

Immanuel Lamplighter

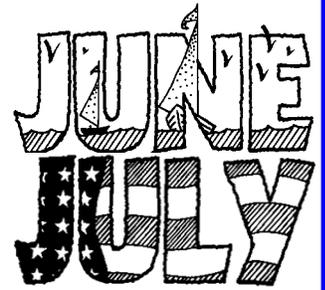
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“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”

Psalms 119:105

2019



Come to me...

I woke up the last couple of days...not to an alarm. My youngest child (of four) graduated from high school. No need to get up in time to fix breakfast. No more lunches to pack. No need to check the weather for slippery roads. I can just take a deep breath and relax, sort of. It's the end of an era of my life. The last child moving on to college and a career. Maybe my stress level will go down, maybe.

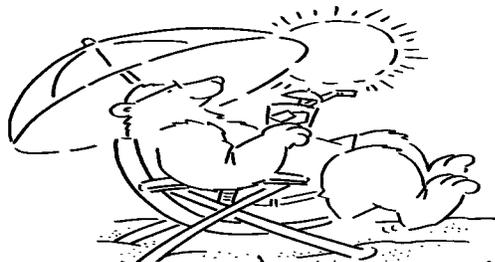
The daily workings of life leave us tired. Whether we are little children, who seem to have endless amounts of energy or those of us who are certainly past our physical prime, we all need rest for our earthly bodies. There are always deadlines. There is always something that needs to be done. There are always hopes and dreams that seem to be down the road. The evening comes and we feel exhausted. Time has taught us that we **have** to let our bodies regenerate, or else we will pay the price.

Too often, we readily recognize the necessity of sleep, but don't recognize the need to regenerate our souls. When we're hungry we go to the refrigerator. When we're tired we find our pillow. However, when our souls become weak and weary we cry out to God as though **he's** abandoned **us**. We flounder around through our daily lives, wondering what's wrong. Like a little child who fights taking a nap or going to bed, we fight to keep going at the expense of our spiritual life.

In Wisconsin, summer can be a great time to spend time outside. Locally, we look forward to CUSA, the EAA, family cookouts, etc. These are all ways to unwind. However, let's not forget to let our souls unwind. Not by fighting or avoiding our Lord and His Word, but by listening to him.

For those who do not have the opportunity to worship in His house regularly, you are invited to check out our new website that includes the Lamplighter, weekly bulletin and a video of the entire service. Listen to his voice in Matthew, chapter 11: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Pastor



LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Sunday School has collected \$168 during the 2018-2019 school year to help other children learn about Jesus. The money will be donated to Kids Summer Bible Camp. Thank you so much for donating the offerings to this project.

The International Convention will be held in Des Moines, Iowa from June 27-30.

The Fall Rally will be October 26 at St. Peter in Sturgeon Bay, co-hosted by Zion of Egg Harbor, and the Spring 2020 Rally will be at Riverview in Appleton.



All women of Immanuel are members of LWMS and are invited and encouraged to attend the rallies and the International Convention. Those unable to attend an event can certainly pray

for the missions and missionaries who serve to spread the saving truth of God's Word.

~Joan Radtke, LWMS Reporter

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in our fellowship hall during the "school year" and then break for the summer months. All are invited to study God's Word with us. Mark your calendars for September 3rd when we reconvene to finish our study of 1 Kings. This is an informal/open discussion format for everyone. See you there!



Let light shine out of darkness...
2 Corinthians 4:6

A day hemmed in prayer is less likely to unravel.

LADIES' GUILD

Our final "official" meeting for the year was held on Tuesday, May 21. We enjoyed our annual "Bring-A-Guest Ice Cream Social". It was an enjoyable evening for all.



As we prepare for our summer hiatus, the Ladies' Guild wishes to thank the congregation for supporting our endeavors; bake sale, soup sale and cookie sale. We especially want to thank Darlene Zepczyk for her loving and patient efforts creating and spearheading the Lenten and Palm Sunday banner projects. Great job! Also, this summer...August 1 will be our planning and cleaning day. (Please see details in article at left).



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 a month from September through May. All you have to do is come and enjoy the programs, fellowship and yummy food!

Christmas in August!

You might ask why,

Well, over the years, Immanuel has acquired a variety of decorations, designs, themes, colors, etc. It would appear we have a large mish-mash of lots of wonderful items all thrown together in a closet of chaos. Maybe it would be a good idea to sort through our treasures, label, discard and/or save and put together a game plan for Christmas 2019 and get organized...now!

Mark your calendar for August 1st at 9:00 a.m. We will meet in the basement and start sorting. At noon we will go out to lunch. More information will be announced in our weekly bulletins.

All members are welcome!

Belle L. Ader

October 4, 1923—May 3, 2019



With Sympathy

Blessed are they that die in the Lord.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for June 24-28 at Martin Luther, Oshkosh. This year's theme is "God's High Seas Adventures". Staff from Camp Phillip will be there to help host the program, working with teens and adults to facilitate VBS Day Camp for children entering 4-year-old Pre-K through Grade 6. To register or if you are willing to help, please contact Pastor Ericson at Martin Luther directly at 920 -235-1612 or martinlutheroshkosh.com/vbs. Volunteers are needed for a variety of duties.

Clyde Neuenfeldt

\$5,000.00

From Family



SUMMER BASEBALL GAMES

The 6th annual WELS Night is scheduled for Friday, July 12th. Mark your calendars and plan to join thousands of WELS members for an evening at Miller Park to watch the Brewers take on the San Francisco Giants.

Also, (more locally) we have information on the Fond du Lac Dock Spiders! Their schedule, daily specials, tickets prices, etc. is available to look at on our bulletin board. Play ball!



CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC



Our outdoor church service and picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 4th at South Park in the large pavilion. 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 30th after our worship service or speak with Pastor directly. New faces and ideas are always welcome.



Robert Berndt (Betty Pollock's son)

\$25.00

From Friends



WLA NEWS

As Winnebago Lutheran Academy ends its 94th 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.

Hudson Robert Freerking

Infant son of
Jay & Rachel Freerking
was received as a child of God by the
rite of Holy Baptism on May 4, 2019.
We wish God's blessings to
Hudson and his Family.



Thank you!

Dear Members of Immanuel,

I would like to express my thanks to the members of Immanuel Lutheran Church for their financial support of my Christian education. Some of you may not know that I attended Grace Lutheran School from four year old preschool through eighth grade. Then I continued on to Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac. I will be one of the 75 students that will graduate on June 2nd. Without your generous financial support, I would not have been able to attend both of these Christian schools.

In August, I will be attending Fox Valley Technical College here in Oshkosh. My focus will be Business Management. After I receive my Associate Degree, I plan to continue my education by attending UW-Oshkosh with a Journalism Major.

Once again, thank you for your financial support of my Christian education. It was certainly appreciated.

Most Sincerely,

Jacob Eichel Reiter
Winnebago Lutheran Academy
2019 Graduate



Council Corner

- Parsonage deck replacement and sidewalk repair work is underway and should be complete by early June.
- Organ fund is growing! Thanks to all that have and/or continue to contribute.
- May 3 Mexican Night was a success and fun. Forty members attended. Future "Fun Nights" will be forthcoming. Watch your bulletins and newsletter.
- Several Buildings & Grounds projects are underway...thanks to members helping out.
- Confirmation will be May 19 for three of our children.
- Private baptism of Hudson Robert Freerking was May 4.
- It was determined our record retention should be 7 years.
- One of the basement rooms will be designated for our banner storage.
- Immanuel's new website is still in process. A few items still need to be addressed, but it is almost "there"! Feel free to visit www.immanuelutheranoshkosh.publishpath.com to see for yourself.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Report of Offerings
04-28-19 through 05-27-19

General Fund	\$11,170.00
Plate Offering	\$362.00
Flowers/Bulletins	\$100.00
Organ Fund	\$695.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
W.L.C.F.S.	\$25.00
Memorials	\$25.00
Maundy Thursday	\$40.00
Good Friday	\$40.00
Easter	\$20.00
Improve./Maint. Fund	\$365.00
Total	\$12,847.00

Immanuel's new website is in progress...
 so far you can search on
www.immannuellutheranoshkosh.publishpath.com

This is still a work-in-process!
 Lots of
"bugs" need to be worked-out and
 updates are still coming!

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

Philippians 4:19

Stewardship					
Date	Attendance	Communion	Grief Share	Tuesday Bible Class	Total Offerings
04-28-19	90	75	4	11	\$2,141.10
05-05-19	70	N/A	7	10	\$3,272.00
05-12-19	129	118	N/A	8	\$3,015.75
05-19-19	108	N/A	N/A	10	\$2,604.00
05-26-19	68	61	N/A	N/A	\$1,814.15

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June & July Newsletter



Altar Guild and Usher Schedule for June & July 2019

June 2	Rachel Freerking, Kay Kohfeldt & Edie Nieman	Non-Communion White	Timothy Krause, Mark Juedes, Mike Juedes & Pam Juedes	
June 9 Communion	Dave & Judy Zarter & Jan Zellmer	Red	Dave Schroeder, Dave Leatherman, Gary Troudt & Dennis Troudt	Volunteer?
June 16 Trinity	Dave & Faye Leatherman & Ruth Reiter	Non-Communion	Jessie Reiter, Jeff Reiter, Jacob Reiter & Ruth Reiter	
June 23 Communion	Barb Luft, Ann Gosdeck & Julie Treichel	Green	Mark Andersen, Mady Andersen, Matt Mittelstaedt, Randy Montgomery & Amy Montgomery	Doug Zellmer
June 30	Rachel Freerking, Kay Kohfeldt & Edie Nieman	Green	Karl Luft, Jim Daubert, Marty Waite & Tom Gregory	
July 7	Dave & Judy Zarter & Jan Zellmer	Green	John Hornig, Matt Fink & Larry Stowe	
July 14 Communion	Dave & Faye Leatherman & Ruth Reiter	Green	Timothy Krause, Mark Juedes, Mike Juedes & Pam Juedes	Randy Montgomery
July 21	Barb Luft, Ann Gosdeck & Julie Treichel	Green	Dave Schroeder, Dave Leatherman, Gary Troudt & Dennis Troudt	
July 28 Communion	Rachel Freerking, Kay Kohfeldt & Edie Nieman	Green	Jessie Reiter, Jeff Reiter, Jacob Reiter & Ruth Reiter	Marty Waite