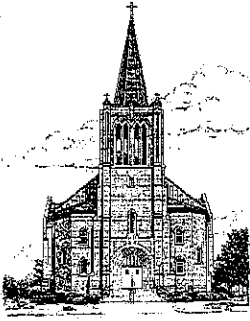


# THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL



**SERVICES WILL BE BROADCAST ON FACEBOOK AND IMMANUEL'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL. (A link may be found to YouTube on Immanuel's Website [www.flatvillechurch.com](http://www.flatvillechurch.com) ) All Sunday Services will be broadcast on WPXN live each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Additionally, live broadcasts on YouTube, every day of Matins at 7:00 a.m. and Vespers at 5:00 p.m. They are also uploaded to Facebook.**

**September 2020**



This summer has gone by with a hybrid worship schedule and practice. As much as everyone else, I wish we could simply go back to normal. "Why don't we just go back to doing things the way we want to? We are out in the country. Who would pay attention to us?" Lots of people pay attention to us, especially if an outbreak could be tied to Immanuel. I don't want to make the headlines. Imagine: "Outbreak in small rural community because congregation doesn't follow guidelines." So we will continue to follow precautions, though we will have some relaxed protocol.

① We will continue to wear masks and use ropes to indicate which pews can be used.

② We will no longer ask people to call in to announce their intention to attend worship. I hate to even say this. However, if we start to approach 100 in any service, we may need to reinstate the practice.

③ Beginning with September 20, we will return to having the 10:15 am service. So that people are not using the same pews and hymnals, between services, the ropes will be moved one row forward.

④ Sunday School will be held with many safety precautions in place. For example, the largest rooms will be used by the largest classes. Traffic patterns will include one way hallways. Classes will have staggered dismissals. Plans are much more detailed, but this gives you an idea of what is involved.

⑤ Joy Bells and Cathedral Choir wait for a later date before resuming. Confirmation class will be held in Diers Hall to create greater distance between students.

I very much appreciate your patience in all of this. For all of us, patience is being stretched and tested to its limit. We remain united in our worship of a holy and loving God!

*Pastor Jim Lehman*



## COUNCIL MINUTES August 18, 2020

**Pastor's Report-** The transfer of Dennis and Sally Meyer to Prince of Peace, St. Joseph was approved. The NALC Convocation was held virtually on August 7 & 8. The congregation will be asked to vote on whether the Convocation should be held annually or every other year.

**Parish Education** - Darcy Silver presented a very detailed report on plans to reopen Sunday School safely. The first day of Sunday School is scheduled for September 13. Blessing of the backpacks will be done by Pastor in each classroom during the Sunday School hour. Other youth group offerings are still on hold in order to be able to continue to start slow, as we try to reopen. Confirmation meeting times are being considered as the Middle School sports schedule issues are being unveiled.

**Unfinished Business** - Worship will go to two services as originally scheduled as of September 20, 2020 with limited attendance. Reservations will no longer be required.

**New Business** - Mission Festival offering is designated with 50% to Lutheran Military Veterans & Families Ministries and 50% to World Missions.

**Next Meeting:** September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.



### August Worship Attendance

	<u>Sat</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>Total</u>
8/2	16	53	69
8/9	19	52	71
8/16	22	55	77
8/23	29	68	97

**HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

- 9/1 Kenneth Hinrichs
- 9/3 Mary Huls
- 9/9 Norma Reitmeier
- 9/9 Wanda Wilken
- 9/12 Gayle Duitsman
- 9/13 Lois Maury
- 9/13 Leo Studer
- 9/14 Lois Harms
- 9/15 JoAnne Mennenga
- 9/16 Derald Ackerman
- 9/21 Gesina Erdman
- 9/24 Emma Johnson
- 9/26 Evelyn Sjuts
- 9/27 Dora Ehmen
- 9/27 Shirley Johnson
- 9/30 Robert Ramm



**SHUT-INS**

Keep our homebound and shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers. They would all enjoy calls or visits:

**Accolade of Paxton**

Bill Reitmeier

**Brookstone Estates**

Marie Duitsman

Dora Ehmen

Lela Huls

Emilie Steffey

**Carriage Crossings**

Leo & Judi Studer

**Country Health Nursing Home**

Gesina Erdman

Dorothy Fruhling

Berl Peavler

**Holly Brook, Savoy**

Norma Reitmeier

**Supportive Living of Washington**

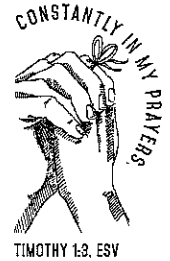
Donna Flessner

**Amber Glen**

Joan Gordon

**Home Bound**

Anne Duitsman - Florida



**HYMN SING**

Hymn Sing at Hollybrook, Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> is **CANCELED**

**DEVOTIONS**

Devotions with Pastor Barbara Busboom on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Country Health at 2:00 p.m. is **CANCELED**



**HOLY MATRIMONY**

Michael Youmans and Jacqueline Anderson were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Immanuel officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Country Health Rehab and Brookstone will not have Holy Communion in September due to COVID 19 Pandemic.



**CHILD:** Zachary Dean Kopmann

**PARENTS:** Joshua and Marianne Kopmann

**DATE OF BIRTH:** June 18, 2020

**BAPTISM:** August 22, 2020

by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS

**CHILD:** Mason McCoy Johnson

**PARENTS:** Dillon & Dallas Johnson

**DATE OF BIRTH:** June 14, 2020

**BAPTISM:** August 29, 2020

by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS



**FROM THE CHOIR**

In March our world changed.... No rehearsals. No Wednesday nights together.... But don't let that stop us from singing God's Praise!!!

Sing in the shower

Sing in the kitchen

Sing in the shed and

Sing in your bed...just sing!!



## MISSION FESTIVAL SERVICE - September 13<sup>th</sup>

Our annual mission festival will be held on September 13. Worship will be held at 5:00 pm on Saturday and 8:00 am on Sunday. We will also have worship on Sunday at 7:00 pm. Our guest preacher will be Chaplain Leslie Haines (Major) Retired. She is the director of Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries, Inc. (LMVFM) in Ft. Wayne, IN. This is a vitally important ministry. Its mission is: **Serving with Christ's Love Those Who Serve.** So many of our veterans and families are in need of care. Please come and find out the great need and how you can help.

The offering will be divided equally between LMVFM and world missions. Invite your friends and support generously.

### SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

The September Stewardship Project for the Women of Immanuel will be collecting items for the Lutheran World Relief "Health Care Kits".

The items needed are:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- Two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars
- One adult size toothbrush in it's original packing
- One sturdy comb (no picks or fine toothed combs)
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional).

Your donations may be dropped off in the breezeway.

### IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES CANCELLED Until Further Notice

- Cathedral Choir practice
- Joy Bells practice
- Women of Immanuel
- Lutheran Brotherhood
- Euchre
- Ostfriesian meetings

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please email any submissions to the church at [flatvillesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:flatvillesecretary@gmail.com).



Men's Bible Study has resumed. Please join us Wednesday mornings at 6:00 a.m.



### Fern Monafay Becker

Fern Becker completed her baptismal journey on August 19, 2020 at her daughter's home in Fairmount. Her funeral was August 24, 2020 at Immanuel officiated by Pastor Dennis Meyer, STS. Committal was at St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery (Schwer) Milford, IL.



### FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Thank you to all of the families that were able to complete the survey in order to help us plan appropriately for Sunday School. We are planning to have Sunday School begin on Sunday, September 13th beginning at 9:15. In order to do this safely, we will be making some adjustments to typical classroom assignments, how the physical space of the classroom is set up, and arrival/dismissal times and procedures. If you did not get a chance to fill out the survey, please email Darcy Silver or Tina Buhr so your child/children may be added to our registration list and we can make any adjustments for classroom materials or classroom space. Materials were also ordered for families that want to participate remotely.

(Fall Sunday School Information Cont'd)

**What parents can do to help keep our Sunday School safe?**

- Check temperatures before coming to church or Sunday School
- If your child has any symptoms, please keep them home
- Make sure your child uses the restroom & washes hands before arriving
- Please refrain from sending drinks or snacks with your child
- Send children with masks to keep on during Sunday School, including arrival and dismissal

**Arrival & Dismissal**

- North stairwell is for going upstairs
- South stairwell is for going downstairs
- Please do your best to give space between families as you are walking with your child/children(try not to crowd hallways or stairwells)
- Teachers will bring students to Diers Hall for dismissal out the North door (this will most likely be 3 year olds-6th grade-but not to exceed 50 in total)
- We are working on a dismissal schedule that will allow for plenty of time before 10:15 church & not have as many children exit through the breezeway

**Classroom Assignments & Space**

- Classroom assignments will be based on the number of students in the classroom
- Tentative plan for Sunday School Classrooms
- 3 year olds-3rd grade will be upstairs
- 4th-6th Diers Hall
- 7th-8th Basement
- High School-basement
- Classrooms will be set up with all students facing the same direction(not sitting around the room or table)
- Assigned seatings and space between students

- Each student will have their own supplies kept in a ziplock bag(SS will purchase these & label with names)
- Teachers may take their class outside for part of their lesson

**What the Sunday School time will and will not include:**

- Sunday School story & lesson activities
- Any hands' on crafts or activities will be individually prepared(not sharing from a group of materials)
- Possibly incorporate short videos/stories to help strengthen understanding of the lesson
- Classrooms will not be joining other classrooms for opening or joining in singing their favorite songs. (At this time we feel like it is safest to not sing together, we will miss this too!)
- Classrooms will have plenty of hand sanitizer & wipes

**Where do I get the most updated information?**

- Like the Immanuel Lutheran Church Sunday School Face Book Page
- Check on the website:  
<http://flatvillechurch.com/youth-education/sunday-school>
- Teacher/Helper List is posted for 2020-2021
- Email or contact Darcy Silver, silverdarcy@gmail.com Parish Ed Director,
- Tina Buhr, Bergman757@hotmail.com, Sunday School Superintendent
- Toni Brown, thbrown03@hotmail.com, & Tracie Harris, tlhidden@aol.com, Sunday School Assistant Superintendents
- Classrooms, dismissal times & procedures will be posted and shared on Saturday, September 12th on the website & Facebook Page.

**SPECIAL DATES**

- Labor Day, September 7, 2020
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2020
- National Grandparents Day, September 13, 2020
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15–Oct. 15, 2020
- First day of autumn, September 22, 2020

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Pastor & everyone for sending shut ins and others prayers and devotions to stay positive. Very helpful!

- Donna Hopkins -



**GREAT RIVERS MISSION DISTRICT  
DISASTER RESPONSE SUPPLY  
WAREHOUSE**

American Lutheran Church in Rantoul now has an established area onsite to utilize as the NALC Distric Disaster Response Supply warehouse.

Their most recent assistance was delivery of supplies on hand to the Cedar Rapids, IA area which was severely impacted by a Derecho Storm. This assistance depleted their inventory.

There are a number of areas where you can assist. One option to consider would be gift cards to the following stores:

- Rural King
- Walmart
- Home Depot
- Lowe's
- Target

Or, personal checks made out to "American Lutheran Church" *earmarked "Disaster Response Fund"*. These would allow them to build up some financial resources to purchase needed items on demand, items which some people may find difficult to purchase and/or ship and be able to negotiate with vendors on bulk purchases.

Any material goods, checks and/or gift cards should be taken or mailed to:

American Lutheran Church Disaster Warehouse  
500 Church Drive  
Rantoul, IL 61866

**MORE NALC DISASTER RESPONSE NEEDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**FLOOD BUCKET**

- ONE 5 gallon bucket with lid
- TWO large trash bags
- ONE gallon of bleach
- Comet or scouring cleanser
- PineSol or liquid floor cleaner
- Dust mask, N-95 recommended  
(Pack separately in case Medical staff need masks)
- \*If no mask, mark bucket & send scrub brush, rubber gloves and broom.
- Rakes, shovels, Hoes—debris removal tools

**BIBLES NEW AND USED**

- Please include a person note or prayer.

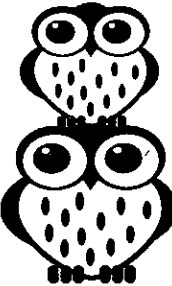
A flyer can be found on the bulletin board with a complete list of items they accept.

**PUZZLE**

**WISDOM FROM THE WORD**

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.

	school	—○— —
	paper	—○—
	wisdom	—○—
	read	—○—
	play	—○—
	learn	○— — —
	grow	—○— — —
	pencils	—○—
	pray	—○—
	art	—○—
	student	—○—
	kids	—○—
	apple	—○—

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be \_\_\_\_\_ and successful.”

**JOSHUA 1:8, NIV**

Answer: apple, art, grow, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

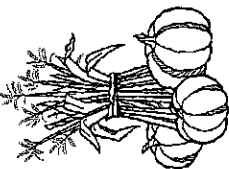
**SEPTEMBER 2020 CALENDAR—IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	<b>2</b> 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study	<b>3</b> 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
<b>6</b> 8:00 a- Worship & Holy Communion Baptism: Stalter	<b>7</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:00 p- Council	<b>9</b> 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 7:00 p- Confirmation	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 5:00 p- Worship
<b>13 MISSION FESTIVAL</b> 8:00 a- Worship 9:15 a- Evangelism	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship Newsletter Deadline	<b>16</b> 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 7:00 p- Confirmation	<b>17</b> 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
<b>20</b> 8:00 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- Sunday School 10:15a- Worship & Holy Communion	<b>21</b> 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	<b>22</b> 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	<b>23</b> 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 7:00 p- Confirmation	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 5:00 p- Worship
<b>27</b> 8:00 a- Worship 9:15 a- Sunday School 10:15 a- Worship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	<b>30</b> 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 7:00 p- Confirmation			

# SEPTEMBER 2020 VOLUNTEERS

Date	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	No Greeters	Ushers/ Altar Guild
Sunday, September 6, 2020 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. COMMUNION	Makenna Ackerman Caleb Cotter	Lloyd Duitsman	5:00 Bonita Kopmann 8:00 Karon Currie		8:00 am Ushers: (Capt) Rodney Bergman Kyle Meccoli Darla Rubarts Judy Rademaker
Sunday, September 13, 2020 8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. MISSION FESTIVAL	Brodie Harms Tinley Ideus	Jason Stalter Mike Stark			10:15 Ushers: (Capt) Wendell Wolken Tyler Suits Gene Schmidt Brett Brown
Sunday, September 20, 2020 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Kodey McKinney Carmen Sage Brooks Brown Blake Learned	Kim Wood Toni Brown	5:00 Lois Harms 8:00 Callie Heidbreder 10:15 Toni Brown		Altar Guild: (Chair) Denise Wolken Bev Heiden Donna Wiltshire Casey Roelfs Brenda Barr Teri Travis
Sunday, September 27, 2020 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Paige Schoonover Paige Schmidt	Elaine Wilson Maynard Duitsman			

# OCTOBER 2020 VOLUNTEERS

Date	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	No Greeters	Ushers
<b>Sunday, October 4, 2020</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Spencer Stockwill Cameron McElroy Brooks Brown Bryce Brown	Sharolyn Worley Steve Rudowski	5:00 Sue Calhoun 8:00 Sharon Emkes 10:15 Hailey Braden		<b>October: 8:00 a.m.</b> Wally Worley, Capt. Trent Worley Tad Worley Gary Busboom
<b>Sunday, October 11, 2020</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Chelsea Suits Adam Wilson	Leon Schmidt Teri Travis			<b>October: 10:15 a.m.</b> Brad Blue, Capt. Ellen Blue Marvin Rademacher Ryan Rademaker
<b>Sunday, October 18, 2020</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Madison Wolken Davyn Franzen Abbie Blue Kodey McKinney	Robyn Camp Darcy McMahon	5:00 Lois Harms 8:00 Edgar Hoveln 10:15 Shirley Wyatt		<b>Altar Guild:</b> Mary Quinlan - Chair Wilma Suits Karon Currie Marie Reitmeier Elaine Busboom Amy Jones Lynette Aikman
<b>Sunday, October 25, 2020</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Makenna Ackerman Nolan Franzen Alex Blue Caleb Cotter	Sharolyn Worley Sue Calhoun	5:00 Joyce Romine 8:00 Denise Wolken 10:15 Stacey Hulls		 <b>OCTOBER</b>



## JULY 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

### Fund Balance Information

GENERAL FUND				BUILDING FUND			
Fund Balance	6/30/2020		\$ 253,968.02	Fund Balance	6/30/2020		\$ 124,542.77
Offerings		\$ 27,220.06		Offerings		\$ 7,170.50	
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts		1,814.74		Total Income			\$ 7,170.50
	Total Income		\$ 29,034.80				
Pastoral Ministry		\$ 12,379.83		Insurance		\$ 5,408.88	
Worship & Service		3,537.74		Utilities		2,309.00	
Our Church Home		3,184.93		Building & Repair		286.82	
Dedicated Fund Expenses		1,161.88		Total Expenses			\$ 8,004.70
	Total Expenses		\$ 20,264.38				
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>7/31/2020</b>		<b>\$ 262,738.44</b>	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>7/31/2020</b>		<b>\$ 123,708.57</b>
Less Dedicated Fund Total			91,125.21	<i>Building Fund Invested as:</i>		<i>Checking</i>	\$ 123,708.57
<b>Total Unobligated Balance</b>			<b>\$ 171,613.23</b>				
<i>General Fund Invested as:</i>				<b>Other Fund Balances</b>			
<i>CD</i>	\$34,281.53	<i>Checking</i>	\$ 26,689.60	Endowment Capital	\$ 26,062.17	Memorial	\$ 41,911.14
<i>Money Market</i>	\$121,576.32	<i>CD</i>	\$44,962.16	Endowment Common	\$ 37,748.40	Endowment Interest	\$ 654.36
		<i>CD</i>	\$35,228.83				

### Offering & Attendance July 2020

#### By Category

General	\$ 27,220.06
Benevolence	6,425.50
Building	7,170.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 40,816.06</b>

#### July Attendance

271
<b>Average Weekly Attendance</b>
68

#### Benevolence Offering Includes

General Benevolence	5,340.00	Lutheran CORE	40.00
Rantoul Food Bank	450.50	Lent	100.00
Marion Medical Mission	40.00	NALC Seminary	455.00

#### Additional Offerings Received

LYO	10.00	Parking Lot	450.00
JOY	10.00	CD's	14.00

### Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 184,674.00	\$ 163,020.85	\$ (21,653.15)
Benevolence	70,000.00	50,674.50	(19,325.50)
Building	67,960.00	50,116.35	(17,843.65)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 322,634.00</b>	<b>\$ 263,811.70</b>	<b>\$ (58,822.30)</b>

	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 148,384.17	\$ 14,636.68
Benevolence	49,214.50	1,460.00
Building	53,007.42	(2,891.07)
	<b>\$ 250,606.09</b>	<b>\$ 13,205.61</b>

