



Immanuel Messenger

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS

Sandy, Oregon

March 2021

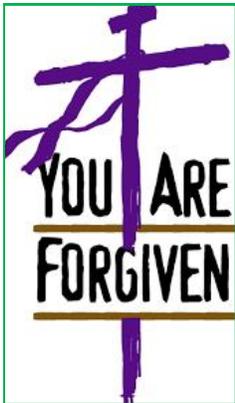
Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

Or via Zoom.us

See Immanuulsandy.com for details

Holy Communion
1st and 3rd Sundays



Pastor Keil Introduction

Stuff about me - or - my life story: I was born and raised in the Los Angeles area, with an older brother and younger sister. I lived a few years in Terra Bella, north of Bakersfield. My high school was in Long Beach, and I went to California Lutheran College (University now) in Thousand Oaks. I graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, IL, in 1975. I have served 4 congregations as pastor, from San Diego to Seattle.

My wife and I met in college and were married in 1972. Our son is an architect in Phoenix, AZ, with a wife and 2 children. Our daughter is married to a Lutheran pastor serving St. John in Vancouver, and they have 2 children. Kathy and I moved to Vancouver in 2013 to retire, which means I have served 4 vacancies in the Northwest.

For fun, I play at golf, and putter with 2 old cars. I have played the French horn most of my life, and was involved with a community band until the pandemic hit. Let me know if you have ever been in Terra Bella.

David Keil,
Pastor

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The Season of Lent

The Season of Lent seems to have a dreary, depressing atmosphere connected to it, much different than Christmas or Pentecost. Maybe it has to do with the themes of repentance and sacrifice that are emphasized during Lent. Maybe it has to do with the weather. I propose that we adopt a different attitude toward Lent. We can choose to regard it as a time of anticipation and preparation for the awesome celebration of love and life that is Easter.

We can use the Lenten devotions and the Bible readings to direct our thoughts to God's plan of salvation, as He sent His Son to earn forgiveness for us. We can reflect on our sinfulness that made Jesus' death on the cross necessary. We can let Jesus' passion and unlimited mercy humble us and lead us to our knees before our Savior.

More than that, we look to Jesus' resurrection and all of its implications for us. Our guilt is removed. The fear of death doesn't need to paralyze us. The certain hope of heaven gives us peace and joy. We can live in gladness, knowing that we are the redeemed, beloved children of God. As such, we want to live for Him. We can spend this Lenten season placing our life in God's will. When we do that, we discover tremendous joy. As we continue through this Lent, let's walk closer to Jesus, worshipping, studying His word, and listening carefully to our Lord.

Lent

In Christ, David Keil, Vacancy Pastor



Who's Who at Immanuel

Hello to all my Immanuel friends and family. My name is Pat Haselwander. I was born Patricia Gomoll in 1931 in Bantry, North Dakota. I am the third child born to Carl and Violet Gomoll. I have two older siblings, Merle and Doug, and two younger twin siblings, Don and Dona. The twins and I were baptized October 8, 1933 at Zion Lutheran Church in Towner, ND.



In 1936 Dad sold his truck and bought a car to move my Dad, Mom, my two older brothers, aunt, uncle and 3 cousins to Oregon. It took them three months to make the trip - stopping along the way to work odd jobs for food and gas money. Part way through their travels they were down to 10 cents between the two families. Several months later, my Grandmother brought my younger siblings and myself to Oregon on the train. We first settled in Colton, Oregon, later moving to the Dover and Marmott areas and finally settled in our family home in Sandy. What was our childhood home is now the LeHappy Creperie & Bar in Sandy.

Our home was the neighborhood gathering spot for all of the kids. I have many fond memories of playing Kick the Can and No Bears Out Tonight with all the other "city kids" along what is now US Hwy 26/Proctor Blvd. Some days we would sneak down to the Sandy River. To earn money for school clothes we picked berries and hops. Summers we picked strawberries and, in the fall, Mom and us kids stayed in a cabin, owned by a hop farmer near Canby, and helped harvest their hop crop. I still remember the words "Wire down, basket full, weigh 'em up" floating through the air as we worked our way through the hop field. Our family had very little money but always lots of love and laughter.

In 1951 I married my high school sweetheart Ken "Bud" Haselwander while he was home on leave from the Air Force. Ken then returned to International Miami Air Base to complete his military service. Several weeks later, terrified, never having traveled alone, I boarded a train by myself to join him in Hialeah, FL. Living in Florida as newlyweds was a lot of fun. After Ken's discharge from the service, we traveled by car across the United States back to Sandy - stopping to visit family and many tourist attractions along the way.

Ken and I first settled in Sandy and then moved to the Bull Run community for several years. In 1962 we moved back to Sandy where we purchased our home on Vista Loop Drive. The years were joyfully busy working and raising our three children, Jan, Ken and Debbie. Many hours were spent serving as PTA room mother, Brownie and Cub Scout Den leaders, and sewing lots and lots of Barbie Doll clothes. We have fond memories of family camping trips to Kah-Nee-tah (before it became a resort), our annual vacation to Crescent Lake with several other families, and many Sundays spent boating on the Columbia River. Ken and I were married for 54 years. Over the years,

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Who's Who Continued . . .

with marriages and births, our little family of 5 grew to 30 – including 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. I'm a proud Mom, Grandmother, and Great-grandmother!

I began my working career, at the Oregon State 4H Dept. and later moved on to Walrad Insurance Company. I then went to work at PGE where I started in the customer service department. When I retired, 30 years later, I was a Customer Service and Accounting Supervisor. I loved my job and the people I worked with.

Retirement allowed extra time to enjoy my grandchildren and many hobbies including tennis, hiking, and bowling the occasional 500 series well into my 80's. I also enjoyed quilting, sewing, gardening, playing bridge, spending time with family and friends, and traveling. In addition to many fun trips to Reno and Las Vegas we also traveled within the lower 48 states as well as Fiji, Tonga, Panama Canal, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Mexico and Hawaii.

We found our church home in 1986 when Ken and I joined Immanuel. I have been actively involved in AAL, LWML, Altar Guild, taught Sunday school, and participated on the church council and various other committees. I loved making flower arrangements for the altar and helping with other special events throughout the church year. During the past year, I have missed being able to participate in fellowship activities. I especially miss being able to join everyone in the sanctuary each Sunday for worship services. Through Immanuel, I have met many of my dearest friends.

During my life time I've experienced amazing changes – from indoor plumbing - to black and white televisions in our home - to today's advanced technology. But, most of all, I cherish the love of my family and friends and especially the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!

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

IEC

I had my ego tested in the IEC the other day while having a conversation with an 8 year old boy about seat belts. I informed him that when I was a child, we were not required to wear them. He said.... "That's weird. George Washington was a good president and it seems like he would have taken care of that."



Katy Rees
Director/Lead Teacher



March Birthday's and Anniversaries

Birthday's

2nd Alexandra Hodges
4th Teresa McKinnis
18th Dan Amstad &
Kade McKinnon

19th Don Lofthus &
Pat Searls
22nd Lois Boykin
28th Judy Markle

Anniversaries

18th Dan & Ann Marie Amstad



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Thrivent Financial Direct Choice Dollars Reminder

If you are a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans member and have not yet designated your 2020 Choice Dollars, be sure to direct your designated Choice Dollars by **March 31, 2021**. By directing your Choice Dollars, you can recommend how to distribute Thrivent Financial's charitable funds among thousands of 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations - including our local congregation here at Immanuel.

For the year of 2020 Immanuel was blessed to receive \$2,856.00 of donations from Thrivent Choice.

Please don't miss this opportunity to help support Immanuel. Your designation can be made either online at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice or by calling 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted, say "Thrivent Choice". A Thrivent representative will then assist you with your designation.

Please contact Jan Anderson (503-826-9294) if you have questions or need help in contacting Thrivent.

FINANCE SUMMARY

Immanuel Lutheran Church Financial Summary as of 2/24/2021

Checking Account Balance	\$ 38,314.36
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 2,124.30
Subtotal - Checks/Debits	\$ 2,124.30

Available Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 36,190.06
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Designated Funds:

Altar Guild	\$ 100.00
Missions Payable	\$ 146.00
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	\$ 4,022.02

Remaining Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 32,168.04
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Upcoming Expenses:

ILC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 243.84
IEC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 1,882.64
Janitorial Service	\$ 608.00
NW Natural	\$ 706.19
CCI Solutions	\$ 335.00
City of Sandy	\$ 151.35
Medical Contingency Funds	\$ 4,000.00
Subtotal - Upcoming Expenses	\$ 7,927.02
Checking Acct. - Funds Available	\$ 24,241.02

The information in the Financial Summary is as of February 24th, 2021. Our General Fund offerings and income are \$8,706.76 and expenses are \$4,234.39. Please note, the \$8,706.76 in offerings and income does not include offerings that will be collected on Sunday, February 28th, 2021. The checking account funds available as of February 24th, 2021 are \$24,241.02.

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

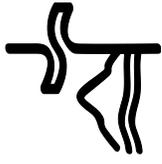
*Blessings,
Dawn*



Checking Account Balances

Enrichment Center	\$ 76,041.99
LWML	\$ 1,354.00
Youth Group	\$ 1,048.65

LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance	\$105,801.35
LCEF Steward Account	\$ 18,783.43
LCEF Steward Account Building Fund	\$ 0
LCEF Steward Account Electronic Offerings	\$ 108.48
LCEF Steward Account Sale of Property Funds	\$ 54,897.16
Unemployment CD - CCB	\$ 2,421.00



March 2021

Immanuel
Lutheran Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 10:00AM-Divine Service	11:00AM - Scruffy's		10:30AM Women's Bible Study			8:00 AM—9:00 AM SDG
7 10:00AM-Divine Service	8 11:00AM - Scruffy's	9	10 10:30AM Women's Bible Study	11	12	13 8:00 AM—9:00 AM SDG
14 10:00AM - Worship 	15 11:00AM - Scruffy's	16	17 10:30AM Women's Bible Study 	18	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 8:00 AM—9:00 AM SDG
21 10:00AM-Divine Service	22 11:00AM - Scruffy's	23	24 10:30AM Women's Bible Study	25	26	27 8:00 AM—9:00 AM SDG
28 10:00AM - Worship 11:15 AM Leadership Council Meeting 	29 11:00AM - Scruffy's	30	31 10:30AM Women's Bible Study	<div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px;"> <p>Lay Readers</p> <p>7th Ery Schroeder 14th Anne Moen 21st Don Lofthus 28th Dennis Lane</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Altar Guild</p> <p>Michele Riggs</p> </div>		

I CAN ONLY
IMAGINE

*I can only imagine . . .
What it will be like
When I walk by your side.*

*I can only imagine . . .
When all I will do is forever,
Forever worship you . . .*

*Surrounded by your glory,
What will my heart feel.*

*Will I dance for your Jesus—or
In awe of you be still . . .*

*Will I stand in your presence—or
To my knees will I fall,*

*Will I sing Hallelujah
Will I be able to speak at all. . .*

I can only imagine.

Mart Millard

Submitted by LaVerne Luedtke



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*The
Season
of
Lent*

