



Immanuel Messenger

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS

Sandy, Oregon

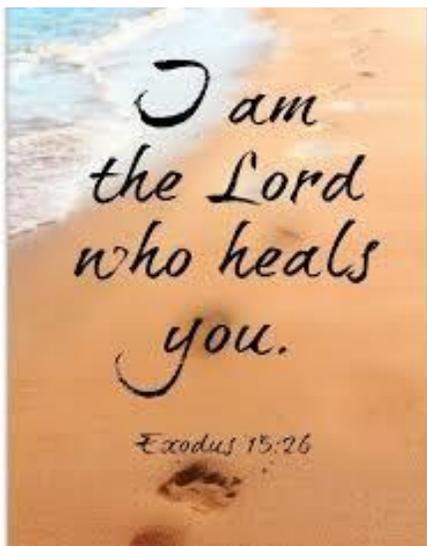
July & August 2021

Sunday Mornings

10:00 AM

In person or via Zoom.us
See Immanuelsandy.com for details.

Holy Communion
1st and 3rd Sundays



Call Committee Update

Nothing new to report from the Call Committee. Pastor Springle has sent our call request along with a couple nominations into President Linnaman.

We are still in a holding pattern waiting for him to send us names.

I suspect we will hear something in July.

Thanks,
Dwight

SUMMER CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are changing for the summer. The new hours will be Mondays 7:30 AM – 11:30AM and Tuesdays-Thursdays 6:00 AM – 10:00 AM. IEC staff will accept any offering envelopes or other items that need to be dropped off when the office is closed.

You may also contact the church office via email at office@immanuel.com or by calling 503-668-6232. and leaving a message.

Thank you!

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Please submit all articles and information for the September Newsletter by Friday, August 16th.

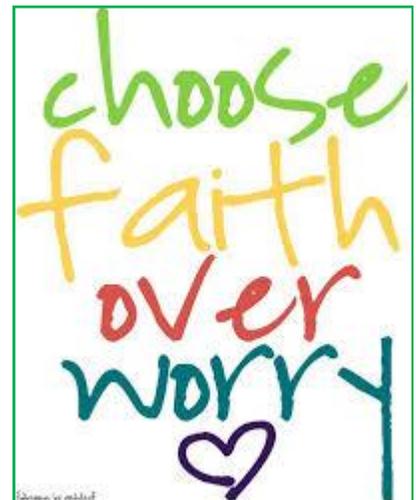
Thank You!

Pastor's Page

Is the end near? With all the natural catastrophes and human failures, we wonder if the world is collapsing. With the uncertainties and fears, we ask if Judgment Day is coming. The answer is “yes”. As St. Paul said, the end is nearer than when we first believed. Yes, Judgment Day is coming. We don't know when all this will occur. God doesn't function according to our calendars and time frames. He acts and intervenes as He chooses. Much of the current panic and anxiety and speculation are foolishness based on ignorance of the Bible. The key point is that we can be ready for the end of the world and the end of our life. We can be ready by staying close to Jesus.

As we look at the future, we realize that God's instructions for daily living are all that we need. He tells us to study His Word, to be involved with fellow Christians, to work hard, and to use His gifts wisely. We can't control the future nor see it clearly, but God can. We need not panic, because we belong to the One Who creates and sustains the universe. He has promised to take care of us. There will continue to be calamities and disasters, pandemics and droughts, wildfires and tornadoes, shootings and violence. We will face personal hardships and heartaches. Through all of that, however, we believe that God is with us, by our side, providing for our needs, carrying us through the roughest times. Let's rejoice as we confess that our future is secure in Jesus

In Christ,
David Keil, Pastor.



IEC

The IEC is looking forward to a wonderful summer break! No more Distance Learning, no more alarms to track kids schedules, no more heavy backpacks, fun, fun, fun, creativity, sunshine, grass, no masks outside, growing sunflowers, starting an ant farm. The next few months look bright!



Thank you!

Katy Rees
Director/Lead Teacher



Altar Guild

Is looking for volunteers. If interested please give Iola Lofthus a call at 503.637.3145



**July & August Birthdays
And Anniversaries**

Birthdays

- Wilma Meyer 7/6
- Rosemarie Gates 7/13
- Rachel McKinnis 7/14
- Frits van Gent 7/14
- Ed Gates 7/17
- Finley Lane 7/18
- Erin Hodges 7/19
- Avery Lane 7/23
- Ralph Stevens 8/11
- Barb Reigert 8/14
- 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
- Frits van Gent & Judy Chatelain 8/15
- Wayne & Debbie Stone 8/21
- Calvin & Teresa McKinnis II 8/31



**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Financial Summary as of 6/29/2021**

Checking Account Balance	\$ 62,036.91
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 984.96
Subtotal - Checks/Debits	\$ 984.96

Available Checking Acct. Balance \$ 61,051.95

Designated Funds:

Altar Guild	\$ 100.00
Missions Payable	\$ 206.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 100.00
Pastor's Contingency Fund	\$ 503.79
Church Improvement Fund	\$ 104.45
Exterior Building Maintenance	\$ 3,132.67
Subtotal - Designated Funds	\$ 4,146.91

Remaining Checking Acct. Balance \$ 56,905.04

Upcoming Expenses:

ILC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 346.13
IEC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 2,820.41
Brotherhood Mutual	\$ 1,580.87
Janitorial Service	\$ 733.00
NW Natural	\$ 133.00
Quadrant Systems	\$ 105.00
Medical Contingency Funds	\$ 4,000.00
Subtotal - Upcoming Expenses	\$ 9,718.41

Checking Acct. - Funds Available \$ 47,186.63

FINANCE SUMMARY

The information in the Financial Summary is as of June 29th, 2021. Our General Fund offerings and income are \$12,298.03 and expenses are \$4,801.81. The checking account funds available as of June 29th, 2021, are \$47,186.63. As you will see on the Finance Summary we moved \$40,000.00 from our LCEF Steward Account, that was some of funds from the land sale, to a new Mutual Fund account with Thrivent.

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

*Blessings,
Dawn*

Checking Account Balances

Enrichment Center	\$75,712.48
LWML	\$ 400.02
Youth Group	\$ 1,048.65

LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance	\$104,129.31
LCEF Steward Account	\$ 18,793.01
LCEF Steward Account Building Fund	\$ 0
LCEF Steward Account Electronic Offerings	\$ 108.58
LCEF Steward Account Sale of Property Funds	\$ 14,925.18
Unemployment CD - CCB	\$ 2,421.00
Thrivent Mutual Fund	\$ 39,968.55

Who's Who at Immanuel Ernie Schwartz

Ernest Schwartz was born in Portland, OR at Good Samaritan Hospital on December 3, 1938. He was born to Henry and Marie (Baumback) Schwartz who were members of the first Immanuel Lutheran Church in Sandy where they had been married. Ernie had three brothers: Edward, Lyle and David, who died at the age two years of Pneumonia. Ernie was baptized at Immanuel on New Years Day 1939. He was confirmed at Immanuel in 1953. Confirmation was held on Palm Sunday with confirmands receiving their first communion on Maundy Thursday.



The Schwartz family had many relatives living in Sandy also attending Immanuel Lutheran, the first church on Pioneer Blvd., which was first established in 1902. The Immanuel School was opened soon after in 1904. Ernie recalls many relatives gathered outside church after Sunday service including the Ruthers, the Baumbacks and the Schwartz families.

The Schwartz family lived on 7 1/2 acres on Bluff Road which has a gorgeous view of Mt. Hood and the Sandy River below. Ernie still lives on the family property where there had been at one time a great number of trees and some old growth timber.. Ernie had the job of helping stack wood and keeping the woodstove and cookstove supplied to keep the fires burning. He also spent most of his time tending the animals and maintaining the land. With the Sandy River close, the Schwartz family spent time by the river with neighboring children fishing and enjoying the river. Ernie recalls that the neighbors taught his mother to swim there in the Sandy River. The family yearly traveled up the mountain to pick huckleberries.

Ernie attended his first eight years of schooling at the Immanuel Lutheran School. The next four years he attended Sandy Union High School and graduated in 1957 with approximately 80 students in his class. After high school Ernie joined the Army Reserves doing his basic training in Fort Ord, CA. He put in 4 years of active duty and 4 years inactive duty. During this time Ernie's grandfather had a business moving houses and he joined him moving houses for about 5-6 years. According to Ernie, it was a dirty job and a lot of hard work.

Working next as a custodian for the Sandy School district Ernie used his woodworking and mechanical skills building shelves, cabinets and repairing broken school desks among many of his duties of maintenance. (You can see some of Ernie's woodworking skills on the next page). When the pool was built in 1966 Ernie was put in charge of the pool's maintenance. Ernie quit after working 22 years for the school district.

During his years of working for the school district Ernie was able to take time off to take a tour of Europe with his mother Marie and members of several Lutheran Churches. They traveled to London then took a tour bus traveling thru Paris, Switzerland, Austria, Liechtenstein, and Germany. Ernie enjoyed visiting all the sights of all the countries and he has also been to Hawaii. This was just the beginning of Ernie's love of travel and getting away. Living at home Ernie took care of his mother for many years until she needed more help than he could provide. Ernie shared that traveling gave him a chance to get away. He met many interesting people along the way in his travels. Ernie continued his traveling experiences by joining Mike Annes while he traveled thru California stopping at many different campsites.

Ernie remembers the groundbreaking and building for our current church which began August 22nd, 1956. The church was built by members of Immanuel including Ernie. Some of the men who were doing the building were laid off from Reynolds Aluminum Plant in Troutdale. The men of the church spent many hours building and the women of the church would serve the men lunch. The new church was dedicated October 25, 1959.

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While picking up meals for Meals on Wheels Ernie met his wife Bernice. He shared that there was a lady named Iris that worked at the Senior Center and she liked to be a matchmaker. She set Ernie up on a date with Bernice who also worked at the Senior Center. Usually the matchmaking didn't work but this time it did. In 2003, after dating a year, Ernie and Bernice were married at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Ernie & Bernice have shared their love for travel with many cruises including cruising to Alaska and Mexico. They have a motor home and joined a Good Sam camping club which traveled to many campsites in the Northwest.

Visiting with Ernie was enlightening to the many travels he has taken and his great knowledge of the dates and details. He has a great memory of the history of Immanuel Lutheran Church. He would like to travel more but like the rest of us the pandemic has kept Ernie and Bernice at home.

Submitted by Michele Riggs.

Here are some of Ernie Schwartz's woodworking accomplishments.



July

Altar Flowers

August

4th	
11th	
18th	
25th	

1st	
8th	
15th	
22nd	
29th	

Footprints to Freedom

I'm glad for my country
Though not perfect it gives
Many great freedoms
To enjoy, as I love

I don't huddle in fear
Of a government—cruel
Who gas-chambers its own
Or, by rebel troops, rule

I can learn at fine schools
I can vote and speak out
I can worship in safety
Travel freely about

Our system endeavors
The criminals to jail
To promote our safety
They, at times, get no bail

But for us who are “free”,
Not in prison or jail,
Still chains sometimes find
Like guilt, when we've failed

Emotions like depression,
Fear, anger and shame
Can hold us as captives -
Can each bring deep pain

When in this bondage
Though not locked by a key
It's like a deep in a pit
From which we can't flee

We may feel ugly
Weak, useless or dumb
Or like life is a treadmill
And we become numb

We seem to be caught
On a merry-go-round
Spinning through life
No joy to be found

Some fall n the trap
Of believing the lie
That, for them, the best thing
Is to end all and die

But God knows our story
He sees our pain
By turning to him,
Healing hope can be gained

Some pains just need time
Others forgiveness as well
When we go to God
This answer he'll tell

He offers us freedom
If, in him, we trust
He comforts and heals
Or forgives—for he's just

God tells what is wrong
And tells us what's right
We can choose to obey him,
To ignore, or to fight

For he gives us the choice
He gives all a free will
To follow his paths
Or follow *ours* still

But when we choose *our* path
It can lead u to brambles
That snare us and hold us
'Till soon we're entangled

Then often we find
We're chained by some habit
Which once gave relief
But now we **MUST** have it!

We can't picture freedom
Can't see/our site fails
For our hard, calloused heart
Is for us, like a veil

We live in the haze
Of our own clouded views
Not in the brightness
Of God's truth, which renews

Jesus says, “I'm the way,
The truth, and the life;¹
I can release from the darkness—
From its bondage and strife”.²

When we follow the Truth
The Truth sets us free
When we follow his footprints
To freedom they lead

³Jesus said, “if you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.
They you will know the truth, and **the truth will set you free.**” John 8:31-33

¹“Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life;**
not one comes to the Father but through Me.” John 14:6

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever **follows me** will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.” **John 8:12**

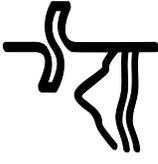
²2 Corinthians:13-17 and 1 Corinthians 1:13-14

By Fran Dezelle July 2017

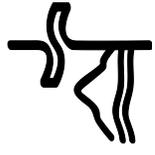
Submitted by Ann Marie Amstad



July 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Lay Readers: 7/4: Chris Doss 7/11: Erv Schroeder 7/18: Anne Moen 7/25: Don Lofthus</p>	<p>Altar Guild: Sharon Capp</p>	S	1	2	3	AA 8:00—9:00 AM
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August 2021

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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*My rainbow . . . will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.
Genesis 9:13.*



On a hike in the mountains, Adrian found himself above some low-lying clouds. With the sun behind him, Adrian looked down and saw not only his shadow but also a brilliant display known as a Brocken Spectre. This phenomenon resembles a rainbow halo, encircling the shadow of the person. It occurs when the sunlight reflects back off the clouds below. Adrian described it as a “magical” moment, one that delighted him immensely.

We can imagine how similarly stunning seeing the first rainbow must have been for Noah. More than just a delight to his eyes, the refracted light and resulting colors came with a promise from God. After a devastating flood, God assured Noah, and all the “living creatures” who’ve lived since, that “never again [would] the waters become a flood to destroy all life” (Genesis 9:15).

Our earth still experiences floods and other frightening weather that results in tragic loss, but the rainbow is a promise that God will never judge the earth again with a worldwide flood. This promise of His faithfulness can remind us that though we individually will experience personal losses and physical death on this earth—whether by disease, natural disaster, wrongdoing, of advancing age—God bolsters us with His love and presence throughout the difficulties we face. Sunlight reflecting colors through water is a reminder of His faithfulness to fill the earth with those who bear His image and reflect His glory to others.

*Kirsten Holmberg
Our Daily Bread*

Submitted by Laverne Luedtke



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