

Quarterly Caller 2024

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“Remember Your Baptism”

When you were born into a family, you took on a name. You had nothing to do with your birth. It was something that happened to you. You were born. So, in Baptism, you were not baptized into a congregation or a denomination, but into the name, the family, of the one, true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As you had nothing to do with your physical birth, so also you had absolutely nothing to do with your new birth in Baptism. You were baptized. It was something done to you and to you. You were the object of God’s grace.

Baptism is not simply a symbol or a hollow ritual. Rather, it is a glorious means of grace- a means by which the Lord comes to us and blesses us with the forgiveness of sins. In Baptism your names were not only inscribed in the church records and on a baptismal certificate, but in God’s own Book of Life. Peter declares: “Baptism now saves you.” (1Peter 3:21) And so you not only belong to your earthly family, but through the washing of the water and the Word you belong to the Lord, to His family, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints.

What does your Baptism mean to you? How often do you think of your Baptism? Is your Baptism a source of peace and joy and strength? Let me point out a couple of ways in which your Baptism can be a special source of wonderful help and comfort to you.

Let us say things aren’t going so well for you in the home or at work or wherever. You feel pressured and perplexed. You become discouraged and despondent. You begin to feel alone, helpless, deserted. But wait a minute! You have been baptized into the family of Christ! You are His! He loves you! He is going to see you through. He has promised that, and He keeps His promises. You are His child. He has laid down His life for you. Take heart, in Christ there is help and there is hope. Remember, you have been baptized into His name most holy.

And here is another way in which your Baptism can be a wonderful source of help and strength. Let us say that you are tempted to think or to say or do something that is not in keeping with the holy will of God. But then you recall your Baptism. You remember who you are and to Whom you belong. Recalling your Baptism, in the strength of Him Who has all power in heaven and on earth, you resolve: “I cannot do that or say that or even think that. I am God’s child. I belong to Him.” In humble, fervent prayer you enter His outstretched arms pleading for His mercy and strength and you know that God will take care of you.

Remember your Baptism. Don’t forget who you are and to Whom you belong through Baptism. When you hear those opening words at a worship service: “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” remember your Baptism, for those were the exact same words spoken at your Baptism. Not just on Sunday but relive your Baptism every day!!! Rise, as Luther said in the catechism, and make the sign of the cross marking you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified!

We bless the Lord!!!
Pastor Reed

VOTERS MEETING, SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024 @ 10:15am
IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, BROWNTON, MN

38 members present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Mathwig.

Pastor Reed opened the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting agenda was approved. MMSC to accept.

The Secretary's minutes from the voters meeting on April 21, 2024, written by Secretary Kathy Nordby, were distributed and reviewed. The minutes were approved, MMSC to accept.

The Treasurer's report was given by Donald Albrecht. The report was distributed and reviewed. The 2nd quarter report includes the Noah's Ark Preschool report also. The report was approved by MMSC.

The Trust Fund report was given by Chairman Mark Mathwig. Copies of the report were reviewed and discussed. The report was approved by MMSC.

The Board of Deacons report was given by Pastor Reed. These are the membership changes:

Affirmation of Faith: 5/29/2023 Curt and Joyce Carrigan

Released:

5/3/2023 Kellsie and Peyton Weber-released to Immanuel Lutheran Church (Acoma Township), Hutchinson

5/29/2023 Ashley Paul, Amy Paul, Whitney Paul, Marshal Paul, per-request

5/29/2023 Angela Paul, Ava Mochinski, Mason Mochinski, Adam Mochinski, per-request

5/31/2024 Stephanie Mehrkens, Emelia, Laney, McKenna, released to Church of the Open Door

6/12/2024 Brittney, Aria, Jasmyn, Skyler Steinberg-unable to contact, no information

6/12/2024 Tyler Knick, per-request

6/14/2024 Ava and Ella Hoffman. Per-request

6/14/2024 Stacie Hoffman, per-request

6/19/2024 Kristie and Andrew Redman, pre-request

6/19/2024 Ashley Brandt, pre-request

These changes were approved, MMSC to accept.

The Tuition Reimbursement Policy was introduced and explained by Pastor Reed. The proposal is to reimburse members of Immanuel Lutheran Church who send their children to a Lutheran School supported by Missouri or Wisconsin Synod. This includes children in preschool through High School for a yearly amount of:

\$1500.00 High School student, grades 9-12

\$750.00 Middle School student, grades 5-8

\$500.00 Elementary School student, grades K-4

\$250.00 Preschool student

After a discussion, a motion was made to approve the proposal, seconded, and carried.

The Board of Trustees report was given by Dean Zimmerman. The water conditioner has been installed. Gutters with a rain barrel have also been installed. The parsonage roof has been replaced, with the gutters to be done soon. The narthex skylight will be replaced as soon as the parts arrive. The Education building roof needs repair or possibly needs to be replaced. The floors have been waxed. The Preschool had some summer maintenance jobs completed: waxing, new faucet, window cleaning, and replacing some ceiling tiles. The parking lot needs new paint strips. The Trustee's report was approved by MMSC.

The Board of Education report was given by Britt Buxcel. Vacation Bible School took place last week, July 22-25. There were 40 students enrolled. A big thank you to all who helped to make Bible School a fun and educational experience for our children. Sunday School Rally Sunday will be September 8th. Classes will be

held every Sunday, with 1 teacher and 1 Board of Education member teaching. The same curriculum as last year will be used. The Board of Education report was approved, MMSC.

The Noah's Ark Preschool report was given by Mona Geier. She shared a report from Vicki Herrmann. The goal is to attain a 4-star rating from the Parent Aware program. The classes for the upcoming fall are almost full, with 3 available spots left. Mona, the office manager, will keep the financial books for the Preschool. Vicki has requested a new, updated laptop for the Preschool. \$900.00 was approved to purchase a new laptop. The Preschool report was MMSC, to accept.

The Office Manager report was given by Mona Geier. The church's membership list has been updated. The new church's website is finished, just needs to be edited. The new website will be handicapped accessible, which is a mandate in the near future. The Office Manager report was approved, MMSC.

Old Business:

The organ repair project is still delayed. The new parts have not yet arrived.

The remaining new pew cushions are also delayed.

The new dining room tables have arrived. The actual cost of the tables was over the previously agreed upon budget. This is also true of the new website cost. A motion was made to accept the cost of both tables and website, MMSC.

Tom Heil has purchased a new LCD player for the church. He will work with the Trustees to hang the player.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee members have been appointed from outgoing officers:

Tina BergeWayne Johnson

Dave GeierMarie Zimmerman

Corey DraegerDoug Fegley

A discussion was held about ideas for spending the interest from our investments. A few ideas were to repaint the inside of the church and update the church's sign outside.

There was no further business. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, MMSC. Pastor Reed closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Kathy Nordby



LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter Article

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Newsletter Article – August 2024

"Mercy and Grace Lead to Generosity"

"Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift" (2 Cor. 9:15)! This is St. Paul's exclamation upon hearing the Corinthian church's response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the church in Jerusalem.

The Christians in Corinth heard and received God's mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul's call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. The Corinthians' joy filled Jerusalem's need.

This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God's generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord's. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.

It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn't. Stewardship is easy because it is God's work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything — life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance — be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gospel.

For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes. He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.

The church is a mercy place. It's a place where God's mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For us who believe it means forgiveness, life and salvation in the face of sin, death and the power of the devil. Here in the church, we inhale God's mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor's need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

— LCMS Stewardship Ministry

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

June & July have not been too busy here in the office. So, I have been busy getting ready for the school year this fall. Also had time updating the Immanuel Records.

Updates on the Updating the Immanuel Records:

I am 95% completed in updating the Immanuel Church Records. I would like to Thank Karen Buckentin and Annette Zimmerman in volunteering in helping me. In the beginning I wasn't sure how this was going to work but once I started it went smoothly and I didn't need their help after all but thanks Ladies anyway. Also, I would like to thank everyone for getting back to me in a timely manner. This is why it went so smoothly everyone that I either left a message or emailed they got back to me right away or the next day. So, thank you for that. And to the people that didn't hear from me well I knew you were up to date already.

Updates on the Church's new web Site:

Very excited to report that the website is almost ready to go. As of this week they were going to load the church videos on the church's history timeline and the wedding video that Tom Heil put together. They did send me what was completed, and I am very pleased how it looks. Brittany Buxcel and the Vivid Team did a fantastic job of creating a simple, organized website for us. We still need to make sure that we didn't miss anything or if we need to make changes to it. Once that is completed then we should be able to get some training and hopefully by Sept it will be up and running just in time for school.

That's it for now. Until next time.

Immanuel Office Manager

Mona Geier

Special Happening at Immanuel

Worship Service is on every Sunday at 9:00am.

Holy communion is on the 1st and Last Sunday of the Month.

August

Aug 6th | 6:30pm – Deacon's Meeting

Aug 21st | 1:30pm – Wednesday Afternoon Service/ Holy Communion

September

Sept 8th | Rally Sunday

Sept 10th | 6:30pm – Deacon's Meeting

Sept 18th | 1:30pm – Wednesday Afternoon Service/ Holy Communion

A Message of Hope heard on The Lutheran Hour

A Message of Hope

Hear the Good News of the Gospel on the Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 9:00 am on KDUZ 1260 AM Radio. During the month of August, you will hear the following program topics on the 9:00 am broadcast:

Aug 4 "Jesus' Resurrection: God's Public Guarantee" with a message by former Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz during Archives August: A crucified Savior, a resurrected, living Lord: the public guarantee of God, at work in the world for you. (1 Corinthians 15:17-19)

Aug 11 "God's Peacemakers for a Troubled World" with a message by former Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz during Archives August: Don't let anger, disagreement, and stress damage your relationships. Hear how God changes troublemakers into peacemakers. (Philippians 4:4-13)

Aug 18 "The Child Glad to Be Born" with a message by former Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer during Archives August: The Child Who wanted to be born can make you glad to be alive! That joy for living comes when you hear His story. (Luke 2)

Aug 25 "When the Monsters Come" with a message by former Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer during Archives August: We can never be too vigilant against the devil's attacks but in Christ we can always be confident that the victory is ours. (Job 40:15-41:34)

Help us spread the Gospel message in the KDUZ Radio listening area. The KDUZ Radio Lutheran Hour broadcast is a congregational outreach ministry supporting The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in this area. It is independently funded by generous Christians, church groups and congregations who want to spread the pure and powerful message of the Savior's love in their communities. The cost for sponsoring a broadcast is \$96.00.

Please contact Rich Streufert, KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters, at 320-864-6884 or e-mail richstreufert@embarqmail.com to verify a Sunday broadcast date you would like to sponsor (before you send a contribution).

Sponsors are needed for October 13, and October 27, November 3, November 10, and November 17. Checks should be made to "KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast". Send your checks to: KDUZ Lutheran Hour Broadcast Supporters, % First Lutheran Church, 925 13th Street E, Glencoe, MN 55336.

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9 ESV

Board of Education

Sunday School sign-up. Please sign up before August 30th



RALLY SUNDAY - September 8th



Sign up online at - You can find the link on the Sunday School, and Immanuel's Facebook page and it will be on the New Website.

Noah's Ark Preschool

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

The preschool has been busy this school year preparing and training through the Parent Aware rating program of Minnesota. Parent Aware is an early childhood program that connects families with childcare and preschools and provides coaching, training, and financial support for the preschool. At the end of the school year the preschool will have done one year (2 sessions) of "building quality" (essentially preparing to rate). Next fall we will begin the actual rating process by submitting materials and documentation for a 4 Star rating, which is the highest rating one can apply for. Grant dollars come with each building quality session as well as the rating session. I think it's important for families and the community to know that not only does Noah's Ark provide a Christian education but a HIGH quality, CHRISTIAN education for young children.

Vicki Herrmann
Noah's Ark Preschool



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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."