

# The Spirit of Immanuel

July 2019

Now there are varieties of Gifts, but the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4

We always thank God,  
the Father  
of our Lord  
Jesus Christ,  
when we pray for you.

COLOSSIANS 1:3, NIV



## Immanuel Lutheran Church

- \* Worship Services  
Sundays, 10:00 am
- \* Sunday School  
for Pre-school  
through High  
School  
(off for the summer)
- \* Weekly Fellowship
- \* Choir and Chimes
- \* Prayer Chain

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Our Animal "kids" from VBS learned that when life is scary, sad, changing, not fair, or good, God is Good because he loves us every day.



## Pastor's Message



Timothy Urness is the ELCA's Regional Gift Planner for the three synods of Illinois, and he will be meeting with our congregation councils on July 8. Tim will share how he can help the people of our congregations give thought to what we might gift to our congregations at life's end.

With the approval of our councils, Tim will then join us on a Sunday morning later this year to share with all of us, and be available to

anyone who would be willing to consider Immanuel (or Trinity) as a recipient of a gift that would benefit the ministry of our Lord.



In twenty-eight years of ordained ministry I have had the privilege of being with many people and families at life's end (that is, this side of heaven's doors). I sometimes forget that, what has become a natural part of living and dying to me, is still something very unknown and uncomfortable to others. I was reminded of this recently when I sat down with a few family members to put onto paper some of their information and wishes – at this point in their lives – for when that time comes. [My thanks again to Duffy-Pils Memorial Home for providing me with the resources to do this, for a Lenten Lunch service earlier this year, with some to spare.] Completing/sharing such information is a form of gift planning in and of itself as far as I am concerned; a gift to the individual to know their wishes are known, and a gift to family that already have far too many things on their hearts and minds at the time of death.

We gave thought to types of burial and where that might be: visitation and funeral, cremation, human composting (now legal in Washington state), and even having one's remains placed in the soil supplements for a tree to be planted. We talked about organ donation and embalming. We talked about what were services important enough to us that we would designate them for memorials. We thought about the expenses we would consider appropriate for such an occasion. While the pastor of a congregation is always the one who should preside at the funeral of members of a congregation, a pastor's family is a family without a pastor, and so we talked about who we would ask to preside at our funeral / memorial. We let lyrics play through our minds as we thought about what music would best celebrate and proclaim. Each of the four of us that gave thought to this came up with wishes unique to us, some we would not have known were it not for being intentional.

Most of us are too busy living this life to want to think about it ending. In all this talk we followers of Christ are confident that this life is not it, but a foretaste of the feast to come. Yet, it is through death that each of us goes home. So I ask you, are your wishes known to you, let alone to those who might have the responsibility of taking care of things when you die? If you have made such arrangements – thank you for the gift you have given. If you have not made such arrangements, I would be glad to help you, whether that be just providing you an information form to complete, or talking to you about it individually or with family.

Pastor Tom



# Church Council Minutes

May 13, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Danny Harms, Terry Bose, Tracy Harms, Angie Kratochvil, Chuck Weber, Don Brucker, Marcia Buchs, and Pastor Tom  
Dan called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with prayer.

Guest Dave Hammer, Financial Advisor, visited with us about diversifying our investments. Don motioned, and Terry seconded, to move the CD's with a maturity date of June 24 from the People's State Bank of Colfax to a 5-7 year index CD to yield greater return and to also move the Securian investment into the Cetera account and spread it out over varying mutual funds. Motion carried.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Angie read the April 8th minutes. Don motioned to approve, and Chuck seconded. Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Marcia shared the January-April Profit and Loss report, the April Profit and Loss Report, and the April 30, 2019 Balance Sheet. Angie motioned to approve, and Tracy seconded. Motion carried.

## PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor shared his report. We discussed the logistics of a pray-ground in our sanctuary and decided to share information with the congregation and seek their input before making a decision at our next meeting. Terry motioned to accept the report, and Don seconded. Motion carried.

Angie motioned, and Marcia seconded, to welcome Andi Jolynn Brucker into membership through baptism. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Jamie Wilson is still working on the sound system. We are not sure of a completion date.
- Terry will put a plate on the outside light to the east.
- The Enter to Worship sign is nearly complete. Then the maintenance committee will install new posts from which to hang the signs.
- After discussion, we decided to let individuals donate to Evan Bachtold rather than asking the congregation donate as a whole.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Danny mentioned that Terry Bachtold called about a summer cookout and softball game with the Forrest Lutheran Church. We accepted the invite. Date to be determined.
- Our church will participate in the Hope Pregnancy Center baby bottle project again this year.

Angie motioned to adjourn, and Terry seconded. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be Monday, June 10 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Kratochvil



## Council Members

Dan Harms

Don Brucker

Terry Bose

Dan Kukuck

Tracy Harms

Kolton Brucker

Marcia Buchs

Angie Kratochvil

Chuck Weber

Pastor Tom Krieger

## Parish Education Committee

Yvonne Becker

Rebecca Casson

Louann Harms

Jeanie Weber

## Youth Director

Briana Ray

## Stewardship Committee

Marcia Buchs. Chair

Louann Harms

Don Brucker

Terry Bose

Jerry Kukuck

# Community in Christ

## Lutheran World Relief Kits for 2019

### July – Personal Care Kits –

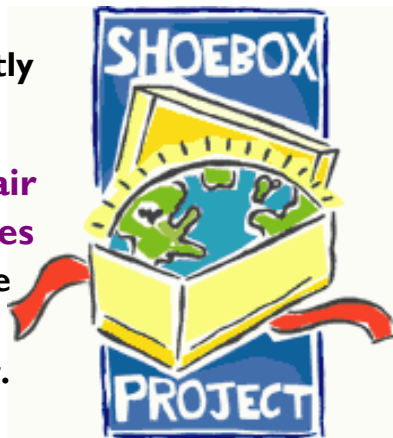
Washcloth, towel, band aids, comb, nail clipper, etc.  
Can you imagine what it would be like not to have a washcloth, towel, comb, band aids and something to file and clip your nails.  
We will help make many people able clean and care for themselves and others.

### Quilting for LWR -

Monday, July 8 from 12:30 - 3:30 pm  
Friday, July 19 from 8:00 - 11:00 am  
Anyone is welcome to help layer and tie quilts. There are also bags of quilt top squares ready to sew together on the table in the fellowship hall.

**We are currently  
collecting**

**t-shirts and hair  
care accessories  
to put into the  
shoeboxes  
later this year.**



When life gives you  
lemons, be sure to ask for  
sugar and water.  
Otherwise, you only have  
sour lemons.



Central/Southern Illinois  
Synod-Wide Mission Trip!

“We are church together”

Haven't found that “just right” servant trip yet?  
Wondering what to do for a “God's Work– Our  
Hands” event? Look no further!

The New and ReNewing Congregation Committee  
is sponsoring a synod-wide mission trip to  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Make new friends across the  
synod while painting, cleaning, doing repair work,  
landscaping worshipping and sharing in a  
service project for the Mt. Vernon community.

Labor Day Weekend

Saturday, August 31, 1:00—  
Monday, September 2, noon.

Registration is \$25/individual or \$20/person for  
congregation groups of 3 or more. More infor-  
mation including lodging options, and to register  
online go to [www.csls-elca.org/synodmissiontrip](http://www.csls-elca.org/synodmissiontrip)



# July 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Each Sunday -</b> <b>Fellowship</b> <b>9:00 am</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	1  <i>Lindsay Reynolds</i>	2  Quilt Knotting 12:30 - 3:30 pm  <i>Grace Garthaus</i> <i>Mike Petersen</i> <i>Katelyn Weber</i>	3  <i>Grace Garthaus</i> <i>Mike Petersen</i> <i>Katelyn Weber</i>	4 <b>Independence Day</b>	5  <i>Tiffany Myers</i> <i>Cheryl Poppe</i> <i>Lindsey Rinkenberger</i>	6
7	8 <b>7:00 pm Council Meeting</b>  <i>Leslie Garthaus</i> <i>Bryce Powell</i>	9  Rodney & Teri Kellar	10	11  <i>Kim Brucker</i>	12	13  Nate & Kelli Holton  <i>Phil Kratochvil</i> <i>Ericka Ummel</i>
14  <i>Michael Kelly</i>	15  Jack & Dee Winterland Brian Becker	16	17  <i>Naomi Wilson</i>	18	19  <i>Presley Dawson</i>	20  Andrew & Stephanie Harper Suzie Kukuck
21  <i>Jon Miller</i>	22  Kent & Rebecca Casson Silverlyn Breeding Annalyn Harper	23  <i>Jack Winterland</i>	24	25  Don & Kim Brucker  <i>Marie Cramer</i>	26	27  <i>Emily Gleeson</i>
28	29  <i>Paul Gleeson</i>	30  Preston & Kelsey McNamara	31  <i>Greg Winterland</i>			

## Worship Assistants

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Ushers / Acolytes</u>
June 30	Jerry Kukuck	Kristin Cavinder		Annalyn, Alex H.
July 7	Angie Kratochvil	Dana & Sue Coldren	John & Cindy Harris	Elton & Spring Mau
July 14	Elton Mau	Sheri Ganske, Sharon Hardesty		Peyton, Kamryn R.
July 21	Mike Petersen	Mike & Leslie Garthaus	Denny & Amy Winterland	Kent Petersen, Keith W.
July 28	Betty Powell	Dennis & Kay Griepentrog		Kolton, Kourtney B.
Aug. 4	Brianna Ray	Kevin & Louann Harms	Elton Mau, Jerry Kukuck	Parker, Ty Harms
Aug.11	Chuck Weber	Dan & Tracy Harms		Shannon, Alison Roark



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