



# Immanuel Messenger

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church, LCMS

Sandy, Oregon

May 2021

## Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

Or via Zoom.us

See [Immanuulsandy.com](http://Immanuulsandy.com) for details

Holy Communion  
1st and 3rd Sundays

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Psalm 51:10

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## IEC

We still need to fill some IEC Board positions. Darold Hessel has volunteered to mow! We could still use volunteers to help him. If the lawns seed it is difficult for our kids with allergies to be around.

Thanks for your help!

*Katy Rees  
Director/lead  
Teacher*



## The Day of Pentecost May 23rd

Everyone wear RED as we celebrate the Day of Pentecost on Sunday May 23rd.

## Changes

There are changes occurring all around us. These changes affect us and the relationships and institutions that shape our existence. These changes include long-term weather patterns and our employment status, as well as attitudes and expectations concerning community involvement and public education, plus many more items that could be listed. Most of these changes also affect the church.

As we think about our changing world and try to look into the future, we need to consider the impact on our congregation. We, as human beings, do not remain unchanged, and neither does our church. Immanuel Lutheran has experienced significant changes during its existence—some planned and some unforeseen. As we admit that changes will continue to happen, we want to help those changes to be positive and constructive. We look at God's Word and at our community to determine that which can be done and needs to be done. We develop a vision to guide our thinking, planning, and doing. To fail to look forward is to let outside forces and dynamics control us. To establish and work toward goals is to exercise good stewardship and wisdom. The early church did so, as we see in the book of Acts. We can observe the changes that are modifying our world (global warming, pandemic, Zoom, etc.). We can use the opportunities and technologies available to communicate the Gospel clearly and to share Jesus' love with those who need Him.

We may be content with the way things are now. The problem is that those things will not stay that way forever. We trust Jesus to guide us as we head into the future. He will help us as we work on accomplishing His vision and plans for Immanuel.

In Christ,  
David Keil,  
Vacancy Pastor



### Who's Who at Immanuel

Hello to all at Immanuel. I am Erv Schroeder. My parents moved to Portland in 1921 from farms near Mishawaka, Indiana. My father especially had had enough cold winters.



Even though our home was in North Portland, I was born in Vancouver, Washington on January 16, 1933 and was baptized on February 19, 1933 at St. John Lutheran Church in Vancouver. I don't know how that came about. But I do know that in the depression jobs were scarce and my father somehow got an old truck and ran a bread route, selling bread, and other food items in rural areas that included Salmon Creek and made friends among Lutheran families there.

After a few years we moved to Southeast Portland. Three more children were added to the family; Helen, John and Mary. We attended Calvary Lutheran Church.

One of my childhood activities was casting, melting down and then recasting lead soldiers. I spent hours with a small ladle of molten lead on a red-hot electric heater. The heater tended to scorch whatever surface it was on so I mounted it on a scrap of board. Under the heater the board was soon charred black. It's a wonder I can remember any of that, though I don't remember anything catching fire. Later a less risky hobby was building and listening to crystal set radios. I also had a couple paper routes, first the Oregonian and then the Oregon Journal.

I started grade school at Woodmere Elementary School in Southeast Portland. When I was in the seventh grade my sister and I were sent to Trinity Lutheran School in Northeast Portland, which was then in the old church and school at the corner of Rodney and Ivy. Two years at Trinity proved to be a great blessing for me. I learned what it meant to be a Christian and in particular to be a Lutheran Christian.

During a summer trip to Indiana I found that I liked farming and decided that would be my occupation. After grade school I returned to Indiana for the summer to farm with my uncle. At the end of the summer I lobbied successfully to stay and begin high school there. I continued to farm through high school and then full time after graduating.

A little over a year after graduating from high school the Korean War draft was closing in and I enlisted in the Air Force. My Air Force assignment was maintaining bombing and navigational systems mostly near Riverside, California. My uncle would continue on the farm alone until I returned.

While I was in the military my uncle died. The farm had to be sold and that was the end of my farming career. I decided to try to get more education and perhaps work in engineering. But there was a major problem. Since I had intended to farm, my high school courses were not sufficient for college. A high school friend, then a graduate student at Notre Dame, believed that he could help to get me into the university by arranging an interview with his department head. It was successful, but then there was a minor problem. My goal was engineering. The professor I interviewed was chairman of the mathematics department and I would need to apply in mathematics. A minor

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Problem should have an easy solution: I would transfer to engineering at the end of the first year. But an even easier solution turned up: I liked mathematics and decided to continue with it.

During two summer vacations I had jobs combining wheat in eastern Colorado. Would you believe? The farmer was a Lutheran too. No work on Sundays. He took the whole crew to Trinity Lutheran Church in Akron, Colorado and then to a restaurant for dinner. The third summer I helped build pole barns in Indiana.

In 1960 I graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in math and physics and then went to the University of Kansas.

The next summer job was at Boeing in Renton, Washington. After two years at Kansas I graduated and became an official Jay Hawk. By now years in school followed by summer jobs were becoming a way of life. During one visit to Portland my mother commented about wandering about like a gypsy—perhaps not entirely approving.

Then it was to the University of Minnesota for more math and physics. This stop was destined to change my lifestyle. Shortly after I arrived at the University I met Susan Reif at the University Lutheran Chapel and in August on 1964 we were married at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. My mother approved.

I continued with various part time jobs to support my student habit: Teaching math courses at the University and at a junior college, serving a year as a dorm councilor at Concordia College, St Paul and programming computers at UNIVAC in St Paul. Sue taught high school German in Roseville, Minnesota. This was a carefree time for us. Sue was happy and quite successful with her teaching. I was happy learning more math and physics and even earned a little money on the side. Sue's family was active in skiing and golf and I became a passable skier and a social golfer. Our first church was a new, enthusiastic congregation, King of Kings in Roseville.

In 1970 our daughter, Edith, was born. Sue resigned from teaching to care for her. With a growing family and a loss of the main income it was time to get a serious job. I took a position at a Naval Research Center near Washington, DC. We lived in Virginia and I commuted across the Potomac to Maryland. We attended Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Reston, Virginia.

In 1973 a second daughter, Mary, was born. Soon family activities began including Girl Scouts and swim team. We also did some hiking and backpacking in Virginia and adjoining states. Vacations were to Oregon, Indiana, summer trips to a family cottage in northern Michigan, and for Christmas to Grandparents in Minneapolis. On our first occasion to visit Minneapolis in the summer, the girls admitted to being somewhat surprised to find water in the lakes. They had imagined the Minneapolis lakes were permanently frozen solid.

In the early 1980s Sue began having trouble using her hands. The difficulties increased until she had to give up tennis and had some serious falls. Eventually the

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diagnosis was Parkinson's disease. A fairly effective treatment was prescribed but over time the treatment together with the disease let to large uncontrollable motions. A surgical treatment for this was available and the most promising neurosurgeon was in Stockholm. We made several trips the Sweden for brain surgery. For Sue, the procedures produced very good results.

In 1995 the Cold War was over, enthusiasm for investment in military research waned, and research projects when from interesting to mundane. The research center wanted to reduce staff and made a good retirement offer and I took it. The retirement was unexpected and for a few years we did retirement non-things.

From time to time there were family discussions about returning to Oregon and after a time the family decided to move back to Oregon. We set out for Oregon somewhat like a latter-day *Grapes of Wrath* caravan. There was a car pulling a U-Haul trailer. In the car were the parents, a child, a new baby and a black lb. Sue and I were in the large rental van pulling a trailer loaded with a pickup. The bed of the pickup was filled with a large doghouse. The doghouse was filled with various potted plants and shrubs. The cab of the pickup was strung with clothes lines and drying diapers. A coast-to-coast spectacle.

Mary and family had previously secured a rental house. Edith soon found an apartment. Sue and I stored our things and rented a small house while we looked for a place to live. After surveying most of the Portland area, we decided on Sandy and joined Immanuel. When it came time to move into our house a group of new friends from Immanuel helped us move our belongings into our new house.

Right from the start we had cause to be grateful for Immanuel. Over the years I have had cause to be grateful to be called and kept in the faith by the Holy Spirit and through the friendship and encouragement of Christians in many churches and especially through the instruction and witness of Teacher Richard Kuhnau of Trinity Lutheran School.

*The End*

"IN LATOYA MONIQUE 2012  
 Happy  
 MOMENTS,  
 PRAISE GOD.  
 IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS,  
 SEEK God.  
 IN QUIET  
 MOMENTS,  
 trust GOD.  
 IN EVERY MOMENT,  
 THANK God."



## LWML News

The Women's Guild (LWML) has been blessed this past year, so the executive board made a decision to donate some of their funds to local and world missions. The following was given in thanks to our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Sandy and Estacada Pregnancy Resource Center	\$ 60.00
Bethesda	\$200.00
Trump Missionary	\$300.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$200.00
LWML Mites for Missions	\$200.00
Yearly assessment for LWML	\$100.00
Lutheran Women's Quarterly magazine	\$ 75.00

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Amstad, Sheila Buxton, Jean Whisenant and Anne Moen.



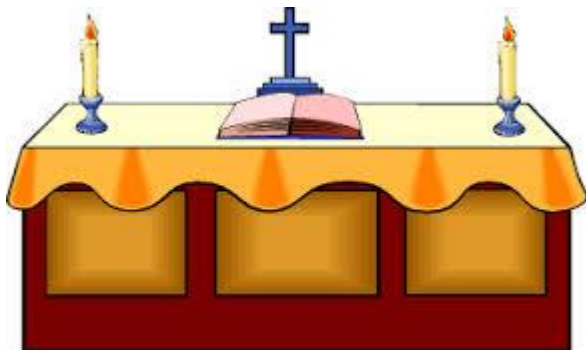


Birthdays

Anniversaries

2nd Logan Hazelett  
 3rd Wayne Stone  
 18th Melissia Aho  
 20th Jessica Boykin  
 22nd Patricia Brattain  
 25th Janet Nelson

14th Bill & Michele Riggs  
 24th James & Ursula Solso



May Altar Flowers

2nd Ann Marie Amstad  
 9th \_\_\_\_\_  
 16th \_\_\_\_\_  
 23rd \_\_\_\_\_  
 30th \_\_\_\_\_

## FINANCE SUMMARY

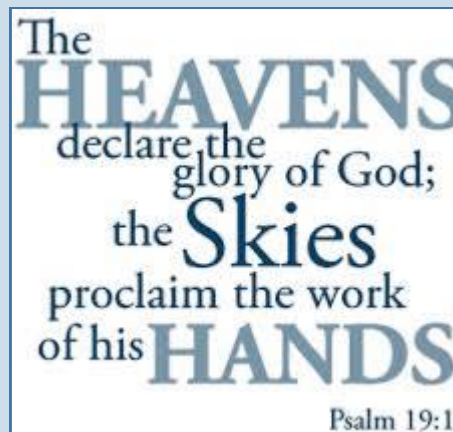
### Immanuel Lutheran Church Financial Summary as of 4/28/2021

<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$ 51,193.37</b>
Outstanding Checks:	\$ 1,415.28
<b>Subtotal - Checks/Debits</b>	<b>\$ 1,415.28</b>
<b>Available Checking Acct. Balance</b>	<b>\$ 49,778.09</b>
<b>Designated Funds:</b>	
Altar Guild	\$ 100.00
Missions Payable	\$ 89.00
Pastor's Contingency Fund	\$ 503.79
Church Improvement Fund	\$ 104.45
Debt Reduction Fund	\$ 300.00
Exterior Building Fund	\$ 3,132.67
<b>Subtotal - Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 4,229.91</b>
<b>Remaining Checking Acct. Balance</b>	<b>\$ 45,548.18</b>
<b>Upcoming Expenses:</b>	
ILC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 273.85
IEC Payroll Taxes (Employee/Employer)	\$ 2,148.37
Janitorial Service	\$ 608.00
Sandy Chamber of Commerce	\$ 50.00
NW Natural	\$ 489.60
Medical Contingency Funds	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Subtotal - Upcoming Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 7,569.82</b>
<b>Checking Acct. - Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ 37,978.36</b>

The information in the Financial Summary is as of April 28, 2021. Our General Fund offerings and income are \$9,568.97 and expenses are \$7,213.81. The checking account funds available as of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 are \$37,978.36.

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

*Blessings,  
Dawn*

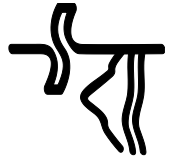


### Checking Account Balances

Enrichment Center	\$ 77,045.20
LWML	\$ 460.02
Youth Group	\$ 1,048.65

<b>LCEF Mortgage Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$105,140.61</b>
<b>LCEF Steward Account</b>	<b>\$ 18,789.28</b>
<b>LCEF Steward Account Building Fund</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
<b>LCEF Steward Account Electronic Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 108.54</b>
<b>LCEF Steward Account Sale of Property Funds</b>	<b>\$ 54,914.27</b>
<b>Unemployment CD - CCB</b>	<b>\$ 2,421.00</b>





Immanuel Lutheran Church

May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>10:00AM-Divine Service</p>	<p>Alter Guild: Jane Davey</p>	<p>Lay Readers: Chris Doss Erv Schroeder Anne Moen Don Lofthus Dennis Lane</p>	<p>8:00 AM-9:00 AM SDG</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>8:00 AM-9:00 AM SDG</p>	<p>8:00 AM-9:00 AM SDG</p>
<p>10:00AM - Worship</p>	<p>11:00 AM Scruffy's</p>	<p>10:30AM-Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>8:00 AM-9:00 AM SDG</p>
<p>10:00AM Divine Service</p>	<p>11:00 AM Scruffy's</p>	<p>10:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>10:00AM - Worship Pentecost Sunday 11:15AM Leadership Council Meeting</p>	<p>11:00 AM Scruffy's</p>	<p>10:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>10:00AM Worship</p>	<p>11:00 AM Scruffy's</p>	<p>10:30 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>30</p>



### Insufficient Funds

*People cannot do any work  
That will make them right with God.  
Romans 4:5*

If Christ had not covered us with his grace, each of us would be overdrawn on [our heavenly bank] account. When it comes to goodness we would have insufficient funds. Inadequate holiness. God requires a certain balance of virtue in our account, and it's more than any of us has along. Our holiness account shows insufficient funds, and only the holy will see the Lord; what can we do?

We could try making a few deposits. Maybe if I wave at my neighbor or compliment my husband or go to church next Sunday, I'll get caught up. But how do you know when you've made enough?

If you are trying to justify your own statement, forget ever having peace . . . You are trying to justify an account you can't justify . . . "It is God who justifies" (Rom. 8:33).

*The Great House of God  
Max Lucado*

*Submitted by LaVerne Luedtke*



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