



Immanuel Lamplighter



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“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 19:105



“When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home. John 19:26, 27

I realize that these passages come from the most grueling, cruel event in world history. Few methods of execution can compare to the Roman crucifixion. Even the depiction of **Christ’s death in modern-day** movies or plays cannot recreate the pain and torture. But, I think that all too often, we forget how this death affected one person in particular. His mother, Mary.

She was blessed to be the woman who would give physical life to our Savior, and **her’s**. It was an event that she must have looked forward to. I myself have impatiently waited for the **birth of children. Questions flood through an expectant parent’s mind. To start out with, boy or girl? Blonde, brunette or (for three of mine) ginger? Intellectually superior? Athletic? Tall, short? And then, the real kicker, what are they going to do with their lives?**

It’s a challenge raising a child. Mothers have an active role way before dads. They are entrusted with the duty of growing that child, month after month, until it’s time to enter this world. The pressure of giving birth and the raising a child is staggering. Rose Kennedy is credited as saying, “What greater aspiration and challenge are there for a mother than the hope of raising a great son or daughter?”

Suffice it to say, Mary had a great challenge in front of her. Not only would she give birth to the Son of God, she had to accept the fact that she would also see him die. Perhaps it goes without saying, that a parent, especially a mother, should never see one of their children die. **Yet that’s what Mary had to do. A mother’s love is so great... Yet not as great as our Savior’s.** As he neared the end of his sacrificial death, where he poured out his love for every man, woman, and child, he turned to his mother in love. He spoke very little during those six hours on the cross, but he could not forget his mother, the one who gave him life.

This year, Mother’s Day, traditionally one of the busiest days for restaurants, will largely go uncelebrated. Safer-at-home orders will diminish our ability to personally spend time with those special women we call, “Mom”. Yet, there are the memories. Words said, and words unspoken. Things done, and things left undone. Happy times and sad. They all reflect on the person that gave us our life. Jesus looked down at his mother from the cross, and still looked up to her with love and respect.

I wish blessings on all mothers this year as we pass by their “day” with little notice. Please remember the sacrifices that they made for you, as we continue to remember and reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that our Lord and Savior made for us.

~Pastor



Special Thanks to . . .

- ⇒ Everyone who assisted with our Lenten Soup-Supper Fellowships.
- ⇒ Mary Troudt for her very inspirational and attractive bulletin boards.
- ⇒ Darlene Zepczyk for researching Easter flower options and picking up our Easter Flowers.
- ⇒ Everyone who provided flowers for our Easter displays.
- ⇒ Darlene Zepczyk and Jan Zellmer for arranging Easter flowers at the altar and church proper with Christian figurines.
- ⇒ Randy & Amy Montgomery, Gary Troudt and Pastor for delivering Easter Lilies to our shut-in members.
- ⇒ Jim Dobish for making the altar light stand.
- ⇒ Cliff Babler for making the altar plant stands.
- ⇒ Connie Jerman for cleaning up our flower beds.
- ⇒ Mary Troudt for sanitizing our hymnals after Worship Service.
- ⇒ To our members and visitors that faithfully continued with their monetary offerings to Immanuel **during the 'shutdown.'**
- ⇒ Pastor Seelman for providing Immanuel with inspirational Lenten, Holy Week and Easter 10-person Worship Services, especially under these very challenging times.
- ⇒ Pastor Seelman for his fireside messages on our **website. God's words of encouragement are exactly what we need during this unusual environment we live in!**
- ⇒ Past memorial donations that covered most of **the refurbishment of our office areas. It's beautiful!**
- ⇒ Randy Montgomery, Timothy Krause, Jim Daubert, Jeff Reiter, Jan Zellmer and Amy Montgomery for researching, overseeing, moving furniture in and out, disposing, cleaning and completing the church office updating. Many hours were dedicated to get this project completed. Thank you to all!
- ⇒ **All of the "un-named" members that faithfully attend to many, many tasks around our church that "just get done!"**

Thank you!



Cinco de Junio (Fifth of June)

Celebration

(Tentatively, of Course)

It's been too loooooong!

Potluck Mexican food night!

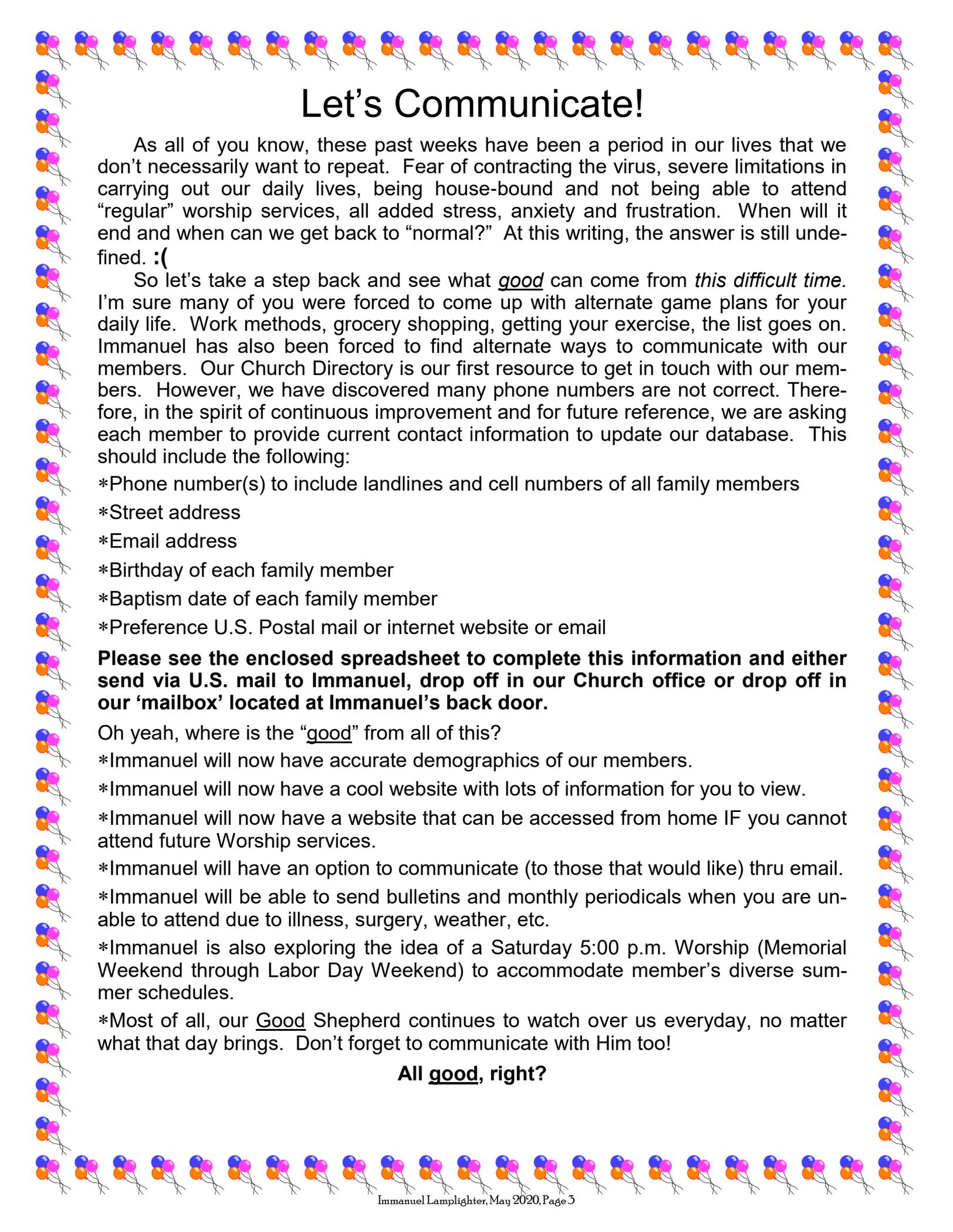
Think up your favorite Mexican recipe and bring it to share!!

Starting at 5:00 p.m.—till ?

Watch our weekly bulletins for updates on this event.

Council Corner

- * Ten-person mini-worship services continue thru pandemic period. Another service can be added if there are more members interested in attending.
- * Weekly messages will be available on our website very soon.
- * Pastor is available for personal counseling. Call him directly (920) 495-3259.
- * Pastor and CC has started making contact with Immanuel members to "check-in" and make sure everyone is okay and answer church related questions.
- * Paint and flooring in our church office is complete and looks GREAT.
- * A new pictorial directory is planned for 2020.
- * Discussion of organist options.
- * We will be disposing of old furniture and equipment in May.
- * We are trying to find out the status of Smith Renovations. (The firm that was here last winter to advise remodeling options).
- * Next meeting is scheduled for May 20th at 5:30 p.m.



Let's Communicate!

As all of you know, these past weeks have been a period in our lives that we don't necessarily want to repeat. Fear of contracting the virus, severe limitations in carrying out our daily lives, being house-bound and not being able to attend "regular" worship services, all added stress, anxiety and frustration. When will it end and when can we get back to "normal?" At this writing, the answer is still undefined. :(

So let's take a step back and see what good can come from *this difficult time*. I'm sure many of you were forced to come up with alternate game plans for your daily life. Work methods, grocery shopping, getting your exercise, the list goes on. Immanuel has also been forced to find alternate ways to communicate with our members. Our Church Directory is our first resource to get in touch with our members. However, we have discovered many phone numbers are not correct. Therefore, in the spirit of continuous improvement and for future reference, we are asking each member to provide current contact information to update our database. This should include the following:

- *Phone number(s) to include landlines and cell numbers of all family members
- *Street address
- *Email address
- *Birthday of each family member
- *Baptism date of each family member
- *Preference U.S. Postal mail or internet website or email

Please see the enclosed spreadsheet to complete this information and either send via U.S. mail to Immanuel, drop off in our Church office or drop off in our 'mailbox' located at Immanuel's back door.

Oh yeah, where is the "good" from all of this?

- *Immanuel will now have accurate demographics of our members.
- *Immanuel will now have a cool website with lots of information for you to view.
- *Immanuel will now have a website that can be accessed from home IF you cannot attend future Worship services.
- *Immanuel will have an option to communicate (to those that would like) thru email.
- *Immanuel will be able to send bulletins and monthly periodicals when you are unable to attend due to illness, surgery, weather, etc.
- *Immanuel is also exploring the idea of a Saturday 5:00 p.m. Worship (Memorial Weekend through Labor Day Weekend) to accommodate member's diverse summer schedules.
- *Most of all, our Good Shepherd continues to watch over us everyday, no matter what that day brings. Don't forget to communicate with Him too!

All good, right?

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

Monthly Report of Offerings 04-01-20-through 04-30-20

Description	Amount
General Fund	
Plate Offering	
Flowers & Bulletins	
Miscellaneous (LWMS)	
Lenten Offering	
Maundy Thursday	
Good Friday	
Easter	
Improve/Maint. Fund	
Total	

STEWARDSHIP

Date	Attendance	Communion	Total Offerings (Budget & Non-Budget)
03-25-20 Lent	14	N/A	
03-29-20	16	N/A	
04-01-20 Lent	11	N/A	
04-05-20 Palm Sunday	17	N/A	
04-09-20 Maundy Thursday	19	19 + 5 individuals	
04-10-20 Good Friday	18	N/A	
04-12-20 Easter Sunday	18	N/A	
04-19-20	18	N/A	
04-26-20	20	20	

Cast
all
your
anxiety
on
Him
because
He
cares
for
you.

1Peter 5:7

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Altar Guild and Usher Schedule for May 2020

*****SUBJECT TO WORSHIP SCHEDULE*****

Date	Altar Team	Color	Usher Team	Assistant
May 3	Rachel Freerking, Kay Kohfeldt & Edie Nieman	Ivory	John Hornig, Matt Fink & Larry Stowe	
May 10 Communion	Dave & Judy Zarter & Jan Zellmer	Communion White	Jim Daubert, Mark Juedes, Mike Juedes & Pam Juedes	Jim Daubert
May 17	Dave & Faye Leatherman & Ruth Reiter	Ivory	Dave Schroeder, Gary Troudt & Dennis Troudt	
May 24 Communion	Barb Luft, Ann Gosdeck & Julie Treichel	Communion White	Karl Luft, Dave Leatherman & Timothy Krause	John Nieman

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship Services (5 person minimum- 10 person maximum)** 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Communion Services (5 person minimum- 10 person maximum)** 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15	16 Armed Forces Day 
17 Worship Services (5 person minimum- 10 person maximum)** 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	18	19 NO Ladies' Guild	20 5:30 p.m. Church Council Mtg.	21	22 June Lamplighter Articles Due	23 Worship Service (5 person minimum- 10 person maximum)** 5:00 p.m.
24 Communion Service (5 person minimum- 10 person maximum)** 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	25	26	27	28	29	30 Worship Service (5 person minimum- 10 person maximum)** 5:00 p.m.
31 Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Subject to Stay-at-Home Order	<p align="center">**Worship Attendance Procedure**</p> <p>YOU MUST SIGN-UP TO ATTEND. We cannot have more than 10 people at church. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before Worship is scheduled to begin. Please leave church immediately after Worship has concluded and take your Worship bulletin with you. Kindly park in our parking lot. We are trying to use the back door of church only. Since it is getting warm outside, please feel free to visit with other members in our parking lot.</p> <p><u>To sign-up for Worship: Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall or call (920) 233-1379.</u> (There are several pencils to use to sign-up. Please feel free to use a pencil and take it with you.) We intend to hold to this worship process unless our Government changes rules and/or guidelines for gatherings.</p>					