbury Cathedral (UK) which boasts the tallest spire in England and is not a stones-throw away from Stonehenge!

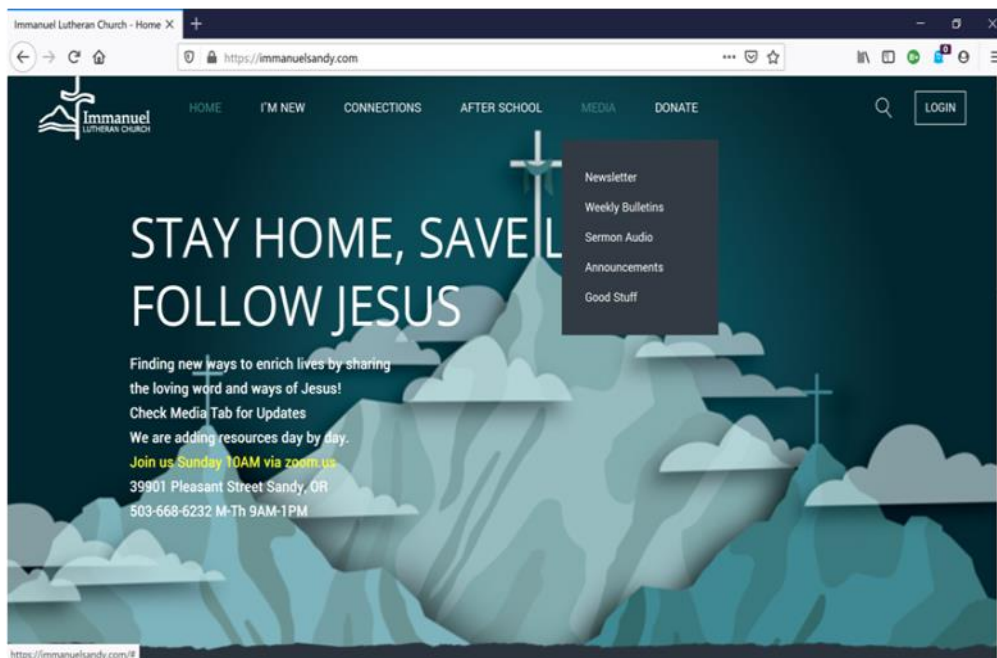
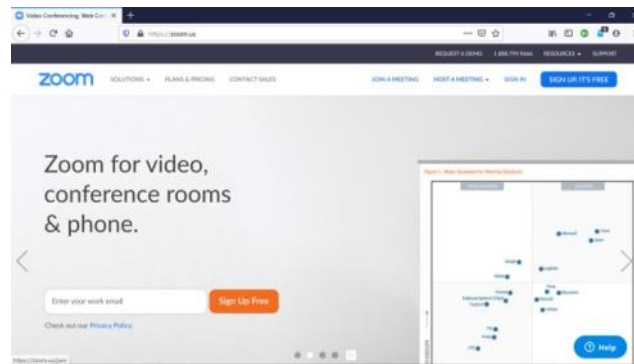


Let
everything
that has breath
praise the
Lord. Psalm 150:6

Yes we are still inviting everyone to come to worship every Sunday 10AM via Zoom.us! We will continue this in Phase 1 and re-evaluate as we move into Phase 2 and beyond. Please keep checking our website <https://immanuelsandy.com> and feel free to call an Elder, Pastor Kevin or Dawn in the office for the most current status. When we do return to in-person worship we will do everything to let everyone know. Go to Zoom.us prior to the meeting to test your speakers, microphone and camera. Then use this link or join meeting ID & password: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/662940224?pwd=WTJrcGtKdGxtYjdISGdzY3hhR0dDZz09>

Meeting ID: 662 940 224 Password: 053527

You'll find other instructions and help at immanuelsandy.com Weekly Bulletins. We'll meet Sunday's at 10AM via Zoom until further notice.



Please submit all articles
and information for the September Newsletter by
Friday, August 14th.

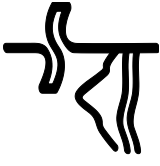
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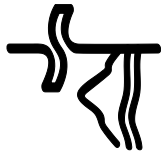
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July 2020

* Please Note: This calendar is subject to change.*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Lay Readers: 7/5: Barb Reigert 7/12: Logan Hazelett 7/19: Deann Fenster 7/26: Missy Aho</p>	<p>Altar Guild:</p>	<p>1 10:30—Women's Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 </p>	
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<p>19 10:00AM-Worship Service via Zoom 11:30AM - Council</p>	<p>20 7:00 AM—Men's Bible Study 11:00 AM Scruffy's</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 10:30—Women's Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 10:00AM-Worship Service via Zoom 12:00 PM Communion Service</p>	<p>27 7:00 AM—Men's Bible Study 11:00 AM Scruffy's</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 10:30—Women's Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 </p>	



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<p>Lay Readers: 8/2: Wayne Stone 8/9: Chris Doss 8/16: Erv Schroeder 8/23: Anne Moen 8/30: Don Lofthus</p>	<p>3 7:00 AM—Men's Bible Study 11:00 AM Scruffy's</p>	<p>4 </p>	<p>5 10:30AM-Women's Bible Study via Zoom</p>	<p>6 Altar Guild:</p>		1
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<p>30 10:00AM - Worship</p>						



*Love the Lord your god with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.
Matthew 22:37.*

Mine deep enough in every heart and you'll find it: a longing for meaning, a quest for purpose. As surely as a child breathes, he will someday wonder, "What is the purpose of my life?"

Some search for meaning in a career. "My purpose is to be a dentist." Fine vocation but hardly a justification for existence.

They opt to be a human "doing" rather than a human "being." Who they are is what they do; consequently they do a lot. They work many hours because if the don't work, they don't have an identity.

For others, who they are is what they have. They find meaning in a new car or a new house or new clothes. These people are great for the economy and rough on the budget because they are always seeking meaning in something they own. . . Some try sports, entertainment, cults, sex, you name it.

All mirages in the desert of purpose

Shouldn't we face the truth? If we don't acknowledge God, we are flotsam in the universe.

*"In the Grip of Grace"
Grace for the Moment*

Submitted by Laverne Luedtke



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