

Immanuel Lamplighter

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“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:105

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[Jesus] asked him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you care about me?” Peter was grieved because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you care about me?” He answered, “Lord, you know all things. You know that I care about you.” “Feed my sheep,” Jesus said. (John 21:17 EHV)

Then he began to curse and to swear, “I do not know the man!” Just then the rooster crowed. We are a long way from that, aren’t we? And yet we know the words, don’t we? Peter had emphatically denied that he would deny his Lord. He was so sure of himself that he would never commit such an atrocity. In his mind, he could not perceive a situation where he would stoop so low as to make the claim, “I do not know the man!” But, he was under pressure, wasn’t he? His Lord, his friend, his Savior, has just been falsely arrested, by a group of angry people.

Now he stood close, but not too close, to the proceedings. How was this all going to play out? Surely justice would prevail, and yet... Now he stood close, but not too close, to give what? Moral support? Perhaps he thought it was the right thing to do. Abandoning Jesus seemed so cold and heartless. However, being too close perhaps, was not advisable either. As it turns out, when he stood so close that he might get involved, he got scared. And fear brought out the worst in him.

Fear brings out the worst in people. Words and actions that would normally seem foreign, almost appear to be normal. How many in our world, right now, prefer to attack others with words and actions that are downright despicable, rather than kind and loving. People that would not take this negative attitude under “normal” circumstances, are behaving no differently than Peter. What had Peter so frightened, so agitated, that he spoke words that are etched in history as the most cruel of all? Fear? The unknown? A disruption of the life he had come to know under his Savior-friend?

Yet, several weeks later, after the dust had settled, his friend pardoned him. To be sure, Peter realized what he had done, almost immediately after he said the words. However, Jesus hadn’t called Peter to be the disciple that would deny him. No, he had called Peter to be a fisher of human souls. Jesus loved Peter so much, that he not only paid for that sin of denial and fear (on the cross), but he reinstated him a full-time shepherd of his sheep (over breakfast).

What joy it is to know, as Peter experienced, that our Savior forgives all the sins that we have committed, forgives all the heartless words we have spoken and then reinstates us as his children. Jesus has seen all of our struggles in these past months. He has paid for all of our hurtful words and actions against others. And now he gives us the greatest privilege of all - to go into our world and feed His sheep.

Pastor

Updates...

As our world continues to evolve in our day-to-day activities, we will attempt to keep all our members and friends abreast as to how we “expand” to our church activities.

- * **Worship times:** Saturday at 5:00 p.m. (8 person minimum), Sunday 9:00 a.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. We have begun to increase numbers in attendance. Please continue to call (920-233-1379 or 920-495-3259) so Pastor is aware of how many are coming. Social distancing will prevail, with members sitting a couple of rows apart in the front half of church.
- * **Lord’s Supper:** Communion will be served to you in your pew to maintain social distancing. Soon we will begin to commune by “walking by” the pastor and assistant to receive the bread and wine.
- * **Offerings:** We will continue to have an offering plate in the back of church. Simply drop off your envelope there to avoid all of us handling the same plate.
- * **Bible Class:** Tuesday morning Bible Class has resumed and will continue through summer. Once again, we will maintain social distancing in our Fellowship Hall.
- * **Website:** immanuel-oshkosh.org: If you are not seeing website updates, please go back to your search engine (kinda like looking for the first time) and enter immanuel-oshkosh.org. There have been revisions made to our website recently that may require you to execute the above process to get you to the newest site.

If you prefer to wear a mask, please feel free to bring and/or wear it for any or all of the above listed gatherings.

Good day to you all !!! May 17th, 2020

“I will go Lord....IF YOU LEAD ME....” First of all, I would like to acknowledge and thank my mother, Marge Schroeder, for her lifelong service, of faithful, committed, dedication to our Lord, through her magnificent organ playing and choir directing, for the last 71 years!!! Not only has she always given her absolute best, she has been my inspiration, and when I play, I hear her. Thank you mother, Marge Schroeder, for sharing this God given gift, with so many of God's children. “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.”

I have been asked by the church counsel, to direct the choir here at Immanuel. I have been meditating and praying about this. Am I willing? Yes. Am I able? Ohhhhh, I suppose so. Sooooo....I have decided to give it a go! “I will go Lord, IF YOU LEAD ME.” Details will be coming!!!!

I encourage ALL who would like to, and have a willing spirit to contribute to our services musically, to please step forward. Any questions and concerns about the future of our choir or music program, please text or call me at 920-216-1246.

God bless you all, until we meet again

Marjean Oaks

*God will meet all your needs according to the riches of
His glory in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19*

LWMS

The 57th Annual LWMS Convention and Taste of Missions combine efforts for an unique online event!

LWMS is not going to be able to meet in Athens, Georgia, this summer for the 57th Annual Convention. While we are sorry that we will not see each other face to face, we want to do what we can to see that everyone remains safe and healthy. So, no travelling this year. However, we do have the unique opportunity to partner with our friends in the WELS Missions Office to hold an exciting online event that combines the best of our convention with the best of WELS Missions event called Taste of Missions.

Plans are underway to hold a two-week online event called Taste and See. During this event, you will taste and see missions through live-streamed worship services, the LWMS flag presentation, workshops, mission speakers, and devotions, as well as cooking tutorials with mission families, recipes, family fun activities, and mission updates. Mark your calendars to save the date! Taste and See will begin, Saturday, June 27 and wrap up with the commissioning of new missionaries on Saturday, July 11.

Please continue to check the LWMS and WELS websites, social media pages, and email newsletters for more information regarding Taste and See as it becomes available.

~Joan Radtke, LWMS Reporter

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in our fellowship hall normally during the "school year" and then break for the summer months. However, this year has not been normal! We will continue to meet during the summer to study God's Word. This is an informal/open discussion format for everyone. See you there!



☑ Jim Daubert and Paul Daubert for disposing

Thank you!

of multiple items purged after our office updates.

- ☑ Roger & Connie Jerman, Seelman Family and Timothy Krause for cleaning-up our church yard.
- ☑ Faye Leatherman, Barb Luft, Judy Zarter, Darlene Zepczyk, Pat Stieg and Arlene Stowe for making/providing food for the downtown homeless shelter.
- ☑ All members involved in updating our church office. A lot of research, ordering, moving furniture, running around and follow-up was needed to make this all come together. Please stop and take a look at how beautiful it looks!

LADIES' GUILD



With the unusual Spring we had in 2020, we missed a lot of time together. We will be getting together this summer to plan for our 2020-2021 season. Please watch our weekly worship bulletins for the exact date(s).

Please consider becoming a Ladies' Guild member next fall. We are looking for more ladies to become a part of our group. We meet one night (sometimes on a Saturday morning) a month from September through May. All you have to do is come and enjoy the programs, fellowship and yummy food!

Marian Pepler

May 2, 1930~~~May 26, 2020



Council Corner

- Church office redecorating nearly complete. Need someone to take a look at the ceiling fan installation and another outlet for the A/C in Pastor's office.
- Worship Services going forward may be conducted in a "different" format...hymnal vs. bulletin vs. large screen.
- Cinco de Junio potluck cancelled.
- Saturday 5:00 p.m. worship service is offered, but we will need a minimum of 8 people signed-up to justify the service.
- New laptop computer purchase was tabled until Covid-19 issue subsides and more businesses open to research best options.
- Discussed gradual expansion of Worship services.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Monthly Report of Offerings 05-01-20 through 05-28-20

General Fund	
Plate Offering	
Forward in Trust	
Lenten Offering	
Maundy Thursday	
Good Friday	
Easter	
Improve./Maint.	
Total	

WLA NEWS

As Winnebago Lutheran Academy ends its 95th school year this May, WLA would like to take the opportunity to thank all of their Association congregations and schools for the support they have received throughout the year. From attending events on campus to getting involved in various aspects of service to financially supporting the work that goes on, your prayers, involvement and support are very much appreciated. God has richly blessed the WLA family and will continue to guide us forward in his most holy name.



CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

Our outdoor church service and picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd **AT IMMANUEL**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. If you would like to serve on our picnic committee or have suggestions for our congregational picnic, please plan on attending our first meeting on June 28th after our worship service or speak with Pastor directly. New faces and ideas are always welcome.

Stewardship

Date	Attendance	Communion	Tuesday Bible Class	Total Offerings
05-03-20	20	N/A	N/A	
05-10-20	18	18	N/A	
05-17-20	24	N/A	11	
05-24-20	34	34	8	

**A day
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in prayer
is less
likely to
unravel.**

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June Newsletter



Altar Guild and Usher Schedule for June 2020

~~~SUBJECT TO WORSHIP SCHEDULE~~~

| Date                 | Altar Team                                      | Color | Usher Team                                                                         | Commune             |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| June 7               | Dave & Judy Zarter<br>& Jan Zellmer             | Ivory | Mark Andersen, Mady Andersen,<br>Tom Gregory, Randy Montgomery &<br>Amy Montgomery |                     |
| June 14<br>Communion | Dave & Faye Leatherman<br>& Ruth Reiter         | Green | John Hornig, Matt Fink & Larry Stowe                                               | Doug<br>Zellmer     |
| June 21              | Barb Luft, Ann Gosdeck<br>& Julie Treichel      | Green | Jim Daubert, Mark Juedes,<br>Mike Juedes & Pam Juedes                              |                     |
| June 28<br>Communion | Rachel Freerking, Kay<br>Kohfeldt & Edie Nieman | Green | Dave Schroeder,<br>Gary Troudt & Dennis Troudt                                     | Randy<br>Montgomery |