

Ordination
into the
Office of Holy Ministry
Ryan Matthew Henkel

Sunday, May 17, 2020

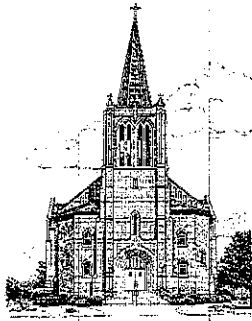
1:00 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Thomasboro, IL

You are invited to participate. Unfortunately, because of the pandemic, your participation will be live via Facebook on Immanuel's page. It will also be uploaded later on YouTube.

From 2:30 - 4:00 pm, we will have a drive-through well-wishes and farewell for Rev. Ryan and Natalie Henkel. If you so choose, there will be a gift box for ordination cards and another for baby cards.

Please join us in prayer and in spirit.



THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

SERVICES WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON FACEBOOK AND IMMANUEL'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL. (A link may be found to YouTube on Immanuel's Website www.flatvillechurch.com) All Sunday Services will be broadcast on WPXN live each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Additionally, live broadcasts on Facebook, every day of Matins at 8:00 a.m. and Vespers at 5:00 p.m. They are also uploaded to YouTube. May 2020



The Peace of God Which Surpasses All Understanding

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7)

As we celebrate this season of Easter, we see the peace Paul is talking about. As Christians, our peace almost has nothing to do with what is ongoing on in the world around us. Our peace is a lasting, eternal peace because the Son of God offered a perfect sacrifice for us on Good Friday, suffered, died, and rose from the dead for us three days later. Because of what Christ has done, He has mended our broken relationship with God the Father that was fractured all the way back in the beginning with the Fall of humanity. Our peace in Christ does not depend upon what is going on in this world. In fact, I would say our peace in Christ can be even more precious to us especially when this world around us seems to be crumbling. You have a peace in Christ that nothing in this world can ever snatch away from you; so important for us to remember, especially now.

We may not know what tomorrow brings, but we can rest assured that because of Christ, we have peace that surpasses all understanding. With my call into the office of holy ministry to be a Pastor coming this month, there have been a lot of unknowns with the whole process. Immanuel Lutheran, Natalie, and I would have imagined the last few months of internship to be a whole lot

different. We feel that we have been shorted in our time together, shorted of our conversations, and shorted of our experience as internship site and as an intern.

Goodbyes are never easy for anyone. But think of it this way, if goodbyes were easy, then we would question what kind of relationship we had with this person. When these goodbyes hurt the most, we miss and long for the interaction to continue and that we would not have to say goodbye so soon. We will cherish these moments together for the rest of our lives. We have been immensely blessed to have had the time that we did with Immanuel Lutheran. Words cannot express how wonderful this vicarage has been, not only for myself but for Natalie, as well. It is unbelievable how quickly this year has flown by. Natalie and I are truly grateful for all the welcoming warmth and love that we have received from everyone this past year.

It is with great delight that I inform you that I am being called to Emmons Lutheran Church in Emmons, MN to be their pastor. With Bishop Dan Selbo's authority, Pastor Lehmann as the Dean of the Great Mission District of the NALC, will ordain me on May 17th at 1 pm at Immanuel.

I would like to thank both Immanuel Lutheran and Pastor Lehmann for allowing me the privilege to be your vicar for a year. It is through all of your that I have become the pastor that I will be.

God's continued blessings,

Vicar & Natalie Henkel

New Address as of May 18, 2020:
270 Park Street
Emmons, MN 56029



COUNCIL MINUTES
April 14, 2020

Pastor's Report - Students eligible for confirmation are Cain Buhr and Taylor Fulk. Due to COVID, at this time we are unsure of a confirmation date. It was noted that Sunday School class requirements will need to be waived due to closure.

JoAnn, Julie and Melissa are currently working in the office, sometimes on a reduced schedule. Pastor & Vicar are currently conducting 14 electronic worship services a week. Some services have up to 1100 watching, in up to 8 states and 3 different countries as well as members of the medical world.

New Business - Pastor to contact Bishop Selbo first and Eric Reisen second to see if they could speak at Mission Festival. A decision on a possible new intern should be made in the next week or so. Start date would be mid-August if one is assigned to us. Kenny Buhr is submitting Immanuel's CARE loan application.

Next Meeting: May 12th at 6:00 p.m.

LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD

Lutheran Brotherhood will not meet on Saturday, May 4th.

WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

Women of Immanuel will not meet again until September. Have a safe summer.

HOLY COMMUNION

Country Health and Brookstone will not have Holy Communion in April due to COVID19 Pandemic.

HYMN SING

Hymn Sing at Country Health will be on Sunday, May 26th is **CANCELED**

DEVOTIONS




Devotions with Pastor Barbara Busboom will be on Sunday, May 26th at Country Health at 2:00 p.m. is **CANCELED**

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAYS!

- 5/5 Edgar Hoveln
- 5/5 Norma Reitmeier
- 5/6 Pete Johnson
- 5/11 Darlene Uken
- 5/14 Dorothy Fruhling
- 5/15 Donna Flessner
- 5/24 Dennis Huls
- 5/27 Darlene Johnson
- 5/28 Margarita Lambert
- 5/31 John Blue



EUCHRE

The next Euchre tournament will be Sunday, June 21st at 3:00 p.m. 

NO WORSHIP SERVICES WERE HELD DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL DUE TO COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

SPECIAL DATES

- National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2020
- Mother's Day, May 10, 2020
- Armed Forces Day, May 16, 2020
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 18, 2020
- Ascension Day, May 21, 2020
- Memorial Day, May 25, 2020
- Pentecost, May 31, 2020



We have received word of the passing of Norma Mueller, wife of Rev. Russell Mueller. Norma died on April 9, 2020 at the age of 87, in Turlock, California. Condolences may be sent to Rev. Sylvia Mueller, 5849 East Keys Rd., Turlock, CA 95382

GERANIUMS

Help beautify our worship services for Pentecost by ordering Geraniums. Cost of each plant is \$5.00. Please call or email the church office to place your geranium order. If services are not held, we will use the flowers to beautify the sanctuary for the Facebook and YouTube broadcast. All geraniums will be available for pick up following worship on May 31st immediately following worship and will be placed under the carport on the east side of the breezeway. The last day to order is May 22nd.



PARISH EDUCATION UPDATE

We are saddened to share an update in regards to VBS at Immanuel Lutheran Church that was scheduled to begin on June 1st. With the uncertainty of when the stay-at-home order will be lifted, we feel it is in the best interest of our children to cancel VBS for this summer. We will continue to post the Sunday School lessons through mid June. Please continue to find updates on our church website and follow the Sunday School Face Book page for the most updated information & activities to continue to stay connected during this time.

Blessings, peace and continued good health to you and your families from the VBS & SS teachers and staff



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline is May 15th.

Please email any submissions to the church at flatvillesecretary@gmail.com with any

submissions or send to:

**Immanuel Lutheran
2498 County Road, 2100 East
Thomasboro, IL 61878**

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

Esther Kopmann

Berl Peavler

Holly Brook, Savoy

Norma Reitmeier

Riverview Assisted Living, East Peoria

Donna Flessner

Home Bound

Anne Duitsman - Florida



GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be publishing the names of our 8th Grade, High School and College graduates in the June/July newsletter. Please call the church office or email us at flatvillesecretary@gmail.com and let us know if you have a son or daughter who will be graduating and from what school or college.



FREESE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are due May 15th. Forms are on the church website under "Resources" or contact the church office to be mailed a copy. If you are a member of Immanuel, you are eligible to receive a scholarship toward your higher education.



**SUMMER
WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Dependent upon the Governor's regulations, we will be able to gather in the sanctuary for worship beginning on Sunday, May 31st at 8:30 a.m.

JUNE 2019 VOLUNTEERS



| Date | Acolyte | Lay Readers | Communion Assistants | Greeters | Ushers |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|--|---|---|
| Sunday, June 7, 2020 Holy Trinity 5:00 pm | Brodie Harms Brooks Brown | Toni Brown | 5:00 Shannon Childress 8:30 Karen Currie Julie Hedrick | Louise Busboom/Kenny Heimbürger Darlene Johnson/Shirley Johnson | June: 8:30 am Mike Stark (Captain) Joyce Romine Todd Wilson Brian Emkes Gene Schmidt |
| COMMUNION | | | | | |
| Sunday, June 14, 2020 5:00 pm 8:30 am | Blake Learned | Robyn Camp | | | |
| Sunday, June 21, 2020 5:00 pm 8:30 am | Paige Schoonover Kodey McKinney | Amy Jones | 5:00 Lois Harms 8:30 Edgar Hovel Sharon Hovel | Rosetta Suits/Bob Tuller Bill & Kim Learned Lloyd Duitsman/Diane Frerichs Sylvia Flessner/Janet Huls | ALTAR GUILD Brenda Barr (Chair) Teri Travis Denise Wolken Donna Wiltshire Casey Roelfs |
| COMMUNION | | | | | |
| Sunday, June 28, 2019 5:00 pm 8:30 am | Chelsea Suits | Bev Lehmann | | Jeff & Shari Hovel Leon & MaryAnn Schmidt | |

MARCH 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund Balance Information

| GENERAL FUND | | | | BUILDING FUND | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Fund Balance | 2/29/2020 | | \$ 209,064.61 | Fund Balance | 2/29/2020 | | \$ 112,167.96 |
| Offerings | | \$ 16,478.00 | | Offerings | | \$ 8,513.75 | |
| Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts | | 2,496.32 | | Total Income | | | \$ 8,513.75 |
| | Total Income | | \$ 18,974.32 | | | | |
| Pastoral Ministry | | \$ 15,765.20 | | Building & Repair | | \$ 1,361.95 | |
| Worship & Service | | 1,840.51 | | Utilities | | 594.26 | |
| Our Church Home | | 3,848.23 | | Total Expenses | | | \$ 1,956.21 |
| Dedicated Fund Expenses | | 1,268.99 | | | | | |
| | Total Expenses | | \$ 22,722.93 | | | | |
| Total Fund Balance | | | 3/31/2020 \$ 205,316.00 | Total Fund Balance | | | 3/31/2020 \$ 118,725.50 |
| Less Dedicated Fund Total | | | 88,063.99 | <i>Building Fund Invested as:</i> | | | <i>Checking \$ 118,725.50</i> |
| Total Unobligated Balance | | | \$ 117,252.01 | | | | |
| <i>General Fund Invested as:</i> | | | | <i>Other Fund Balances</i> | | | |
| <i>CD</i> | <i>\$34,094.27</i> | <i>Checking</i> | <i>\$ 5,527.50</i> | Endowment Capital | <i>\$ 24,952.17</i> | Memorial | <i>\$ 41,281.57</i> |
| <i>Money Market</i> | <i>\$86,172.91</i> | <i>CD</i> | <i>\$ 35,110.24</i> | Endowment Common | <i>\$ 37,748.40</i> | Endowment Interest | <i>\$ 0.57</i> |

Offering & Attendance March 2020

By Category

| | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| General | \$ 16,478.00 |
| Benevolence | 9,526.25 |
| Building | 8,513.75 |
| Total | \$ 34,518.00 |

March Attendance

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|----------------------------------|
| 568 |
| Average Weekly Attendance |
| 114 |

Benevolence Offering Includes

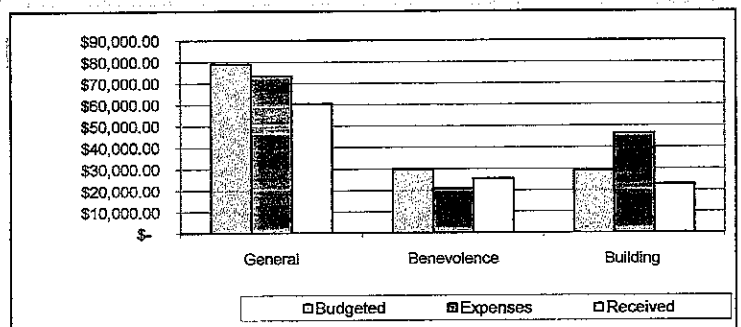
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|------------------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| General Benevolence | 5,275.00 | Lutheran CORE | 40.00 |
| Rantoul Food Bank | 591.25 | Lent | 2,825.00 |
| Marion Medical Mission | 50.00 | NALC Seminary | 745.00 |

Additional Offerings Received

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Sunday School | 201.50 | Parking Lot | 250.00 |
| LYO | 10.00 | Altar Flowers | 175.00 |
| KFC | 15.00 | Radio Broadcast | 280.00 |
| CD | 2.00 | Movie Nite | 37.00 |
| Bible Study Books | 60.00 | Initial Offering | 30.00 |
| Lenten Soup Supper | 153.00 | | |

Stewardship Progress Year to Date

| | Budgeted | Received | Ahead/(Behind) |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| General | \$ 79,146.00 | \$ 60,266.08 | \$ (18,879.92) |
| Benevolence | 30,000.00 | 25,512.50 | (4,487.50) |
| Building | 29,127.00 | 22,757.85 | (6,369.15) |
| TOTAL | \$ 138,273.00 | \$ 108,536.43 | \$ (29,736.57) |
| | Expenses | Ahead/(Behind) | |
| General | \$ 73,499.65 | \$ (13,233.57) | |
| Benevolence | 20,827.50 | 4,685.00 | |
| Building | 30,631.99 | (7,874.14) | |
| | \$ 124,959.14 | \$ (16,422.71) | |



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Kenny Buhr
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Kyle Ramm
Susie Sjuts
Wilma Suits
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Rick Wolken
Sharolyn Worley

Cathedral Choir Director Charlene Bergman

Cathedral Choir Co-Directors Marilyn Buhr/
Darla Rubarts

Cathedral Choir Pianist Lois Harms

Bell Choir Director Laveda Clem

Organists: Irene Buhr, Janice Siuts, Brenda
Anderson, Linda Pein, Laveda Clem,
Heidi Brown

**Parish Education
Committee**

Darcy Silver - Chairman
Kevin Kellogg
Tina Buhr
Edgar Hovel
Darcy Silver/Candy Franzen
Marie Reitmeier
Angie Sage/Missy Buhr
Audrey Harms
Alyson Suits

Building & Grounds

Andy Hammond
Trent Hovel
Troy Sage

Youth Committee

Angie Sage/Missy Buhr
Audrey Harms
Alyson Suits

**Vacation Bible
School Committee**

Darcy Silver/Candy
Franzen
Emily Harms

Sunday School Staff

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