



Quarterly Caller 2022

November/December/January

“Where Are We Going”

“Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations ... from everlasting to everlasting you are God” Psalm 90:1-2

Many congregations are blessed to reach their 50th anniversary in service to the Lord and His people. Some are privileged to reach their 75th. In 2023, Immanuel Lutheran Church marks its 100th anniversary of the church building. Just two years ago we began our celebration of 125 years as a congregation. We never got to complete that celebration. But, now we have a chance at honoring two anniversaries! How wonderful is that?

Our faith is born and nurtured in a historical experience, in what God has done for us in the past, but it always leads us into the future. As a church today, our anniversary celebration naturally turns our gaze back on our history. But we must let that history be part of our movement into the future. Jesus has commissioned us and sent us into the world with a mission: how will we fulfill it?

We have a responsibility to our young people, to prepare them for what they will face in life. We have a responsibility to our older people, to help meet their needs in a changing world. We have a responsibility to the community around us, to proclaim the good news of salvation and to be examples of Christ’s love. Let the past stories of faith, commitment, and service be remembered so they may strengthen us, prepare us, and propel us into the future of the Lord’s ministry at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

And the question “Where are we going?” has a still greater significance, because as Christians we know that our history has an eternal direction, an ultimate goal. In the incarnation, death and resurrection of Christ the world has been set toward its final moment, in which it will be both finished and begun anew. We — along with Abraham and Sarah, Boaz and Ruth, Joseph and Mary, and hundreds of generations of the sons and daughters of God — are part of the history that flows into God’s own eternity.

The Church is the first-fruits of the Kingdom of God, the first dawning of God’s presence in the world in our day. Its purpose is both to remember God’s faithfulness, kindness, mercy, and providence through our history up to now, and to move us and our world toward the goal God has given us.

So during this anniversary celebration we look to our history — the history of God’s people, of the Christian Church, of this congregation — remembering who we are and where we have been. And at the same time we look to the future, remembering what we have been put here to do and where we are going. Our history is always leading us somewhere; our glory as God’s children is always yet to come.

Christ’s eternal blessings to each and every one of you!!!+
Pastor Reed

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022 @ 10:30am IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, BROWNTON, MN

43 members present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Lindeman.

Pastor Reed opened the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting agenda was approved, MMSC to accept.

The Board of Education report was given by Melanie Lindeman. It was reported that Sunday school has an average of 20 students attending on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. They are using online curriculum, with all lessons being taught by the Board of Education members. They are using the old library room. Anna. Draeger will be leading the children's Christmas Eve service. The report was MMSC to accept.

The Secretary's minutes from the July 24, 2022 voters meeting, written by acting secretary Karen Buckentin, were distributed and reviewed. Chairman Randy Lindeman made one correction to the minutes concerning New Business #4. The Secretary's minutes were then MMSC to accept.

The Treasurer's report was given by Janel Zimmerman. Copies of the third quarter financial report were distributed and reviewed. The report was MMSC to accept.

The Trust Fund report was given by Michelle Headlee. Copies of the report were distributed and reviewed, MMSC to approve the trust fund report.

The Board of Deacons report was given by Pastor Reed. There were no membership changes during this past quarter. There was no other news to report. The report was MMSC to accept.

The Board of Trustees report was given by Dave Geier. The church basement painting is finished and all new lights are installed. The new garage doors and storm doors on the parsonage are completed. The air conditioner in the balcony has been replaced. It has been determined that the parsonage needs a new furnace, along with a new air conditioner, including a humidifier. The bid is \$11,012.00. A motion was made to replace the furnace, air conditioner and humidifier. The motion was seconded, and carried to approve. Dave shared pictures of the windows in the parsonage. There are concerns about the deterioration, and will need to be replaced soon. The report was MMSC to accept.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

1. Orlin Knick estate. The Immanuel Lutheran Church has been blessed with a financial gift from Orlin Knick, in the form of 4 annuities totaling \$1,082,233.21 plus a mutual fund totaling \$130,000.00.
2. An Investment Committee will be activated to discuss and decide on how to move forward on Orlin Knick's gift. The committee will consist of the Trust Fund Treasurer, Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees. There was a motion made, seconded, and carried to approve the activation of the Investment committee.
3. There is a proposed by-law change to the job description of the Board of Education. The change calls for the removing of Release Time classes and removing performance evaluation of the D.C.E. by the Board of Education. It also removes the annual picnic and VBS closing program. The change was MMSC to accept the change.
4. Alan Buckentin was elected Circuit Alternate Lay Representative to Synod Convention in Milwaukee, WI on July 29-August 3, 2023. Other representatives elected were Rev.Eric Nelson, Rev. Kevin Oster, alternate, and Mr. Gary Kruse.
5. Chairman Randy Lindeman appointed Arden Alsleben, Kay Husfeldt and Ginette Schwarze to the auditing committee.

The meeting was adjourned briefly to allow the Cemetery Association to hold a meeting. Cemetery Chairman Gary Henke called the meeting to order. There was a proposed by-law change to the Cemetery Association's constitution regarding the terms of service of the Directors. There was a motion to accept this change, it was seconded and carried to approve. The Cemetery meeting was MMSC to adjourn.

Other Business;

Randy Lindeman gave an update on the new chairs in the dining room. The 160 chairs were purchased with donated trust fund money.

Alan Buckentin gave an update on the needed organ repairs. He will be sharing 2 bids at the Annual meeting in January. There is \$19,740.39 in the organ fund.

MMSC to adjourn the meeting.

Pastor Reed led the voters with a word of prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Nordby



LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article – November 2022

“We Are All Beggars”

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. Before that happened, the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: “We are all beggars. This is true.” And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free.

What Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. And we're not just anyone's beggars. We're God's beggars. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

If we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here's the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything. Forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This isn't because of any worthiness or merit in us. It is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace. On account of Christ's death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us and declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This isn't because of our works but because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther pointed us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled “We are all beggars. This is true.” We are beggars, but we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us and who doesn't pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – still in us by grace for Christ's sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God's grace. The riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism, and in Holy Communion – are so inexhaustible that our cups overflow. We, who are God's beggars, are inexhaustibly satisfied, and we have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise

Membership Changes:

Deaths: Orlin Knick	September 14, 1942 ~ September 21, 2022	80 years
Clarence Hedtke	April 14, 1939 ~ October 15, 2022	83 years

Weddings: Korrine Schutte & Jake Oie September 24, 2022



November 6 **"Barefoot Saints"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy

Moses heard God speak to him from a burning bush. Where do we hear Him? (Exodus 3:1-6 (7-15))

November 13 **"Still Holding On"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God's judgment clears the way for God's new creation, in Christ. (Luke 21:28)

November 20 **"Where It All Comes Together"**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

We see division and discord all around us, but there is one place where it all comes together—the fullness of God in the person of Jesus Christ. (Colossians 1:19-20)

November 27 **"Freshly Fallen Snow"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about fresh snow and fresh starts. (Isaiah 2:1-5)

included more than simply bringing forward what was collected in the offering plates. The elements for the Holy

Happening at Immanuel

November

Nov 4 – Noah's Ark Preschool (No School Conferences)

Nov 6 – All Saints Day – Worship Service with Holy Communion

Nov 9 – Deacons Meeting

Nov 12 – Private Baptism for Noah Jerald Zaske son of Mark and Ari Zaske

Nov 13 – Worship Service (Guest Preacher – Rev Bob Alseben)

Nov 13 – Sunday School (Seat of Honor – Luke 14:7-11 – Reading – Marie, Craft – Anna & Game – Jackie)

Nov 16 - Afternoon Worship Service with Holy Communion

Nov 20 – Noah's Ark Preschool (Advent Festival)

Nov 20 - Worship Service

Nov 24 - Thanksgiving Worship Service with Holy Communion

Nov 24/25 – Noah's Ark Preschool (No School, Thanksgiving Break)

Nov 27 – Sunday School (Christmas Program Practice)

Nov 27 - Worship Service with Holy Communion

December

Dec 3 – Private Baptism
Dec 4 – Sunday School (Christmas Program Practice)
Dec 4 - Worship Service with Holy Communion
Dec 4 – Examination over the 10 Commandments
Dec 7 – Noah’s Ark Preschool (Christmas Program -7:00pm)
Dec 7 - Worship Service
Dec 11 - Worship Service
Dec 11 - Sunday School (Christmas Program Practice)
Dec 12-16 - Noah’s Ark Preschool (Tot Shop will be open)
Dec 14 – Deacons Meeting (7:30pm)
Dec 18 - Worship Service
Dec 18 - Sunday School (Christmas Program Practice)
Dec 20-21 - Noah’s Ark Preschool (No School Christmas Break)
Dec 21 – Afternoon Worship Service with Holy Communion
Dec 21 (Wed) - Sunday School (Christmas Program Practice)
Dec 24 (Sat) - Sunday School (Christmas Program Practice)
Dec 25 – Christmas Day Worship Service with Holy Communion

January

Jan 1 - Worship Service with Holy Communion
Jan 8 - Worship Service
Jan 8 - Sunday School (Sower & Soil – Mark 4:1-9 – Reading – Marie, Craft – Anna & Game – Jackie
Jan 15 - Worship Service
Jan 22 - Worship Service
Jan 22 – Examination over the Lord’s Prayer
Jan 22 - Sunday School (Stealing the Vineyard – Mark 12:1-12 – Reading – Marie, Craft – Anna & Game – Jackie
Jan 29 - Worship Service with Holy Communion

Going forward, please send all information to immanuelutheranbrowntonmn@gmail.com Thank you

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NOVEMBER USHERS & ACOLYTES

Nov 6 Ushers, Megan Becker, Heather Benson; Acolytes. Erika Olson-Seim, Emma Olson-Seim
Nov 13 Ushers, Ethan Berge, Michael Headlee; Acolytes, Bradlee Nordby, Layla Nordby
Nov 20 Ushers, Brysen Sondergaard, Cadance Knick; Acolytes, Jackson Buckentin, Kamrie Meuer
Nov 25 Thanksgiving
Ushers, Taryn Zellmann, Callie Klabunde; Acolytes, Peyton Zellmann, Megan Klabunde
Nov 27 Ushers, Haley Korson, Mason Bussler, Acolytes, Isabel Korson, Riley Bussler

DECEMBER USHERS & ACOLYTES

Dec 4 Ushers, Caleb Lindeman, Aubrey Lindeman; Acolytes. Josie Lindeman, Savanna Sweely
Dec 11 Ushers, Brianna Matheny, Kiera Schuette; Acolytes, Landon Matheny, Autumn Schuette
Dec 18 Ushers, Evan Battcher, Darrin Uecker; Acolytes, Jackson Mackenthun, Dalilah Mackthun
Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Ushers, Abby Radke, Luke Radke; Acolytes, Addison Radke, Ella Templin
Dec 25 Christmas Day Ushers, Levi Silfverston, Nicole Duehn, Acolytes, Natalie Silfverston, Grasha Johnson

JANUARY USHERS & ACOLYTES

Jan 1 New Years Day

Ushers, Noah Say, Brandee Telecky; Acolytes. Erika Olson-Seim, Emma Olson-Seim

Jan 8 Ushers, Dylan Rennecke, Ethan Berge; Acolytes, Kara Guggesburg, Avery Neubarth

Jan 15 Ushers, Megan Becker, Heather Benson; Acolytes, Layla Nordby, Bradlee Nordby

Jan 22 Ushers, Michael Headlee, Brysen Sondergaard; Acolytes, Jackson Buckentin, Savanna Sweely

Jan 29 Ushers, Cadance Knick, Callie Klabunde, Acolytes, Kamrie Meuer, Megan Klabunde

125 th Anniversary Events Immanuel Lutheran Church ...

and they shall call His name Immanuel, which means God with us. Matthew 1:23

We have had to postpone our plans as in 1920 the country struggled through hard times due to the Depression and the members of Immanuel tabled the construction of the new church until 1923. So, it seems only fitting that we include some of these important events in this 125 th Anniversary Celebration.

*April 9, 2023 Wedding Service. Pastor Alsleben will be the guest speaker & Special guest Pastor Kitzmann. This will correspond with the ground breaking that took place on April 1, 1923.

July 16, 2023 Banquet Service. President Woodford will be the guest speaker.

This date will correspond with the cornerstone of the church that was laid July 1, 1923.

The congregation will celebrate two other important events:

*January 14, 2024 representing the finishing of the construction January 14, 1924

*March 9, 2024 with the dedication of the Church on March 9, 1924

Cookbooks are on sale \$10.00

We have ordered more sweatshirts and T-shirts in new colors that we will be selling in the future.

Barbara Hoyhtya
Chairman

Noah's Ark Preschool

700 Division St. P.O. Box 147 Brownton, MN 55312 320-328-5325

Preschool happenings-November 20 from 1-4 pm we are holding our Advent Festival up at the BACC (old school gym). There will be crafts for all ages and lefsa!!! I will be looking for volunteers to help facilitate craft stations so if you can help please let Vicki know. More details and specific crafts will be shared on Facebook. Come and kick of the holiday season with us!

Vicki Herrmann
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Noah's Ark Preschool Adopt-A-Student Program

The Adopt-A-Student program provides financial and spiritual assistance for families who want the Christian preschool education but are unable to make full or partial tuition and or transportation payments. At Noah's Ark we want to ensure that no child is turned away due to the family's financial inability to pay. Some families are in financial need because of factors such as unemployment, illness in the family, large family size, etc. Your gift benefits not only a needy family but also our preschool. We ask that if you can afford to do so, please consider helping a student with tuition, transportation, snack fees and or supplies (backpack, binder etc). Any donations are accepted for this worthy cause. If interested in being a part of the program, please fill out the attached questionnaire and return to the director via mail or the preschool box in the church office.

Thank you for your interest in the Adopt-A-Student program. Your gift will enable a child to Grow and Learn as they Discover God's Love!

All gifts are tax deductible.

Our tuition rates for the month and year are as follows:

2 days a week \$75/month \$675/year

3 days a week \$95/month \$855/year

4 days a week \$115/month \$1035/year (this is a new option!)

Transportation depends on how many days a week they attend class and how often they ride.

Fees for a month range from \$20.00-\$50.00/month.

Other expenses a family may incur?

- Students must have a full-sized backpack, and a 3 ring binder.
- We ask for donations of food and or money for the German Dinner and Lenten Suppers

The preschool supplies each child with the following:

Plastic folder, composition notebook, scissor, glue sticks, and numerous other supplies!

Noah's Ark Preschool

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone number: _____

Our gift is in memory of _____

Our gift is in honor of _____

_____ I/We wish to remain anonymous (please check if applicable)

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You may choose to make a one-time donation, pay their monthly tuition or transportation, and/or purchase needed supplies. Please return this form to the director and he/she will contact you regarding your support!

Thanks for helping those in need!



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Mission Statement of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brownton

“Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church is a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ seeking to nurture individuals and families in their Christian faith, teaching them a caring ministry to each other, our community and the world by sharing the message of Jesus through word and deed.”