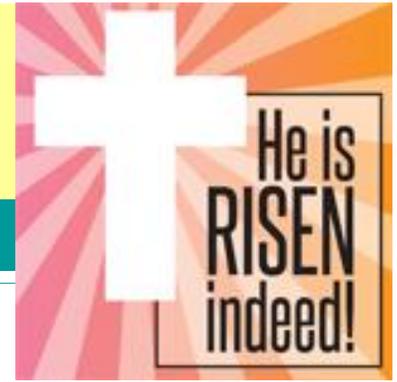


# The Spirit of Immanuel

May 2019

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

1 Corinthians 12:4



## Immanuel Lutheran Church

- \* Worship Services  
Sundays, 10:00 am
- \* Sunday School  
9:00 am  
for Pre-school  
through High School
- \* Weekly Fellowship
- \* Choir and Chimes
- \* Prayer Chain

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**May 15, 2019** is the pre-registration deadline for participants of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod (CSIS) Assembly (Thursday-Saturday, June 6-8 @ Springfield).

**If you would like to be a voting member** from our congregation, contact Pastor Tom and we will get you registered first-come first-serve. Every CSIS congregation may provide two confirmed lay persons to be voting members, in addition to one confirmed lay person age 21 or under. The congregation covers the cost of registration, room and board.



Sign up your children ages preschool through 5th grade for **ROAR VBS**

**June 10-14, 2019**  
**9:00 - 11:00 am**

Come with us on an African adventure that explores God's goodness.

And we're not lion!

Learn about true stories from the Bible that display how good God truly is. (Nahum 1:7)

Additional information on sign-ups, volunteering as teachers, leaders, or to donate supplies for the week will be available at the church or by contacting one of our committee members:

Louann Harms, Von Becker, Rebecca Casson, and Jeanie Weber

## Pastor's Message

**May 1** twenty-five years ago my oldest son was baptized. My youngest brother and I sang a duet of "Pass it on" as we participated in one of the last pastoral acts I would preside at in my first call at Liberty and Lost Prairie. A few months later we were acclimating to the uniqueness of Nauvoo and a small congregation with an active membership. In a new call with a new child, I was oblivious to what was going on in much of the rest of the world. It seems that much of the rest of the world was oblivious as well.

"It happened 25 years ago – up to 800,000 people in Rwanda killed – mostly from the minority Tutsi community, all of that over the course of just a hundred days." So began an April 9, 2019 NPR Morning Edition interview by host Rachel Martin with journalist and author Philip Gourevitch, who has documented the process of how Rwandans have struggled in the years since.

Two and a half decades later live the children who did not experience that genocide, but whose parents did. Imagine, Philip Gourevitch suggests "if you grew up an orphan or a child of rape or in a family where, instead of 50 people, there are five and they are deeply traumatized and impoverished – or you grew up in a family where you were carrying food to your father every day in prison and being looked at in the community as that boy, the child of a killer. And then you both wind up, those two kids, let's say, in college from the same place. They recognize each other, and they find a way of relating to each other. That's pretty remarkable. And it happens on a regular basis. It's something that people talk about with a kind of sense of amazement at the same time as they talk about it with a shrug, as if it were normal."

As Rwanda gave consideration to how there might be healing, says Gourevitch, they realized that "the experience of the genocide was extremely localized. People were killed by neighbors. It was intimate. They knew each other." Can you imagine even considering forgiveness? Punishment, retribution, even revenge much more easily come to mind.

Rwanda "set up a system of community courts – without lawyers – to sort of repurpose a system that really had only been used for small claims mitigation in traditional Rwanda, called gacaca" says Gourevitch. "The idea was to hold people accountable and have a system of punishment. And this system banked very heavily on encouraging **confession and rewarding it** [*emphasis mine*]. But the confessions also had to be verified by the community... the motto of the gacaca courts was, truth heals."

All of this begged an important question, said Gourevitch "- what does forgiveness mean? I mean, to some extent, when I went and heard the word forgiveness, I thought it sort of meant you'd **restore whatever the relationship was before...** And they would say, no, that involves **trust**. That's a whole different thing. Forgiveness doesn't require trust. **Forgiveness simply means letting go of the idea of getting even**, forgoing the idea of revenge. Right? Now, even that's a big thing to ask. But **it means accepting coexistence.**" Is there anything we as Christians can learn about living together and about forgiveness and trust from the people of Rwanda, these scarred survivors of death, these scarred recipients of life? We best hope so.

~ Pastor Tom

# Church Council Minutes

March 11, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Danny Harms, Terry Bose, Tracy Harms, Angie Kratochvil, Chuck Weber, Kolton Brucker, Don Brucker, Pastor Tom

Dan called the meeting to order. Pastor Tom opened with prayer. Terry shared devotions – a video exert from quarterback Tim Tebow about how Bible verses on his eye black allowed him a way to show how big God is. God has an awesome plan!

## SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Angie read the February 19th minutes. Don motioned to approve, and Tracy seconded. Motion carried.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Dan shared the January-February Profit and Loss report, the February Profit and Loss Report, and the February 28, 2019 Balance Sheet. Don motioned to approve, and Chuck seconded. Motion carried.

## PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor presented his report. Terry motioned to accept the report, and Don seconded. Motion carried.

Angie motioned, and Kolton seconded, to recommend Kayce Hall, Parker Harms, Annalyn Harper, and Cale Hoffman for Affirmation of Baptism on April 14. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- No one as of yet has expressed a need for a wireless headset to better hear church services.
- Thanks was expressed to Terry for fixing the west gutter and the hallway ceiling tiles.
- Terry reported two ceiling leaks in the parish hall during the windy rain on March 9. When temps warm and winds calm, Danny and Terry will climb on the roof to check it out.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Council agreed to reinstate an indoor and outdoor maintenance committee. Terry and Chuck volunteered to chair this committee.

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

Next meeting will be Monday, April 8 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

### April/May – Baby Care Kits -

We are collecting items for Baby Care Kits – baby blankets, pajamas – no feet, t-shirts, socks, sweater or sweatshirt, hand towel, cloth diapers. **NO ONSIES!** A monetary contribution is always welcome too. Donation goes in basket on west table where baby care kit displays are.



### Quilting for LWR -

**There will be no organized sewing days in May.**

If you would like to cut squares or sew together tops and need some supplies, please contact Suzie or Dee and they will help you.

We received a donation of sewing and craft supplies from our friends in Farmer City. They are on the table in the parish hall. Please help yourself if you can use them or know of anyone else who can. They will be there until May 11.

## Matthew 25 Stewardship

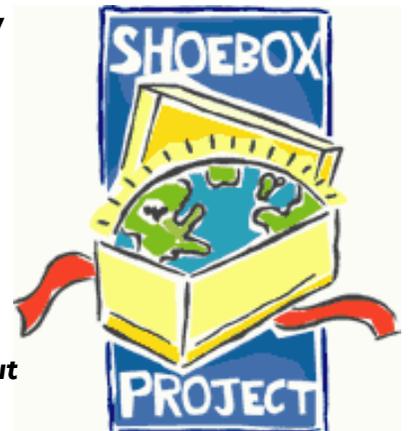
While many folks have chosen to make donations to favorite charities through the Matthew 25 Project, there are still a few questions concerning how to participate without the application process. Recent bulletin inserts have highlighted a clean water well project for which we can also apply Matching funds through Thrivent. If you would like to make a donation for this, envelopes marked with “Well Water - matching funds” will be applied to the project. In a similar manner, any on-going church project, such as the monthly noisy offering, any mission project (including the Bachtold family who were here on April 28th and heading to Ireland soon), or other offerings of your choice (over \$20.00) may be marked with the designated project and “Matthew 25 Matching Gifts”. If you still have questions, anyone on the Mission Committee would be happy to assist you.

**We are currently collecting**

**small toys**

**to put into the shoeboxes later this year.**

**But be on the lookout for great bargains**



**St. John's Lutheran Church, Anchor**

*Presents The St. John's Players in*



**Dinner Theater for Both Shows**

**Saturday June 8, 2019**

**Doors open 6:00**

**Curtain 7:30**

**Sunday June 9, 2019**

**Doors Open 12:00**

**Curtain 1:30**

**Adults \$20.00**

**12 & Under/ 62 & Over**

**\$15.00**

**For Reservations Contact Jeff Dowell  
Call/Text (309) 369-4395 Email: jeffreyjtd@yahoo.com**

# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Worship</b> <b>10:00 am</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>9:00 am</b> (Each Week)			1	2	3	4 <i>Jonah Miller</i>
5  <i>Kolton Brucker</i> <i>Deb Jaskowiak</i> <i>Briana Ray</i>	6	7	8  <i>Bob Lasser</i>	9  <i>James Poppe</i> <i>Rick Vance</i>	10  <i>Leeann Bain</i> <i>Mae Buchs</i>	11  <i>Mark Kessinger</i>
12 <b>Mother's Day</b>	13 <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Council Meeting</b>  <i>Anna Buchs</i>	14  <i>Tommy Wilson</i>	15   <i>Chad &amp; Kara Ritchie</i> <i>Lucas Poppe</i>	16	17  <i>Alicia Bose</i> <i>Alison Roark</i>	18
19	20  <i>Shannon Roark</i> <i>Jeff Winterland</i>	21  <i>Janelle Hoffman</i>	22   <i>Dave &amp; Naddene</i> <i>Pilgrim</i> <i>Tim Dawson</i>	23	24	25  <i>Henry Buchs</i>
26  <i>Kay Bose</i>	27 <b>Memorial Day</b>  <i>Kristin Jaskowiak</i>	28  <i>Ella Holton</i>	29  <i>Craig Becker</i> <i>Jason Pierce</i>	30   <i>Nathan &amp; Andi</i> <i>Grimes</i> <i>Jayme Johnson</i> <i>Betty Petersen</i>	31   <i>Dan &amp; Tracy</i> <i>Crumbaugh</i>	

## Worship Assistants

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Ushers / Acolytes</u>
May 5	Kevin Harms	Jeff & Lisa Winterland	Jerry Kukuck, Betty Powell	Kent P., Kelsey M.
May 12	Louann Harms	Virginia, Keith Winterland		Shannon, Alison Roark
May 19	Dan Harms	Rick & Renette Althouse	Joyce Miller, Mike Petersen	John, Cindy Harris
May 26	Karen Harms	Lois Barker, Harlan Brucker		Kevin, Dan Harms
June 2	Cindy Harris	Yvonne Becker	Alan & Sabrina Petersen	Kolton, Kourtney B.
June 9	Janelle Hoffman	Terry & Kay Bose		Parker H., Cale H.

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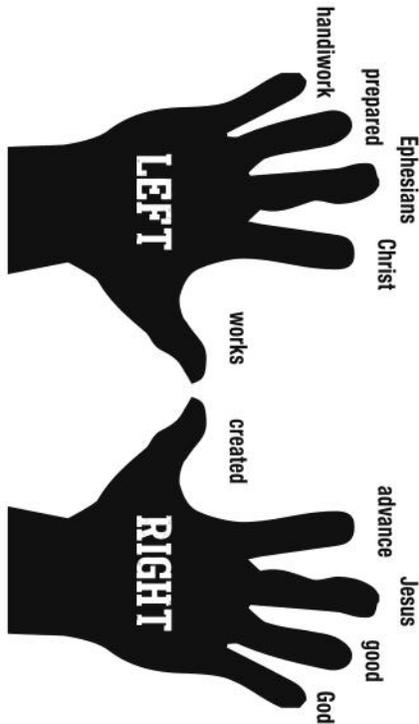
Newsletter information or member phone & address changes may be sent to Cindy Wilson at [ckwilson1983@gmail.com](mailto:ckwilson1983@gmail.com)



## Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

*Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.*



For we are God's \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
L pinky \_\_\_\_\_ R thumb \_\_\_\_\_  
to do \_\_\_\_\_  
L pointer \_\_\_\_\_ R middle \_\_\_\_\_  
which \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
R pinky \_\_\_\_\_ L ring \_\_\_\_\_ R pointer \_\_\_\_\_  
for us to do. \_\_\_\_\_ 2:10, NIV  
L middle \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians