



# Immanuel Lutheran Church News

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**Our Mission Statement:**  
*Immanuel Lutheran  
is a family of believers  
who worship,  
learn, serve  
and share Christ's love.*

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## It's Festival Time!

Who's excited to have our **full** community festival this year after the last two years?!? Me too! Our **19<sup>th</sup> Annual** festival will be here before we know it! As always, this event will be a great way to celebrate and share our ministry at Immanuel with the La Vernia and neighboring communities while raising funds to continue our growth as a congregation.

**When:** Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** La Vernia Chamber of Commerce Hall

**Details:** Church Service with Communion 9 am  
Meal inside and drive thru begins at 11 am  
Music provided by DJ Rhonda Broll from 11 am – 1 pm  
Live Auction begins at 1:15 pm  
Silent Auction open until 2 pm  
Raffle Drawing held after Live Auction

Correction from May's newsletter: We are raising the cost to **\$12.00 a plate** this year due to rising food prices.

**How can you help?** Great question! Here are some ways:

- Start saving up your homemade and handmade items for the **Country Store** (i.e., canned jams/jellies, pickled veggies, plants, breads, sewn items, etc.)
- Get your bake on! We will need cakes for the **Cake Walk** and sweets for our **Desert Booth**.
- Items are needed for the **Silent Auction** and **Live Auction**. Contact the church office if need us to store them ahead of time OR you can bring them to the Chamber on Saturday from 9 am - Noon.
- Help sell **raffle tickets!** Lillian Kosub has them on Sunday mornings after church to purchase or take some to sell to your friends, family, co-workers, etc.
- **Pray and Volunteer!** Please pray for all the volunteers and attendees, for health and safety, for food and fellowship. If you have not been tapped on the shoulder yet to assist, do not think it is because you are not needed. **We can always use help** in the kitchen, drive thru, collecting items and setting up the auctions, putting signs up around town, setting up the hall on Saturday, CLEANING up the kitchen and hall afterwards on Sunday, etc.

*For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. Romans 12:4-5 NIV*

**Reach out to Jacy Reeves at 210-264-8051 or myself** if you are able to help, and we will find a spot for you! There is also a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Our next festival committee **meeting is Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the parsonage. With everyone's help we will make this festival a **HUGE SUCCESS!**

In Christ,

Rebecca Reeves  
Festival Co-Chair  
210-240-7875



## Serving the Community:

### La Vernia Christian Food Pantry – Next up: School supply distribution August 6<sup>th</sup>

What a difference a few more volunteers makes; we had an awesome time on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> taking care of our 59 fellow Christian families! *Thank you to those who gave up part of their weekend morning to help.*

Summer time is a difficult time for some families as they are forced to provide food for their sons, daughters, or grandchildren who are not receiving an extra meal through their schools. Snacks, cereals, and canned / packaged meals always can be donated.

Here's a list of the school supplies that are needed by **Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**: 20 large backpacks (for teenagers), 20 packages of 150-count wide-rule paper, 90 folders with pockets and brads, 70 boxes of pencils (12 each), 10 boxes of crayons, 10 packages of glue sticks, and 30 pink erasers.

These are the items that Immanuel provides on a regular basis: tomato products (tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, diced tomatoes) pasta products (spaghetti, elbow noodles, mac'n'cheese), canned meats (chili, Spam, tuna, beef stew,). Condiments are always welcome. See Karen Campbell for questions.



**Sewing Circle –**



Several churches and organizations in Wilson County are coordinating with the Wilson County 4-H Club in making quilts and/or blankets to deliver to the children of Robb Elementary School in Uvalde at the start of their new school year. The goal is a minimum of 400, with hope for 600.

The quilt / blanket size is about 45 X 45 to 52 X 52. They can be cotton, flannel, fleece or knit fabric. They can be tied, tacked, sewed, or quilted. They need to be handed in by the last week of July so that they can be delivered to the coordinator by July 30<sup>th</sup>. If you want to help with this project, please contact Sharon Poarch at 361-235-2948.

**Bereavement Team –** *While Esther DeHaven enjoys her summer vacation, please contact Amy Wagner or Kathy Volkmann, if necessary.*

**On June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, *Laura Baumann, Rebecca White – Esther DeHaven's daughter, Olga Lopez – Esther's sister, Esther DeHaven, and Lillian Kosub traveled to Uvalde to assist in serving the families a meal after the funeral services. They found it to be truly an honor to be able to serve that grieving community.*



## Worship, Holy Communion, Parish Hall, Facebook Live

Worship services will continue on Sunday mornings at 8:00 and 10:30 AM. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be offered at both services **in a continuous manner**. If you are unable to come up, Holy Communion will be brought to you. **Join us between services for Coffee Fellowship in the Parish Hall.** The Sunday school, Confirmation, and Pastor Eric's classes will all meet in there too after the first service.

We are using Facebook Live at the 10:30 AM service. To view, go to the Immanuel Lutheran Church group page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297408141284>.

**Please notify the church office in advance to add your activity to Immanuel's calendar.**

**Outreach Ministry** – Help us share the Word of God and what is happening at Immanuel. Consider becoming a Facebook operator on Sunday mornings. We are also looking for people who can post content on Facebook, write articles for the newsletter, and take and submit photos for the newsletter.



Many of you have already been doing your shopping at no extra cost on [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and supporting Immanuel Lutheran's New Building Fund. Thank you for your loyalty. Try Amazon Smile by using this link for your purchases: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-1464208>.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE ROSTER

We are transitioning back to the Attendance Roster books. Fill in your family name, listing each member of your family in attendance. You can list everyone in your family on the same line or two lines if needed. Members of Immanuel do not need to fill out the address/phone section, unless there are any changes we need to be made aware of. Once you have completed filling in the Attendance Roster, please pass it to the next person/family in the pew. If there are visitors, please ask them to fill it in also. Please check the "Will commune today" section if you are taking Holy Communion; you only need check it once for your entire family. If you would like a pastoral visit, please check this section.

We will continue to use the Prayer Request Cards in the pew for prayer requests.



## Brand New Carpet for Sale

We have 3 brand new never used room size carpets that were donated to the church for sale. They came out of a new home built prior to it being occupied. Please contact Eric Fryer if you are interested. The sale of these carpets will go to the New Building Fund.

The room dimensions are: Master 14'x16'8",  
Bed #2 11'x12' w/ 4'x6' closet,  
Bed #3 11'8"x12 w/ 4'x6' Closet



Immanuel Lutheran's Annual Day Camp took place June 13-17; the theme was Ready, Set, Go. The learning activities about how to 'go gather' and grow in faith, 'go pray to God', 'go study the Word' and grow in your relationship with Christ, 'go share what God is doing' in your own lives, and 'go in peace and serve the Lord' were the focus of each day. So much fun was had by all - during devotion time, delicious meals and snacks, cooling off on Water Day, or taking part in a new table blessing, even when writing letters of encouragement and thanks as their service project - the children were soaking it all in and learning about Jesus.

## La Vernia 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

### 4th of July Parade

Come on out to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual City of La Vernia 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. If you want to ride on the float, arrive at 8:45 at float # 23 (behind LV High School); judging starts at 9:00. You can also walk beside it to represent Immanuel and hand out candy.

### La Vernia's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration in the Park

Immanuel Lutheran Church will have a vendor space at La Vernia's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Red, White & Boom Celebration in the Park to promote our upcoming Community Festival and sell raffle tickets. Stop by to say "Hi" or, if you want to man the booth for a bit, please contact Becca Reeves, 210-240-7875.

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for the book and scripture stone that you gave me for graduation and also for hosting a brunch for the graduates. It was very nice to be recognized, and I am blessed to have such a supportive church family.

Sincerely,

Garrett Haass



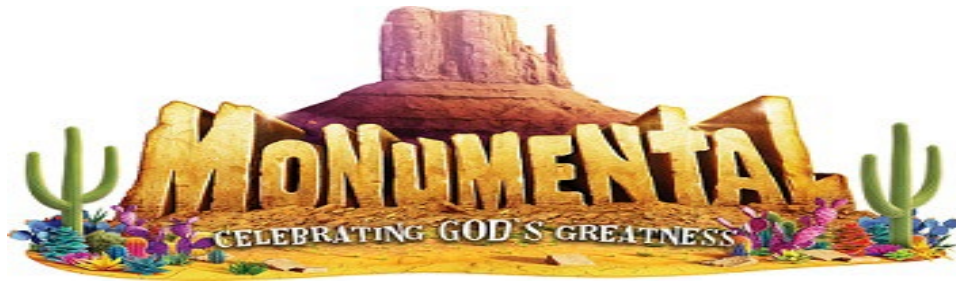
Thank you for your continued support of the Building Fund Campaign.

From Jan 1 to May 31, 2022, **\$25,831.66** was received:

Dedicated Offerings:	\$21,274.00
Memorials:	\$ 705.00
Building Board Envelopes:	\$ 290.00
Amazon Smile:	\$ 308.47
Fundraisers:	\$ 3,254.19

As of 31 May, New Facilities Balance is \$ 118,075.41

# Vacation Bible School '22





# Peacemakers' News

Summer is in full swing, and our Peacemakers are participating in camps, spending quality time with family and friends, and of course enjoying being able to sleep in.

We enjoyed a gathering of fellowship and fun on Wednesday, June 15th. We got the opportunity to play games, enjoy a meal and complete a lesson. Our lesson covered the Epistles. If you run into a Peacemaker, share a conversation with them to see what they have learned. Thank you, Kayla Homeyer for leading the lesson.



The Food Pantry was very busy on Saturday, June 18th. Over 50 families were served. It was great that a few of our Peacemakers volunteered that day. <<Kendall Clayton & Katelyn>>



Have you ever been to **Palmetto State Park** in Gonzales, Texas? On Friday, June 24th the Peacemakers (9 youth and 4 adults) checked it out and had a blast! There is so much to do; we definitely will be scheduling a return trip in the future. We did so much (see photos on next page) before we enjoyed a picnic lunch. What a blessed day!!



**Camp Kalahari - Life Is A Journey** July 20th - 22nd  
Super excited for Camp! We have so much planned for our Confirmation students; 11 Youth & 3 Chaperones are ready to go!



## Peacemakers' Outing on June 24<sup>th</sup>

We went on a few walking trails, swam in the San Marcos River, kayaked and paddle boarded in the lake, and even got in some push-ups with Pastor.







Summer has arrived, and many of us will pack to the beach to bask in the surf and sand. A relaxing pastime is watching the waves roll to shore. As the foaming surf retreats, thousands of tiny glistening pebbles roll end-over-end while the sun dances across their marbled surfaces. It is amazing how the stones become perfectly round by the constant movement of the tide.

Could there be a spiritual correlation for Women of Faith? Think about how often our own lives are molded and shaped by the pounding waves of adversity.

There is an old hymn that was written in 1873 by a man named Horatio Spafford. He had just received word that his beloved wife and five children had all drowned at sea as a result of a sinking vessel. Though grief-stricken, he managed to pen the following words: "When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll. Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, It is well, with my soul."

Is it well with your soul today? God understands that we sometimes lose our way in the rough seas of life, causing us to feel overwhelmed and bewildered. But He never gives us more than we can handle. God has thrown us a life preserver. It comes to us in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ. Grab on to that ring of salvation; He is the sure anchor for our souls.

Jesus reminds us, *I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.* [John 14:6](#)

**National Sisters Day is August 7<sup>th</sup>.** Celebrated to acknowledge the bonds of love and friendship and special relationships between Sisters in Christ. In celebration of these relationships, ILC Women of Faith are planning a "Sisters in Christ Banquet" for August. If you are interested in serving on this planning committee, please contact

## Christmas Market

It's time to start thinking about the Christmas Market – again! We have begun planning for this year's Market that will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022.

If you or someone you know is a crafter or has a business and would like to reserve a booth, applications were sent out the first week of June. If you would like one or know of someone who would like one, they can be picked up at the church office or e-mailed to you. This year we will be back inside the Parish Hall!!

Also, this is the time of the year to start reserving garden produce to add to our Country Store (not to be confused with, but also like the Country Store at the Church Festival in August): pickles, jams, jellies, salsas, and other yummy items. We appreciate all of your support. If you have any questions, feel free to call Darla Buccigrossi at 830-688-1810.

## June Council Meeting Highlights:

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Council met on June 13, 2022. Members present were: Pastor Eric Miletti, Shirley Stanush, Dianell Recker, Eric Fryer, Dwight Koepp, Becca Reeves and Wendie Roser. Absent were Ronnie Coleman, Randall Richter, and Jacy Reeves. Guests were Chrystal Coble and Renee Scull.

**Parishioners to be heard:** None.

**Correspondence:** There were donation requests from Water Mission, Wounded Warrior Project, and from the North American Lutheran Seminary; a thank you letter from the NALC for our financial support and a newsletter from Water Mission.

**Reports:** Minutes and treasurer's report were reviewed and accepted; Chrystal went over the budget and line items in question. **Pastor's Report** – In packet for review; also Pastor received email regarding formal interview for his certification. **President's Report** – In packet for review; antivirus software was purchased. **Sunday School / VBS-** Renee updated Council on the float for the parade. There are 49 children registered for VBS; questions about t-shirts. Confirmation Camp will be in July. **Property Report** – Eric Fryer reported that the A/C in annex is fixed and toilet in parish hall fixed too.

**Monthly Attendance;** 5/29 – 75 members / 10 visitors, 68 reached on FBL; 6/5 – 94 members / 5 visitors, 127 views on FBL; 6/12 – 90 members / 7 visitors, 82 views on FBL; 6/19– 92 members / 12 visitors, 100 reached on FBL; 6/26 – 58 members / 14 visitors, 73 reached on FBL.

**Executive Session** – From 7:11 until 8:38 pm.

### Old Business:

- Status of Submission of Constitution to NALC - No discussion until July meeting
- Approval to Start Phase II – Building Committee is meeting on June 15, 2022. Eric will report at the next Council meeting.
- Safe or Climate-Controlled Room for Historical Documents - Building Committee will discuss options, and Eric will report back at next Council meeting.

### New Business:

- Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting – July 24<sup>th</sup> approved as the date for the meeting.
- Parish Hall / Office Internet Service – Eric is checking into a combined phone & internet service. This will save the church approximately \$85 a month with Frontier Communications.
- Banners for Church-Related Events – Tabled until July.

**Next Meeting: Monday, July 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM in the Parsonage.**

## Financial Reports

A reminder that quarterly financial reports are due in July from all groups. Please submit the reports to the office by **July 7, 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact the Council President.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Connie Burris
- 2 Laura Baumann
- 4 Pete Baumann  
Hensley Cone
- 5 Phillip Cox
- 6 Ann Makris
- 8 John Ricther
- 9 Byron Durbon  
Clayton Thayer, Jr.  
Adriana Willeford
- 11 Betty Maultsby  
Linde Meyer
- 12 Kenneth Mills
- 13 Adelynn Clarke  
Dan Pianfetti  
David Pianfetti  
James Kosub
- 15 Ronnie Moore  
Regan Smithpeter
- 17 Cindy Corbin  
Will Rose
- 18 Ryan Freeman  
Kathy Volkmann
- 19 Bruce Badders  
Jaxon Davis  
Billi Schroeder
- 21 Ella Schroeder
- 22 Christiana Hewitt
- 23 Amy Heinsohn  
Brenda Moore
- 24 Willie Jean Boeck  
Becca Reeves
- 25 Janet Wyatt
- 27 Sullivan Franklin  
Brody Fryer  
Alex Gawlik  
Sherrie Palan
- 28 Ronnie Coleman
- 29 Yvonne Beran
- 30 Jaron Fowler  
James Wagner
- 31 Terri Walker

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phil & Cindy Corbin  
Bob & Sherrie Palan
- 8<sup>th</sup> John & Cynthia Ricther
- 19<sup>th</sup> Ronnie & Shannon Coleman
- 20<sup>th</sup> Grover & Connie Burris  
Ryan & Chelsea Freeman  
Chris & Samantha Petty
- 24<sup>th</sup> Steve & Sandy Black  
AJ & Jennifer Coldewey  
Hensley & Debie Cone
- 28<sup>th</sup> Randall & Cindy Richter

**Special Dates in July:**

- July 4<sup>th</sup>** Parade and Celebration in park
- July 20-22** Confirmation Camp

**FLOWERS FOR JULY**

- July 3** Altar Marvin & Laura Baumann  
Piano Lillian Kosub
- July 10** Altar Darryl & Rebe Penshorn  
Piano
- July 17** Altar Lillian Kosub  
Piano
- July 24** Altar Sandy Frederick  
Piano
- July 31** Altar *Flowers Needed*  
Piano

**Yard Work Schedule**

**Please note the new teams. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Fryer.**

- July 11 – 16** Billy Bunton, Kenneth Mills,  
Jackson Faglie
- July 25 – 30** Brad Bales, Betty Maultsby

## JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**July 3**

Greeters  
Ushers  
Readers  
Acolytes  
Communion Assistant  
Altar Guild  
Multimedia Operators  
FaceBook Live Operator  
Nursery Attendants  
Coffee Hosts  
Tellers

**8:00 AM**

Patsy Mehr  
Mark & Darla Buccigrossi  
Ronnie Haug  
Katelyn Tripp  
Mark Buccigrossi  
Darla Buccigrossi, Paige Haass  
David Haass

**Attendant Needed, Contact Office**

Congregational Council  
Jacy Reeves, Darla Buccigrossi

**10:30 AM**

Carroll Dorsett  
David & Gayle Teel  
Jacy Reeves  
Kolby Lewis  
David Teel  
Tony & Donna Prater  
Karen Campbell  
Bill Roser

**Attendant Needed, Contact Office**

**July 10**

Greeters  
Ushers  
Readers  
Acolytes  
Communion Assistants  
Altar Guild  
Multimedia Operators  
FaceBook Live Operator  
Nursery Attendants  
Coffee Hosts  
Tellers

Elaine Schnitz  
Eric Fryer, Dianell Recker  
Billy Bunton  
Kendall Fryer  
Dianell Recker  
Elaine Schnitz, Lucy Schott  
Karen Campbell

**Attendant Needed, Contact Office**

Men of Immanuel  
Dianell Recker, Gloria Kipp

Candy Stork  
Charles Stork, Lilia Miletto  
Lilia Miletto  
Lillie Faglie  
Charles Stork  
Charles & Candy Stork  
Jackson Faglie  
Suzan Ferguson

**Attendant Needed, Contact Office**

**July 17**

Greeters  
Ushers  
Readers  
Acolytes  
Communion Assistants  
Altar Guild  
Multimedia Operators  
FaceBook Live Operator  
Nursery Attendants  
Coffee Hosts  
Tellers

LaVerne Roskydal  
Eric Fryer, Darryl Penschorn  
Esther DeHaven  
Brody Fryer  
Chrystal Coble  
Rebe Penschorn, Taylor Witherell  
Billy Bunton

**Attendant Needed, Contact Office**

Women of Faith  
Eric Fryer, Jana Clarke

Yvonne Beran  
Gary Beran, Lillian Kosub  
Gary Beran  
Abigail Clarke  
Wendie Roser  
Yvonne Beran, Sharon Poarch  
Bill Roser  
Jana Clarke

**Attendant Needed, Contact Office**

**July 24**

Greeters  
Ushers  
Readers  
Acolytes  
Communion Assistant  
Altar Guild  
Multimedia Operators  
FaceBook Live Operator  
Nursery Attendants  
Coffee Hosts  
Tellers

**Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting - One Worship Service Only @ 9:30 AM**

Amy Wagner  
Chrystal Coble, Dwight Koepp  
Chrystal Coble  
Christopher Homeyer  
Amy Wagner  
Gloria Henkes, Brenda Willeford  
Ronnie Haug  
Shirley Stanush  
**Attendants Needed, Contact Office**  
No Coffee Fellowship  
Shirley Stanush, Brenda Willeford

**July 31**

Greeters  
Ushers  
Readers  
Acolytes  
Communion Assistant  
Altar Guild  
Multimedia Operators  
FaceBook Live Operator  
Nursery Attendants  
Coffee Hosts  
Tellers

Kathy Volkmann  
Mark Buccigrossi, Randall Richter  
Mark Buccigrossi  
Matthew Stanush  
Darla Buccigrossi  
Darla Buccigrossi, Paige Haass  
Brent Recker

**Attendant Needed, Contact Office**

Sunday School  
Randall Richter, Mark Buccigrossi

Gloria Kipp  
Tim Ferguson, Jeanie Walpole  
Jeanie Walpole  
Maddi Schwake  
David Teel  
Jeanette Bailey, JoElla Heinsohn  
Adriana Willeford  
Suzan Ferguson

**Attendant Needed, Contact Office**

**If you cannot fulfill your assignment, please try to find a substitute and / or notify Wendie Roser, Worship & Music Ministry representative, at 210-416-0822.**

# JULY 2022

A – Annex P – Parsonage PH – Parish Hall S – Sanctuary					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 8:00a Worship H/C 9:15a 'Back to Basics' Coffee Social 10:30a Worship H/C	<b>4 Fourth of July</b> <b>Peacemakers on Parade Float</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00p Adult Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30a <b>Men of Immanuel Breakfast</b>
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<b>17</b> 8:00a Worship H/C 9:15a 'Back to Basics' Coffee Social 10:30a Worship H/C	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9 – 12 <b>Sewing Circle</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00p Adult Bible Study Confirmation Camp	<b>21</b> Confirmation Camp	<b>22</b> Confirmation Camp	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:30a Worship H/C <b>10:45a Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00p Adult Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 8:00a Worship H/C 9:15a 'Back to Basics' Coffee Social 10:30a Worship H/C						

**Save the dates:** (These can be opportunities for you to volunteer)\*

<b>July</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>La Vernia Red, White, and Boom Events*</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Peacemakers' Fellowship Fun Night</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Community Festival at the LV Chamber*</b>

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