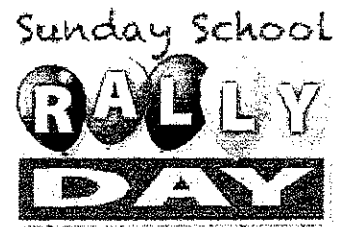




PROMOTION SUNDAY



Immanuel Lutheran Church of Flatville Youth Education Important 2021-2022 Upcoming Dates

- **Sunday, August 22 -- Sunday School Kickoff/Rally Day**
 - 9:00 Blessing of the backpacks during church
(Please have your child bring their school backpack to church so that it may be blessed)
 - 9:00 Sunday School Teacher Installation during church
 - 10:15 – 10:30 Nursery I parent meeting in Luther Lounge
(Informational meeting for Parents & then children will go to their classroom)
 - 10:15 – 11:00 Sunday School resumes for all Nursery-High School students with treats after dismissal.

- **Sunday, August 29**
 - 9:00 Worship
 - 10:15 – 11:00 Sunday School

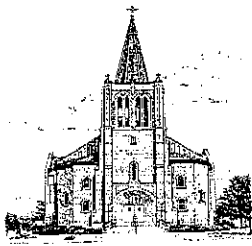
- **Wednesday, September 1 - Student/Parent Confirmation Meeting @ 7:00pm**

- **Sunday, September 5**
 - 9:00 Worship
 - 10:15 – 11:00 Sunday School

- **Wednesday, September 8 - 1st Confirmation Class @ 7:00pm**

- **Sunday, September 12 -- Mission Festival**
 - 9:00 Worship
 - 10:15 – 11:00 Sunday School

- **Sunday, September 19 (Regular schedule resumes for rest of the year)**
 - 8:00 Worship Service #1
 - 9:15 – 10:05 Sunday School
 - 9:15 – 10:05 Adult Sunday School Class starts
 - 10:15 Worship Service #2



THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

August 2021



Our gracious Lord has done so much for us! Not only has his death and resurrection secured eternity for those who believe, but he has also given us peace in everyday life. Strength to meet the day and guidance for those who come after us are blessings given by a loving God.

But how do we remain faithful to God when everything around us points us in a different direction? Some opposition is easy to spot. When we hear of Christians being murdered simply because they are Christians, we know what they are up against. But what if the opposition is less obvious? What if the temptations and allurements are not so clear?

In *Live Not by Lies: A Manual for Christian Dissidents*, Rod Dreher discusses telltale signs of "soft" totalitarianism cropping up in America. The first part of the book identifies how pervasively and persuasively those forces are working into every day life. He interviews people from the former Soviet bloc who see similarities here. The second part has many examples learned through their experience. There are concrete steps that can be taken by each one of us.

This is a book that needs to be discussed. I believe it has practical implications for families, for congregations, for groups that are committed to remaining faithful to our Lord. This will be the basis of the adult Sunday School class beginning in September.

Whether you attend the class or not, I strongly encourage you to read this book and think about steps you can take. It is a book of hope. I share this with you now so you will have time to delve into it. I got my copy at Barnes & Nobel. (Bev and I are trying to reduce and curtail our use of Amazon, for reasons you'll learn in the book.)

Pastor Jari Lehman



COUNCIL MINUTES July 13, 2021

Pastor's Report

- There was a discussion on the 3rd Goal of the NALC 2020 Vision. (Pastoral support for every congregation by the end of 2021).

Parish Ed - VBS was a success with 62 students registered. The students collected over \$600 for the Oberheim Family fund. August 22 is Sunday School Kickoff/Rally Day (Blessing of Backpacks and Teacher Installation). Confirmation classes begin September 8. Normal Sunday School hours resume September 19 with the start of 8:00 a.m. services.

Property - Inspection of boilers revealed two cracks; Hovel's are working to seal the cracks.

Stewardship - Kyle noted he visited Bible Camp last Sunday and explained how church committees serve the church.

New Business - Pack the Church/Chicken Dinner is Sunday, August 8, 2021.

Next Meeting: August 10th at 6:00 p.m.



SUMMER HOURS for Church Office
The summer office hours continue through
August: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

FALL WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

We will return to our normal Sunday worship schedule of 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 beginning on Sunday, September 19.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
The newsletter deadline is AUGUST 15th

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

ATTENDANCE

8/1 Melvin Reitmeier
 8/3 Donna Ramm
 8/6 Jo Ann Duitsman
 8/8 Clarissa Schluter
 8/10 Carolyn Flesner
 8/14 Robert Tuller
 8/16 Virlon Suits
 8/20 Philip Johnson
 8/30 Mary Blue
 8/31 Bernice Loschen



	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u> 9:00 a.m.	<u>Totals</u>
5/30	23	102	125
6/6	14	161	175
6/13	15	98	113
6/20	27	123	150
6/27	25	111	136
7/4	15	81	96
7/11	18	92	110
7/18	19	114	133
7/25	14	115	129

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion at **Brookstone** will be on Thursday, **August 12th** at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion at **Country Health** will be Thursday, **August 12th** at 1:30 p.m. and



WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

Mark your calendar for August 24th as we will meet and continue our new bible study, DVD, "Imagine" We will be meeting at the home of Elaine Busboom at 4:00 p.m.

HYMN SING

Hymn Sing will return during the month of August. Please join us at Brookstone on August 22nd at 1:30 p.m. Masks are not required if you are fully vaccinated.

OSTFRIESIAN SOCIETY

We plan to meet on:
 Sunday, August 15th at 1:00 p.m.
 Please join us!

EUCHRE

The Euchre tournament for August will be Sunday the 15th at 3:00 p.m. Please plan to join us!



FILL THE CHURCH/GOLF CART SUNDAY CHICKEN DINNER EVENT REMINDER

- Dress Casual
- Drive to church in golf cart, side-by-side, gator, old time vehicle or any vehicle you have.
- 8:00 a.m. - Royal and surrounding area meet in front of the Royal grocery store and proceed to Lois Harms' corner
- 8:30 a.m. - Those on south side of Flatville slab will meet at Lois Harms' corner and travel together to church.
- 8:30 a.m. - Those north of the church will meet at Evan Huls' corner to proceed to the church.
- 8:30 a.m. - Those coming from the west will meet at Evelyn Sjuts/Chandler Bruns corner to proceed to church.

You must have reservations to attend the chicken dinner event following the service.



HOLY BAPTISMS

CHILD: Rylan William Braden
PARENTS: Todd and Hailey Braden
DATE OF BIRTH: April 19, 2021
BAPTISM: July 25, 2021
 by Pastor James T. Lehmann, STS
SPONSORS: Cale and Callie Heidbreder



CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Marvin Dean Flesner

Marvin Flesner completed his baptismal journey on June 20, 2021 in Thomasboro, Illinois. No service was held.

SHUT-INS

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

Brookstone Estates

Dora Ehmen
 Lela Huls
 Emilie Steffey

Country Health Nursing Home

Gesina Erdman
 Dorothy Fruhling
 Darlene Johnson

Evergreen Place

Del Dahl

Supportive Living of Washington

Donna Flessner

Home Bound

Anne Duitsman - Florida



SEVEN MARKS SOCIETY

The Seven Marks Society is committed to a life of obedience to one true God. Please visit www.smsimmanuel.com or go to Immanuel's website: www.flatvillechurch.com and click on the resources tab to learn more about the Seven Marks Society. You will find daily scripture readings, daily devotions, icon descriptions, and much more.



ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00. We look forward to seeing everyone for our first rehearsal!!



JOY BELLS

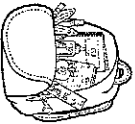
Joy Bells plan to resume again this fall. There will be an informational meeting held immediately following the 9:00 worship service on August 22nd in the Sanctuary. Anyone interested in serving as a bell ringer should plan to attend and meet at the grand piano. This will be a short meeting to see if we have enough people to fill the choir and discuss comfort levels with regard to setup and sharing of music. If you are unable to attend this meeting but are interested in being a part of the bell choir, please call or text Laveda Clem at 217-714-7780.

LWR AUGUST STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

During the months of July and August we are collecting supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. In northern IRAQ, many families were unable to buy school supplies for their children when returning to their homes after years of ISIS conflict. The students couldn't complete their schoolwork; some skipped school entirely because they lacked basic supplies. Thanks to the LWR shipment of 13,000 kits, students of all ages received what they needed to continue their education and return to school. In 2020, Immanuel sent 66 complete kits! Below is a list of the items needed to complete one school kit. We can only ship complete kits. LWR requests that if we don't have enough items to complete a kit, we save them to jump start our kits for the following year. Due to previous year donations, we have a surplus of #2 pencils and 2 1/2" erasers. Since we have an abundance of these two items, we are only listing below the balance of the items needed to complete a kit. Let's try to send 100 complete kits in 2021!

- FOUR 70-80 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper, approx. 8"x10.12" (no loose leaf paper) - EXTRAS OF THESE ARE NEEDED TO COMPLETE EXISTING KITS
- ONE pencil sharpener
- ONE 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on other
- ONE blunt scissor (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) - EXTRAS OF THESE ARE NEEDED TO COMPLETE EXISTING KITS
- ONE box of 16 or 24 count crayons

AUGUST 2021 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a- Worship & Holy Communion 10:15-11:30 a- Summer Camp	2 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	3 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship NALC Convocation	4 NALC Convocation	5 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	6 NALC Convocation	7 5:00 p- Worship
8 9:00 a- Worship Pack the Church Sunday (Chicken dinner at Bruns shed)	9	10 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 5:15 p- Endowment 6:00 p- Council	11 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study	58	13	14 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
15 9:00 a- Worship & Holy Communion Heidreder Baptist Juday Baptism 1:00 p- Ostfriesian 3:00 p- Euchare	16 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	17 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	18 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 7:00 p- Choir Rehearsal	19 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	20	21 5:00 p- Worship
22 9:00 a- Worship Blessing of Backpacks and Teacher Installation -10:15-10:30 a- Nursery -10:15-11:00 a- Sunday School Rally Day -10:15 Joy Bells Meeting -11:00 a - 4:00 p Diers Hall Reserved -1:30 p.m. Hymn Sing-Brookstone	23	24 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 4:00 p- Women of Immanuel	25 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study	26	27	28 5:00 p- Worship 
29 9:00 a- Worship 10:15-11:00 a.m. Sunday School	30	31 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship				

AUGUST 2021 VOLUNTEERS

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	No Greeters	Ushers/ Altar Guild
Sunday, August 1, 2021 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.	Anna Hammond Chesney Franzen	Mike Stark	No Communion		August: 9:00 a.m. Neal Silver (Captain) Don Sjuts Susie Sjuts Brian Enkes Bob Clem
Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.	Nolan Franzen	Ellen Blue			
Sunday, August 15, 2021 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. COMMUNION	Kodey McKinney Lane McKinney	Jason Stalter	5:00 Sue Calhoun 9:00 Elaine Wilson Shannon Childress		ALTAR GUILD Bev Heiden (Chair) Brenda Barr Teri Travis Denise Wolken Donna Wiltshire Casey Roelfs
Sunday, August 22, 2021 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.	Bryce Brown	Kim Wood			
Sunday, August 29, 2021 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.	Spencer Stockwill	Nicole Crites			

SEPTEMBER 2021 VOLUNTEERS

Date	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	No Greeters	Ushers/ Altar Guild
Sunday, September 5, 2021 5:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. COMMUNION	Caleb Cotter Korinne Travis	Denise Wolken	5:00 Amy Jones 9:00 Denise Wolken Sharon Hoveln		8:00/9:00 am Ushers: Tyler Suits (Capt) Andy Buhr Gary Busboom Darla Rubarts
Sunday, September 12, 2021 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. MISSION FESTIVAL	Alex Blue Davyn Franzen	Teri Travis Leon Schmidt			10:15 Ushers: Ellen Blue (Capt) Brad Blue Marvin Rademacher Gene Schmidt
Sunday, September 19, 2021 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. COMMUNION	Carmen Sage Ian Wolken Kodey McKinney Connor McMahon	Robyn Camp Callie Heidbreder	5:00 Shirley Wyatt 8:00 Joyce Romine Mike Stark 10:15 Callie Heidbreder Toni Brown		Altar Guild: Mary Quinlan (Chair) Wilma Suits Karon Currie Marie Reitmeier Elaine Busboom Lynette Aikman Amy Jones
Sunday, September 26, 2021 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Makenna Ackerman Abbie Blue	Shari Hoveln Dr. David Bruns			

MAY 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund Balance Information

GENERAL FUND				BUILDING FUND			
Fund Balance	4/30/2021		\$ 325,692.88	Fund Balance	4/30/2021		\$ 154,131.20
Offerings		\$ 20,527.50		Offerings		\$ 8,548.00	
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts		4,483.32			Total Income		\$ 8,548.00
	Total Income		\$ 25,010.82				
Pastoral Ministry		\$ 13,047.00		Repair		\$ 411.60	
Worship & Service		2,367.71		Real Estate Taxes		9.00	
Our Church Home		4,078.39		Utilities		2,149.23	
Dedicated Fund Expenses		886.79			Total Expenses		\$ 2,569.83
	Total Expenses		\$ 20,379.89				
Total Fund Balance	5/31/2021		\$ 330,323.81	Total Fund Balance	5/31/2021		\$ 160,109.37
Less Dedicated Fund Total			103,608.56	<i>Building Fund Invested as:</i>		<i>Checking</i>	\$ 160,109.37
Total Unobligated Balance			\$ 226,715.25				
<i>General Fund Invested as:</i>				<i>Other Fund Balances</i>			
<i>CD</i>	<i>\$34,565.39</i>	<i>Checking</i>	<i>\$ 10,369.43</i>	Endowment Capital	\$ 36,931.79	Memorial	\$ 40,876.25
<i>Money Market</i>	<i>\$204,589.88</i>	<i>CD</i>	<i>\$45,216.02</i>	Endowment Common	\$ 38,365.92	Endowment Interest	\$ 153.05
		<i>CD</i>	<i>\$35,583.09</i>				

Offering & Attendance May 2021

By Category

General	\$ 20,527.50
Benevolence	5,414.75
Building	8,548.00
Total	\$ 34,490.25

May Attendance

715
Average Weekly Attendance
143

Benevolence Offering Includes

General Benevolence	4,528.50	Lutheran CORE	40.00
Rantoul Food Bank	111.25	NALC Seminary	580.00
Men's Shelter	75.00	Lent	80.00

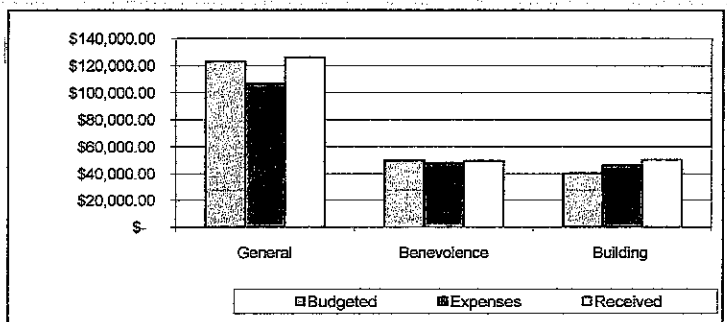
Additional Offerings Received

Radio Broadcast	420.00	Sunday School	246.00
Special Flowers	625.00	LYO	58.00
Initial Offering	5.00	JOY	10.00
Parking Lot	650.00	VBS	115.00
Initial Offering	5.00	Donut \$	92.55
Altar Flowers	210.00	CD\$	6.00

Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 123,140.00	\$ 125,944.03	\$ 2,804.03
Benevolence	50,000.00	49,698.66	(301.34)
Building	40,625.00	50,573.00	9,948.00
TOTAL	\$ 213,765.00	\$ 226,215.69	\$ 12,450.69

	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 106,629.12	\$ 19,314.91
Benevolence	48,138.66	1,560.00
Building	38,813.63	11,759.37
	\$ 193,581.41	\$ 32,634.28



JUNE 2021 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund Balance Information

GENERAL FUND				BUILDING FUND			
Fund Balance	5/31/2021		\$ 330,323.81	Fund Balance	5/31/2021		\$ 160,109.37
Offerings		\$ 16,624.42		Offerings		\$ 8,281.50	
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts		3,392.51			Total Income		\$ 8,281.50
	Total Income		\$ 20,016.93				
Pastoral Ministry		\$ 14,953.53		Repair		\$ 140.00	
Worship & Service		5,644.08		Utilities		1,189.87	
Our Church Home		3,316.72			Total Expenses		\$ 1,329.87
Dedicated Fund Expenses		4,463.53					
	Total Expenses		\$ 28,377.86				
Total Fund Balance	6/30/2021		\$ 321,962.88	Total Fund Balance	6/30/2021		\$ 167,061.00
Less Dedicated Fund Total			102,195.14	Building Fund Invested as:		Checking	\$ 167,061.00
Total Unobligated Balance			\$ 219,767.74				
General Fund Invested as:				Other Fund Balances			
CD	\$34,565.39	Checking	\$ 3,886.64	Endowment Capital	\$ 37,141.79	Memorial	\$ 40,731.65
Money Market	\$202,591.56	CD	\$45,216.02	Endowment Common	\$ 38,365.92	Endowment Interest	\$ 153.99
		CD	\$35,703.27				

Offering & Attendance June 2021

By Category

General	\$ 16,624.42
Benevolence	4,964.50
Building	8,281.50
Total	\$ 29,870.42

June Attendance

574
Average Weekly Attendance
144

Benevolence Offering Includes

General Benevolence	3,959.50	Lutheran CORE	40.00
Rantoul Food Bank	610.00	NALC Seminary	315.00
Men's Shelter	40.00		

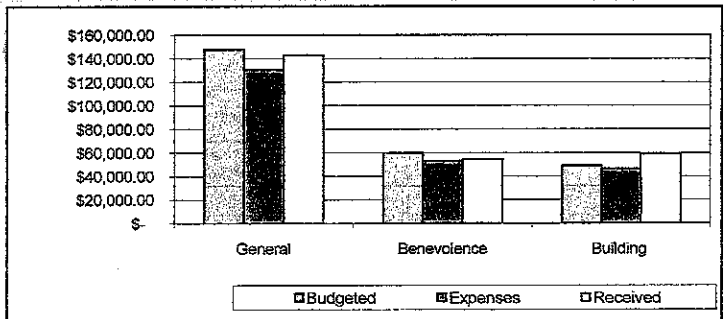
Additional Offerings Received

Radio Broadcast	70.00	LYO	35.00
Initial Offering	20.00	JOY	10.00
Parking Lot	1,820.00	VBS	140.00
Sunday School	75.00		

Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 147,768.00	\$ 142,568.45	\$ (5,199.55)
Benevolence	60,000.00	54,663.16	(5,336.84)
Building	48,750.00	58,854.50	10,104.50
TOTAL	\$ 256,518.00	\$ 256,086.11	\$ (431.89)

	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 130,543.45	\$ 12,025.00
Benevolence	53,103.16	1,560.00
Building	40,143.50	18,711.00
	\$ 223,790.11	\$ 32,296.00



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