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# CHURCH TALK

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**Saturday at 7:00 PM; Sunday at 10:00 AM**

## OUR COUNCIL

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**Dallas Graham, Vice-Chairman   Sheri Krei, Financial Secretary**  
**Claude Hofeldt, Alisha Stone, Jeff Hansen, Heather Loberg**



## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....**

This month, I wish to share with you a poem written by James Weldon Johnson in 1927, entitled "The Creation." Enjoy!

*And God stepped out on space,  
And He looked around and said: Im lonely—  
I'll make me a world.  
And as far as the eye of God could see  
Darkness covered everything,  
Blacker than a hundred midnights  
Down in a cypress swamp.  
Then God smiled,  
And the light broke.  
And the darkness rolled up on one side,  
And the light stood on the other,  
And God said: That's good!  
Then God reached out and took the light in his hands,  
And God rolled the light around in His hands  
Until He made the sun;  
And He set that sun a-blazing in the heavens.  
And the light that was left from making the sun  
God gathered it up in a shining ball  
And flung it against the darkness,  
Spangling the night with the moon and stars.  
Then down between  
The darkness and the light  
He hurled a world;  
And God said: That's good!  
Then God Himself stepped down—  
And the sun was in his right hand,  
And the moon was on His left;  
The stars were clustered about his head,  
And the earth was under his feet.  
And God walked, and where He trod  
His footsteps hollowed the valleys out  
And bulged the mountains up.  
Then He stopped and looked and saw  
That the earth was hot and barren.  
So God stepped over the edge of the world  
And He spat out the seven seas—  
He batted His eyes, and the lightning flashed—  
He clapped His hands, and the thunders rolled—  
And the waters above the earth came down,*

*The cooling waters came down.  
Then the green grass sprouted,  
And the little red flowers blossomed,  
The pine trees pointed His finger to the sky,  
And the oak spread out His arms,  
The lakes cuddled down in the hollows of the ground,  
And the rivers ran down to the sea;  
And God smiled again,  
And the rainbow appeared,  
And curled itself around His shoulder.  
Then God raised His arm and He waved His hand  
Over the sea and over the land,  
And He said: Bring forth! Bring forth!  
And quicker than God could drop His hand,  
Fishes and fowls  
And beasts and birds  
Swam the rivers and the seas,  
Roamed the forests and the woods,  
And split the air with their wings.  
And God said: That's good!  
Then God walked around,  
And God looked around  
On all that He had made.  
He looked at His sun,  
And He looked at His moon,  
And He looked at His little stars;  
And He looked on His world  
With all its living things,  
And God said: I'm lonely still.  
Then God sat down—  
On the side of a hill where He could think;  
By a deep, wide river He sat down;  
With His head in His hands.  
God thought and thought,  
Till He thought: I'll make me a man!  
Up from the bed of river God scooped the clay;  
And by the bank of the river  
He knelt Him down;  
And there the great God Almighty*

Who lit the sun and fixed it in the sky,  
Who flung the stars to the most far corner of the night,  
Who rounded the earth in the middle of His hand;  
This Great God,  
Like a mammy bending over her baby,  
Kneeled down in the dust

Toiling over a lump of clay  
Til He shaped it in His own image;  
Then into it He blew the breath of life,  
And man became a living soul.  
Amen.  
Amen.

If ever you thought that you were a mistake and that God didn't know what He was doing when He made you, then know that God makes no mistakes! God made YOU in His own image! Amen! Amen!

As we head into the summer months, and as we go out into God's beautiful Nature, let us all remember that we are God-made and God-loved!

*Pr. Russ+*



### Immanuel Lutheran Church Legal Meeting April 17, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted by Claudet Wege, Council Secretary, pending approval @ the May Council Meeting.*

Those present: Chairman Herb Bose, Dallas Graham, Claude Hofeldt, Alisha Stone, Sheri Krei, Jeff Hansen, Claudet Wege & guest Noah Stone.

Chairman Herb brought the meeting to order & Claudet led the group with devotion & prayer, which was a continued study of "I Am A Church Member" by Thom S. Rainer - Chapter one.

Luther League Report: Noah Stone, Luther League President, presented a report.

- Easter sunrise breakfast, service & skit - got together for planning & practice. It was a success with many compliments. It is said the recorded skit can be found on the church website.
- Planning to have a concession for the up-coming Coleridge tractor-pull event.
- The group meets the second Sunday of each month - next meeting May 14th.

Secretary's Report: MSC to approve the minutes as written.

Treasure's Report: MSC to accept the treasurer's report as written.

Chairman's Report: MSC to provide a credit card with a limit of \$5,000.00 for church office use with Pastor Russell Lambert & Office Administrator, Angie Hall's signatures & that the Council will be presented an itemized statement.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Russ provided a written report. He listed his visitations, community involvements & upcoming events. He is on personal vacation this week & has provided coverage for the church services.

Property Committee:

- Volunteer members took care of cemetery varmints.
- MSC to allow the Cemetery Committee to plant two evergreen trees worth up to \$1,000.00 each per tree.

Evangelism Committee: MSC to give the Evangelism Committee the \$150.00 requested.

ILCW:

- Spring Gathering "Sisters in Christ" - will be held in Bloomfield on April 29, 2017. The Immanuel Lutheran Church Women are asking permission from the Council if they could offer our church as host for the spring gathering in April of 2018. The Council was in favor of this idea but asked that the date be on the church schedule as soon as possible. Chairman Herb offered his support for the event.
- Love Thy Neighbor Quilting will meet Monday, April 24 @ 7:00 P.M.
- Interesting reading in Lutheran Living: "Church in rural America" & "When Easter Comes".

Sunday School Report: Amy Hall provided a written report.

- She stated it has been a great year for the Sunday School this year. She said that the focus has been on "Living Our Faith". She expressed her appreciation to those who helped with the program through the year.
- The students will be sharing verses & songs during church about the last week in April.
- April 30th - End of year potluck - The Sunday School will provide lasagna, breadsticks & drink & they are asking everyone who comes to bring a salad or a dessert.

Old Business: None

New Business: MSC to approve Nelda Cautrell as a member of the Counting Committee.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:00 P.M.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Next meeting will be held Monday, May 15th, 2017 & 7:00 P.M.**

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### **Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Special Meeting Thursday, April 20th, 2017 @ 8:00 A.M.**

*Notes written by Claudet Wege, Council Secretary, per Chairman Herb Bose*

Those present: Chairman Herb Bose, Dallas Graham, Claude Hofeldt, Sheri Krei, Jeff Hansen, Claudet Wege, Dan Kock, representing the property committee, & guest Roger Koch from Koch-Tramp Plumbing & Heating, Inc. Pastor Russell Lambert came later.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the church furnace problems.

We have a compressor out on one of the air conditioners. We talked about the options of replacing the air conditioner unit & the furnace at the same time.

By replacing the complete heating and cooling unit, we would probably increase the efficiency to approximately 20 - 25% of what we have now. A new unit would be rated at 95% efficient.

Option #1 Replace air conditioner compressor which would be \$1,500.00 and that would probably not include labor.

Option #2 - We replace the heating & air conditioner unit. We do not have an estimate but will have a proposal from Roger Koch in a few days.

Herb will announce our situation during this week-end's Saturday & Sunday church services.



# Finance Update

**AS OF March 2017**

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

## **May Happenings:**

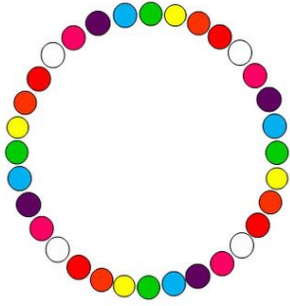
**Graduation 2017-***Saylor Heydon for Hartington Public High School*

**Mother's Day (May 14<sup>th</sup>)**

**Confirmation (May 21<sup>st</sup>)-***Brady Heitman, Amanda Rogers, Erica Benson, Austin Hall, Caden Heithold, Kobe Heitman, Jersey Jansen.*

**Memorial Day (May 29<sup>th</sup>)**

## May Circle News



Grace Circle will meet May 9<sup>th</sup>, the second Tuesday of the month, at 1:30 PM at the church.  
Bible Study: Pastor Russell Lambert  
Hostess: Berdine Brunssen  
PVH Bingo, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Peace Circle will meet May 10<sup>th</sup>, the second Wednesday of the month, at 1:30 PM at The Embers.  
Bible Study: Pastor Russell Lambert  
Hostess: Helen Hansen

Stewardship project for May will be Baby Care Kit Items- Monetary.

### Prayer Concerns:

**Kasey Hansen, Steve Thompson, Calvin Casey, Laurie Wilson, Wendy Pick, Gary Jansen, Sandie Stone, Beverly Brodersen, Earl Hansen, Keith Goldfuss, Dora Hansen, Dave Nasland, Charles Rygiel, Myrna Collins, Gloria Brummels, Ashley Lynn Schmit, Jackson Graham, Virginia Avenell, Norma Janssen, Diane Frerichs, Orlyn Frerichs, Trevor Hallman, Trent Luebberstedt, and Janet Meyer, as they are dealing with health concerns.**



# May Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 02 Beverly Brodersen  
May 02 Bryce Hansen  
May 03 Sheila Kalin  
May 05 Dakota Heitman  
May 07 John Brandow  
May 07 Julie Stone  
May 08 Jessi Arduser  
May 08 Alex Brodersen  
May 08 Riley Lage  
May 08 Jean Peck  
May 12 Shirley Papenhausen  
May 13 Dennis Brodersen  
May 13 Brant Eddie  
May 14 Duane Heithold  
May 14 Claude Hofeldt  
May 16 Madisyn Hall  
May 16 Dobrinca Hallman  
May 16 Marilyn Puppe  
May 17 Amanda Hefner  
May 18 Jackie Domina  
May 19 Terry Wilkerson  
May 21 Ron Brodersen  
May 21 Rhonda Strivens  
May 22 Keith Fiscus



May 23 Bill Hefner  
May 23 Carsen Heithold  
May 27 Daisha Jorgensen  
May 27 Susan Kurtzhals  
May 27 Charlie Vogle  
May 28 Heidi Hefner  
May 28 Dan Kock  
May 28 Savannah Russell  
May 30 Brenda Lage  
May 31 Tricia Coleman  
May 31 Donna Dirks  
May 31 Ruby Hansen  
May 31 Jackie Jorgensen  
May 31 Rose Rickard



May 01 Fred & Sheryl Kalin  
May 04 Lee & Nelda Cautrell  
May 20 Ronald & Judy Nelson  
May 22 Bruce & Gaylene Hallman  
May 25 Earl & Bev Hansen  
May 27 Fred & Paula Hansen  
May 29 Ron & Joan Brodersen



**Confirmation Sunday will be held on**  
**May 21<sup>st</sup>.**



**Sunday Worship Service Start Time Change**

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, The Sunday morning worship time will change to the summer schedule. The summer schedule, worship time starts at 9:00 AM, runs from the weekend after Memorial Day to the weekend after Labor Day, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Amended Constitution (March 2017)**

Included with this Church Talk Newsletter, you will find a copy of the amended constitution of Immanuel Lutheran Church. The council and Pastor have reviewed these amendments and will be holding a meeting with the congregation in September 2017. Please look over the changes that were purposed by the Synod and the revisions made by the past councils.

**Cemetery Letters:**

Due to maintenance costs that occur with owning property, the council will be sending out letters to family members that have or will have loved ones at Lawn Ridge Cemetery. Our general budget has been taking care of these costs over the years. With not much income to cover these costs, the council will be sending these letters to suggest an offering to help cover this fixed maintenance costs.



**Notes for Council Chairmen...**

*The council gave approval to the cemetery committee at the April meeting to spend \$2000.00 for (2) blue spruce trees to be placed at the south end of the cemetery, one in each corner. The committee then had a Tree Expert come and look at the cemetery and he suggested that they add (2) Autumn Blaze Maples to the south west corner along with the blue spruce. The tree expert also suggested that they add (2) sycamore trees to the southeast corner. Which would cost an additional \$1600.00 which is well over their budget. The council is asking for donations at this time to help with the cost of the (2) sycamore trees at a cost of \$800.00 per tree.*

*Herbert Bose, Chairman*

## **A Mother's Day Prayer**

We pray for Mothers everywhere.....

For mothers of young children that they may nurture and raise their children to be good and faithful people in the world.

For mothers of older children that they may have the wisdom to know when to help their children hang on to their roots and when to spread their wings.

For mothers of grown children that they may feel satisfaction in a job well done.

On this day we remember mother of children in war-torn countries  
Mothers of children where disaster or famine has struck  
And mothers who fear for their children's safety that they may find food for their children  
Justice for families  
And peace for their souls

We also lift up those for whom this day is painful  
Mothers whose children are missing  
Mother whose children have died

Mothers who have entrusted others to raise their child  
Mothers who have lost children to miscarriage  
Mothers who have had abortions  
Mothers who have lost custody of their children  
And mothers whose children have disappointed them.

We pray for those who wish to have children but have none that they may be filled by God.

We pray, too, for all motherless children  
Children whose mothers have abused or abandoned them  
And for those whose mothers have recently died.

For all the good experiences of motherhood, we thank and praise you Lord.  
We lift up to you for healing all the painful experiences of motherhood.

*Written by Pastor Joelle Colville-Hanson, Director of Evangelical Mission, ELCA. (Northeastern Iowa Synod)*

