

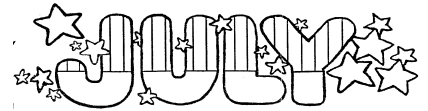
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Saturday at 7:00 PM; Sunday at 9:00 AM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....



*'Pray then in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one. -Matthew 6:9—13*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. -1 Thessalonians 5:16—18

As people of God, we are expected to be a people of prayer. St. Paul in almost all of his writings tells the people who will read his letter that he is praying for them continuously. And he encourages them to pray for each other and other believers. Much has been written on the subject of prayer. And there is a saying from my younger days that rings true for me: "If we prayed together as much as we ate together, the whole world would be saved."

It's a telling statement! Often we tell someone we will pray for them. And we have good intentions when we tell them that we will pray. But sometimes life gets in the way, and we forget to pray until after the event for which we were supposed to pray. When that happens to me, I am often ashamed that I allowed life to get in the way and I am relieved that God worked good anyway. I love to pray, but I confess to you that sometimes life gets in the way of my prayers. More's the pity, because prayer is truly a powerful tool in our toolbag. God always listens to the prayers of God's people. I won't get into HOW God answers prayer, except to say that I believe God answers each and every prayer brought before God.

With such a powerful tool at our disposal, it's a shame that we sometimes forget to pray and that we allow life to get in the way. In my own life I make a point to pray Luther's Morning Blessing and Evening Blessing daily. I do forget sometimes and sometimes life gets in the way. But I really make it point to try to begin and end my day with these prayers.

Both prayers begins the same. The sign of the cross is made while saying, "Under the care of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Then one says the Apostle's Creed. Then one says the Lord's Prayer. Finally the blessing is prayed. The following two paragraphs will give the morning and evening blessings. They are almost identical. The exception is that the evening prayer has a confessional added.

Morning blessing: *"I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen."*

Evening blessing: *"I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously to protect me tonight. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen."*

I ask that you pray for Linda and me, that God will give us good health and wisdom to do all that God would require of us. Then I ask you to pray for our congregation, that God will lead us in the direction that God would want us to go. Specifically pray for the Council to be able to discern God's Will for our congregation. Finally, I ask you to pray for one another. In St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus told his followers to seek forgiveness from each other before offering their gifts at the altar. Jesus also asked us to pray for our enemies and for those who persecute us. It is an urgent call that we pray continually for each other. Let us bless God and one another with the gift of our prayer.

Thanks for all that you continually do for our congregation. Thanks for the hospitality that you continually show to Linda and me. Thanks for being God's church in this place and time!

In Christ,
Pr. Russ+

Immanuel Lutheran Church Legal Council Meeting June 19, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.



Respectfully submitted by Claudet Wege, Council Secretary, pending approval @ the July Council Meeting

Those present were: Pastor Russell Lambert, Chairman Herb Bose, Claude Hofeldt, Dallas Graham, Sheri Krei, Alisha Stone, Jeff Hansen, Claudet Wege, Guests Angie Hall & Ron Broderson.

Chairman Herb brought the meeting to order.

Pastor Russ led the group with devotions continuing study with the "I Am A Church Member" by Thom S. Rainer. This chapter was based on Philippians 2. He closed the devotions with a prayer.

Endowment Committee Report: Ron Broderson presented an explanation of how the Endowment Fund works, how the interest income can be designated & the committee's goals. In regard to the Worship Committee's vote to purchase the new red ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) hymnal, the Endowment Committee would like to support the project of the hymnals. His recommendation is that the Endowment Committee match one to one up to 80 volumes to the congregational purchases.

- **MSC** that the church purchase five new hymnals for the congregation to view & examine in the church office.
- **MSC** for the Endowment Committee to match one to one up to eighty volumes of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship red hymnal & that the Council open the project up for pledges, donations or memorials for this project also. We will have a Congregational special meeting in September to vote on the purchase of the new hymnals.

Secretary's Minutes: Correction - Pastor Milanda Joseph's name should be spelled Milana. MSC to approve the secretary's minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Questions verified per phone in absence of treasurer. MSC to approve treasurer's report as presented.

Property Report:

- Drinking faucet not working properly - Claude will contact Lackas Service, Inc. at Laurel.
- Bats - some have been seen - still working on finding places of entry, etc.
- West front church windows leaking - Kevin Krei re-caulking.
- Parsonage South East basement window broken - needs repair - Kevin Krei to repair it.

ILCW Report: Mary Kock, ILCW President, reports by letter to the Council - D ates to remember:

- September 6, 2017 - Unit General Meeting - election of officers - need nomination ideas.
- April 28, 2018 - Spring Gathering in Coleridge -
 - a) will need committee volunteers/assistants
 - b) program ideas
- Check ILCW "orange" program book for information pertaining to circles.

Luther League Report: None

Office Report: Angie informed the Council that she will be off on the following dates: Friday, July 7th & July 24 thru 27th.

Chairman's Report:

- Office fax machine is obsolete - **MSC** to purchase a designated line for the church office fax through the copy machine.
- Wish List - updated
- Eternal light - is run with batteries that are replaced frequently - suggests a 110 outlet be placed then use low burning bulb. Herb has gotten positive permission from the donor of the lamp. He will look into the particulars.
- Herb wants to thank the lawn mowers for Immanuel including the cemetery, church grounds & the parsonage. He stated that they have been doing a good job & everything looked great for the Memorial Holiday!
- There has been a request for automatic door opener for the North entrance. Tabled for more study.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor presented a written report that included visitations, community & congregational activities & upcoming events.
- Pastor cancelled the Luther Academy of the Rockies that was set for June 19 - 29th. He said the registration fees will be reimbursed. He said July 26 - 28 he will be attending a conference at the Luther Seminary @ St. Paul, Minnesota. He was asking for two additional people to attend with him. He stated he will use his continuing education money to pay for housing for the additional people & he will use his mobile home.
- Pastor is considering studying to be a Certified Spiritual Director sponsored by the Nebraska Synod ELCA.

Old Business: Alisha gave the Council copies of an updated church membership list. She asked everyone to check the names they may know & find out what their status is as far as membership with Immanuel. We are trying to reveal a realistic membership as our church pays the Synod for the number on the list.

New Business:

- Cemetery Plot Committee - Affective February 2018, Kerry Hefner will pass the Chairman position to Dennis Naslund & the Assistant Chairman will be Nick Frerichs.
- Altar Committee - Alisha explained problems with the altar oil candles to the Council. Discussion was held & the issue tabled for more study.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be held Monday, July 17, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.

July Circle News



Grace Circle will meet June 11th, the second Tuesday of the month, at 1:30 PM at the church.

Bible Study: Pastor Russell Lambert

Hostess: Leona Heithold

July 19th-PVH Birthday Parties-2:00 PM

Peace Circle will meet June 12th, the second Wednesday of the month, at 1:30 PM at The Embers.

Bible Study: Pastor Russell Lambert

Hostess: Kay Hefner

Stewardship project for May will be Supplies for School Kit Items- Monetary.

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To make our monthly giving reflect the estimated budget for 2017. Our monthly giving should be an average of \$XX.XX



SCHOOL KITS STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

The Ladies of Immanuel Lutheran are hoping to complete school kits again this year. Could you help by donating some of the following needed items?

Pencil Sharpeners

Scissors

Notebooks

Crayon Boxes

Erasers (2½ inch)

Rulers

No.2Pencils

Pens



Please DO NOT donate glue. God bless you for your prayerful consideration in helping us to complete our stewardship project for those less fortunate!

*Thank you to Mary Jo Olsen, Herb Bose, Linda Lambert
and Pastor Russ for attending the 2017 Synod Assembly-
Grace to Use, Grace Through Us- in Kearney.*



Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnals: The Council has agreed to purchase five hymnals for your review in the office. We have used some of the hymns in various services and now you have a chance to see all that this hymnal has to offer. The endowment committee has voted to match the purchase of 80 hymnals if the congregation decides to make these are new hymnals. Although 160 hymnals would be a wonderful start, it is estimated we would need over 325 hymnals to fulfill the use of the green hymnals that are currently being used.

At the Congregational Meeting on September 10th, the council will be proposing to exchange the Lutheran Book of Worship Hymnals (Green) with these ELW Hymnals (Red) at a cost of \$22.50 per hymnal. With this possible purchase the congregation is being offered to pledge hymnal of their desire (memorials, donations) to be placed in the church. The record of these pledges and purchases will be recorded in the red memorial book in the narthex. Below is a tear-away form for you to fill in and leave at the office or in the offering plate.

Name: _____

I pledge to purchase _____ copy (ies) of the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal for Immanuel Lutheran Church, Coleridge to use in their services.

Total Amount Pledged: \$22.50/hymnal @ _____ (copies pledged) = \$ _____

Prayer Concerns:



Gary Frerichs, Trevor Hallman, Wendy Pick, Gary Jansen, Sandie Stone, Earl Hansen, Dora Hansen, Myrna Collins, Gloria Brummels, Ashley Lynn Schmit, Jackson Graham, Virginia Avenell, Norma Janssen, Diane Frerichs, Orlyn Frerichs, Trent Luebberstedt, and Janet Meyer, as they are dealing with health concerns.

Sacred Acts in June:

- Transfer Out Michael Kock to St. Thomas Lutheran, Omaha.
- Wedding of Hannah and David Grimm, June 10th.
- Spencer Bose was called by our Lord, June 16th.



Concerning You:

A memorial service for Sue Yerger will be held July 18th at 10:30 AM.



July Birthdays and Anniversaries

July 01	Randy Fox
July 02	Pastor Russ Lambert
July 02	Mary Biltoft
July 02	Sheri Krei
July 04	Kenneth Krei
July 05	David Frerichs
July 07	Janet Meyer
July 08	Heather Hall
July 08	Ben Hefner
July 12	Maisie Hansen
July 14	Jason Frerichs
July 15	Marcia Feelhaver
July 15	Trevor Hefner
July 15	Keeyan Bartling
July 18	Marilyn Dirks
July 18	Mary Jo Hansen
July 18	Ryan Stone
July 19	Earl Papenhausen
July 19	Gary Jansen
July 20	Charlotte Hall
July 20	Angie Hall
July 20	Anderson Hall
July 23	Saylor Heyden

July 25	Dallas Graham
July 25	Karla Hansen
July 27	Roger Hahne
July 27	Dollie Munter
July 30	Sue Brodersen
July 30	Betty Colwell



July 01	Bob & Nancy Hansen
July 06	Keith & Lynda Bartling
July 12	Marlin & Lynn Papenhausen
July 14	Kevin & Sheri Krei
July 14	Brian & Tiffany Ebberson
July 16	Jeff & Carol Wolfe
July 18	John & Beth Wood
July 20	Dennis & Sue Brodersen
July 20	Bill & Rhonda Strivens
July 21	Monty & Brenda Hefner
July 21	Burnell & Sandie Stone
July 22	Rod & Carol Benson
July 26	David & Sandy Frerichs
July 27	Dwight & Kaye Brandow

If your name was omitted or a correction needs to be made in this list of birthdays and anniversaries, please contact the church office at 283-4361.



Coleridge Community VBS 2017:

Ages: 3 yrs to last years 6th Graders

August 1st and 2nd 6pm-8pm, and the 3rd 7pm-9pm.

Volunteers are still needed to proclaim Faith, Hope and Love into the hearts of our youth. Please Contact Amy Hall or Susan Kurtzhals.

Registration Forms are Due to the church by July 18th.

EVERYONE WELCOME !!!!!!!!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Allergies: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Any Questions or Concerns: Contact Amy Hall, Susan Kurtzhals, or Immanuel Lutheran Church Office (402)283-4361.