

The Spirit of Immanuel

September 2018



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
(beginning Sept. 16th)
for Pre-school
through High School
- * Weekly Fellowship
- * Choir and Chimes
- * Prayer Chain

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Central/Southern Illinois Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Join us for "God's Work, Our Hands." Day of Service on Sunday Sept. 9

-Worship Service Send Off at 10:00

-Potato Digging at Keith Winterland's Farm

**-Assembling fleece blankets at Immanuel
for Children's Research Hospital of Peoria**

-Donations for Operation Shoebox

-Books for Prison Ministry's Storybook Project.

We are collecting new, used, chapter books, and board books

**"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us, establish the work of
our hands for us--yes, establish the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17**

***Please help us reach our goal of
100 Shoeboxes***

for Operation Christmas Child.

*We still need a number of items for
each box and the list below reflects
some of those items and how many we
would like to collect before we package
and send everything in November.*



Toothbrush holders (10) —plastic soap boxes (25) —Bars of soap (36)

Small stuffed animals — boxes of crayons — markers

Colored pencils — small notepads — scissors — pencil sharpeners

Socks — flip flops (45 pairs) — T-shirts

Jump ropes — small books — puzzles

Assorted toys — flash cards — playing cards

Church Council Minutes

July 9, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Danny Harms, Tracy Harms, Angie Kratochvil, Dan Kukuck, Terry Bose, Marcia Buchs, Don Brucker, Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom opened the meeting with prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Angie read the June 11th minutes. Dan K motioned to approve, and Don seconded. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Marcia presented and explained the June Balance and Profit and Loss reports as well as the January-June Profit and Loss report. Terry motioned to approve, and Tracy seconded. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor presented his report, including a map of the shared pastors and pastoral vacancies in the Northeast Conference of the Central Southern Illinois Synod. Angie motioned to accept the report, and Don seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Windel Concrete will let Terry know which week they will do the concrete sidewalk work.
- Danny met with Tjaden Construction, who re-caulked a few places on the roof to correct the problem of the leak from June 10.
- Dan K. and Danny will meet at church with an extension ladder to try and clean out the downspout.
- Jerry Kukuck and Louann Harms volunteered to be the congregation members on the Financial Stewardship Committee. The committee will meet for the first time tonight after the Council meeting adjourns.

NEW BUSINESS:

- August 25 Colfax Restoration Project end of summer celebration all day – would the church or youth like to have a booth to raise funds? Angie will check with Brianna Ray about this. Dan K. is contact person.

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

Next meeting will be Monday, August 13 at 6:30 P.M. (with the Council from Trinity first, then our own regular meeting).

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Kratochvil

Council Members

Dan Harms

Elton Mau

Don Brucker

Terry Bose

Dan Kukuck

Tracy Harms

Kolton Brucker

Marcia Buchs

Angie Kratochvil

Parish Education Committee

Yvonne Becker

Rebecca Casson

Louann Harms

Jeanie Weber

Youth Director

Briana Ray



The Pastor's Page

We give thanks to God for the ministry Briana Ray is sharing with our Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) at Immanuel. Last year they studied Sparkhouse's **Animate Practices** series. This coming year (2018-2019), we will be following the **Animate Faith** series; there are 7 lessons in the series. Below is a *tentative* LYO Sunday School schedule; dates may change if anything conflicts. Briana has scheduled LYO Sunday School on Sundays when there is no confirmation class and no camps. All times are at 9am, with 10am worship to follow. LYO will gather for Sunday School and animate faith **Sept 9** (also "God's Work. Our Hands." service day), Oct 7, Nov 4, Jan 6, Feb 3, March 3, April 7.

There will also be some other **LYO** fun nights/days events planned throughout the year. No dates set yet, but a few things to look forward to.... another game night ("because we all had so much fun at the last one!"), Youth vs Parents game night, Ice cream Social at the church after worship ("or during?!" 😊 - sorry, that idea was pastor's, not Briana's), volunteering at Home Sweet Home Ministries and Midwest Food Bank, Easter Egg Hunt, and a possible trip to Florida to volunteer at Give Kids The World! More details to come later on all of these things!

The **Central/Southern Illinois Synod** LYO gathering is Friday night – Sunday afternoon, Nov 9-11 near Carlinville for those 6th grade and above. Cost is \$155/person + \$10/shirt. Registrations are coming soon.

Sunday morning worship times

September 2018 – August 2019

8:30am Trinity

10:00am Immanuel

Confirmation classes will be at Trinity LC Fairbury Sundays 4-6pm with Forrest and the churches of the Servant United geographical parish. Immanuel's students include Parker, Annalyn, Cale (2nd year) and Craig, Brec (1st year). The nine Sundays we meet are **Sept 16** + 30, Oct 14 + 28, Nov 18, Jan 13 +27, Feb 10 + 24. **Sept 16** is also Immanuel's Sunday School **rally day**.

I will be spending a little more of my time in worship preparation, but not because we are doing anything differently at Immanuel (except on Sept 9 for God's Work. Our Hands. day, and our Thanksgiving Eve service).

Some Sunday mornings at Trinity Fairbury will be just like they usually have been (which won't take any more time). Other Sundays - potentially 30 - Trinity's 8:30am Sunday assembly will be a blend of worship and faith formation using Faith Inkubator's **Bible Song**. The time needed will be in worship preparation, and developing messages for congregations using two different sets of scripture texts. On Bible Song Sundays, Trinity's worship and faith formation hour will provide a mix of worship and learning, a mix of community and personal sharing, and a mix of generations.

ELCA congregations in our area are challenged to provide pastoral ministry. The pastor serving the primary pulpits at Trinity, Chenoa and St. John, Anchor retires at the end of this year. Vacant pulpits include St. Petri, Flanagan, St. Paul, Pontiac, and St. Paul, Forrest. Per their request, I have agreed to help with funerals at the latter during their transition. We keep our brothers and sisters in Christ in our prayer and care...

Pastor Tom

Community in Christ

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the **ice cream and bake sale booths** at the recent Colfax End of Summer Celebration.

Whether you donated supplies or baked goods, help set up or worked at the booths, or purchased treats, your support is appreciated.

Immanuel's participation contributed to the success of the expanded celebration sponsored by the Colfax Restoration Project.

The funds raised will support Youth Activities and Operation Shoebox at Immanuel.



And - thank you people of Immanuel for donating school supplies to fill **21 backpacks** to send to less fortunate children through Lutheran World Relief. This a great number!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct 13, 2018.

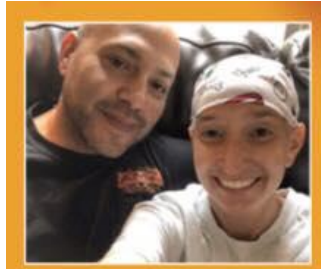
A Benefit for a local friend, **Christina Weber**

Rodriguez, will be held at the Colfax American Legion Hall from 2:00 pm-12 am.

There will be a fish or pulled pork dinner, Silent Auction, Raffles, a Bags Tournament, and live music.

Christina is a friend of many of our members, currently battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia. The benefit committee is asking area church families if they would be interested in donating desserts for the meal. They ask that all desserts to be dropped off at the Colfax American Legion by noon on the day of the benefit.

They are also accepting cash donations and donations of gift baskets for the Silent Auction. A Flyer with all of the information will be posted at church.



A Birthday Celebration -

Please join the family of Sharon Kessinger after worship (11 am) on September 30th to celebrate and honor her **80th Birthday**.

Everyone is welcome to attend, have a piece of cake and wish her a very Happy Birthday!

2018 CIDSO Buddy Walk Spirit Team



September 22, 2018










Interstate Center, 1106 Interstate Drive, Bloomington

Colton's Warriors

Please join our team and help to support Colton and his buddies. We would love to have you walk with us that morning as well as let the kiddos have fun playing games while we raise awareness for those with Down syndrome. If you can't make it but would like to make a donation, we appreciate any support we can get. Please contact Kim & Rob Weber or check the link on the Immanuel Facebook page. Thanks so much!



September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Each Sunday - New Worship Service Time - 10:00 am</i></p> 						1 <i>Ralph Petersen</i>
2	3  <i>Rich & Connie Johnson</i>	4	5  <i>Ryan & Tiffany Myers</i>	6	7	8
9 God's Work - Our Hands Day <i>Kamryn Rinkenberger</i>	10 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	11 <i>Maesyn Miller</i>	12 <i>Eva Ifft Donald Poppe</i>	13  <i>Kevin & Louann Harms</i>	14	15  <i>Dana & Sue Coldren</i> <i>Tyler Bain</i>
16 Sunday School begins - 9:00 am	17  <i>Jason & Emily Wagoner Teri Kellar</i>	18 <i>Dusty Gleeson Robert Lilienthal</i>	19 <i>Zane Hoffman</i>	20	21 <i>Norman Harms Cale Hoffman</i>	22
23	24 <i>Todd Harris Avery Poppe</i>	25 <i>Holden Myers Cole Winterland</i>	26	27 <i>Rick Althouse Jonathan Harris</i>	28  <i>Scott & Jenny Compton Virginia Winterland</i>	29  <i>Rick & Renette Althouse Rebecca Casson Sharon Kessinger</i>
30 after worship - Birthday Reception for Sharon Kessinger <i>Cora Ummel</i>						

Worship Assistants

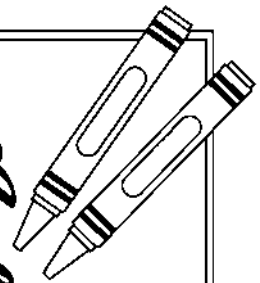
<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Ushers / Acolytes</u>
Sept. 2	Mike Petersen	Betty & Loren Powell	John & Cindy Harris	Shannon R., Keith W.
Sept. 9	Elton Mau	Reed & Lindsey Rinkenberger		Elton & Spring Mau
Sept. 16	Betty Powell	Jeanne Ummel, Louise W.	Denny & Amy Winterland	Kolton, Kourtney B.
Sept. 23	Briana Ray	Chuck & Jeanie Weber		Cale, Brec Hoffman
Sept. 30	Amy Winterland	Denny & Amy Winterland		Annalyn H., Peyton R.
Oct. 7	Chuck Weber	Jeff & Lisa Winterland	Elton Mau, Chuck Weber	Ainsley & Ashlyn K.
Oct. 14	Dee Winterland	Keith W., Harlan B.		Craig B., Parker H.

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Just for **KIDS**

His for our family...

With school starting, schedules are getting busy again. Sometimes you might feel like you're going in too many directions and forgetting what's really important. Use the key below to remind you of where your family's real focus should always be.

A	B	D	O	N	R
E	F	H	S	T	U
I	L	M	V	W	Y



Handwriting practice area with the word "B" at the start of a line and a grid of boxes for letter tracing. Some boxes contain an asterisk (*). Below the grid is the text "JOSHUA 24:15B".

Answer: "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."