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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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JULY 2023



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The Calling

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Ephesians 4:1-6

It is amazing how every time the Bible reveals God's calling in us, it tends to show us concrete and practical examples to be followed. Meaning God's calling is not a symbolic or ideological state of mind. Furthermore, God's calling to us is not a mere momentary feeling or a hunch. Understanding God's calling is more than an emotional moment in the worship service or in a meditation state. God's calling concerns specific actions and attitudes towards our brothers and sisters and concrete human relations. To love God is not simply about our spiritual inner life. On the contrary, it is still about how our spiritual commitment is aligned and shows in our daily expressions of love and patience toward everyone around us. God has called each one of us to be in an exclusive relationship with ourselves but in a relationship with the Other. God's calling is about sharing His love with the world around us, with the ones who love us back and those who are hard to love. Keeping faith in God is keeping faith in our dependence on the Holy Spirit that, by grace, empowers us to keep hope in functional relationships with every human being around us.

The letter to the Ephesians called us *"to make every effort to keep the unity"*; it calls us to go above and beyond our limitations to keep our bondage as brothers and sisters in Christ. These efforts include sustaining and inspiring those younger on the faith, to think twice before expressing complex opinions and knowing when to wait in the Lord and not in our works.

As we move forward in unique ways in the Lord as a faith community, let us keep in mind, always, the words of Ephesians chapter four. God has been leading us as His people because of His grace over Immanuel for over a hundred years. Let His word keep guiding us for a hundred years more as we make every possible effort to keep this beautiful congregation's unity that we enjoy in Jesus Christ. Make the good Lord keep leading us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to keep one faith and one baptism, *"who is over all and through all and in all."* Amen.

Rev. Eric M. Miletti

Pastor

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July 2

Ushers
Readers
Acolytes
Altar Guild
Multimedia
Facebook Live
Coffee Hosts
Tellers

8:00 AM

Darla & Mark Buccigrossi
Karen Campbell
Kase Morrison
Darla B. and Lucy Schott
David Haass

Congregational Council
Rebecca Reeves

10:30 AM

Tim Ferguson, Gloria Kipp
Charles Stork
Henry Scull
Brenda W./Gloria H.
Karen Campbell
Suzan Ferguson

Shirley O'Neal

July 9

Ushers
Readers
Acolytes
Altar Guild
Multimedia
Facebook Live
Coffee Hosts
Tellers

Ronnie Coleman, Randall Richter
Joyce Miller
Matthew Stanush
Chrystal Coble & Amy Wagner
Karen Campbell

Men Of Immanuel
Ronnie Coleman

Laura Baumann, Lilian Kosub
Shirley Stanush
Henry Scull
Donna & Tony Prater
Bill Roser
Jana Clarke

Darla Buccigrossi

July 16

Ushers
Readers
Acolytes
Altar Guild
Multimedia
Facebook Live
Coffee Hosts
Tellers

Chrystal Coble, Amy Wagner
Rebecca Penshorn
Kimber Hild
Toni Smith & Karen Campbell
Billy Bunton

Women Of Faith
Rebe Penshorn

Gloria Kipp, Travis Mabry
Gloria Kipp
Maddi Schwake
Charles & Candy Stork
Adriana Willeford
Shirley Stanush

Shirley Stanush

July 23

Ushers
Readers
Acolytes
Altar Guild
Multimedia
Facebook Live
Coffee Hosts
Tellers

Mark Buccigrossi, Randall Richter
David Haass
Joshua Stanush
Paige H. & Joyce M.
Ronnie Haug

Sunday School
Mark Buccigrossi

Gary Beran, Laura Baumann
Gary Beran
Lillie Faglie
Jeanette B/JoElla H.
Jackson Faglie
Bill Roser

Brenda Willeford

July 30 9:30

Ushers
Readers
Acolytes
Altar Guild
Multimedia
Facebook Live
Coffee Hosts
Tellers

Tim & Suzan Ferguson
Renee Scull
Kaden Morrison, Abby Clarke
Brenda W./Gloria H.
Brent Recker
Lillie Faglie
Everyone & Anyone
Jacy Reeves & Gloria Kipp

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Connie Burris
- 2 Laura Baumann
- 4 Marvin "Pete" Baumann
Hensley Cone
- 5 Phillip Cox
- 6 Ann Makris
- 8 John Ricther
- 9 Clayton Thayer, Jr.
Adriana Willeford
- 10 Maria Martinez
- 11 Betty Maltsby
Linde Meyer
- 12 Kenneth "Red" 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 Brier Markgraf
Ella Schroeder
- 22 Christiana Hewitt
- 23 Amy Heinsohn
Brenda Moore
- 24 Willie Jean Boeck
Tommy Sean Kosub
Rebecca Reeves
- 25 Janet Wyatt
- 27 Sullivan Franklin
Brody Fryer
Alex Gawlik
Sherrie Palan
- 28 Ronnie Coleman
- 29 Yvonne Beran
- 30 James Wagner
- 31 Terri Walker

YARD WORK SCHEDULE

- 07/10 – 07/15 Pat Meyer
- 07/24 – 07/29 Billy Bunton & Kenneth Mills

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

SPECIAL DATES IN JULY

- July 16th Women of faith @Witte's after 2nd service
- July 30th 10:45 Semi-Annual Meeting

FLOWERS FOR JULY

- July 2 Altar Laura & Marvin Baumann
Piano
- July 9 Altar Darryl & Rebe Peshorn
Piano Heather Bales
- July 16 Altar Lillian Kosub
Piano
- July 23 Altar Joyce Miller
Piano
- July 30 Altar Mark & Darla Buccigrossi
Piano

COMING SOON!!

- Golden Age Bible Study
Wednesdays starting August 2nd
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
- "YACHT" Young Adult Church Team
Wednesdays starting August 2nd
7:00 pm

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR

May 23, 2023

Correspondence and Reports were presented.

Old Business: Voted on Secretary Job description/Procedures

Set a working session date of June 13, 2023, from 6pm to 8pm

*New Business: Discussed Sanctuary Repair, asked for 3 bids, bell tower, outside of church, & inside of church
Chrystal met with insurance claim personnel regarding bell tower*

Set dates for church calendar 2024

Installed Gloria Kipp as council member

Decided for Men of Immanuel to fix fence behind church and behind parish hall to keep goats out and from doing more damage

Adjournment



Building Campaign Update

We are currently in Phase 2 of the parish hall construction. As of 31 May, the balances in the dedicated funds for the parish hall building project are:

<i>Building Fund</i>	<i>\$ 192,496.09</i>
<i>Building Furnishings</i>	<i>\$ 10,000.00</i>
<i>Building Kitchen</i>	<i>\$ 10,143.01</i>
Total	\$ 212,639.10

If you wish to contribute to the general construction expenses for the parish hall, annotate the amount under the Building Fund designation on your offering envelope. If you want to give to the furnishings or kitchen fund, earmark "Bldg. Furnishings" or "Bldg. Kitchen" under the Other category on your offering envelope. Please contact Treasurer, Chrystal Coble (210-865-8205), if you have any questions or need additional information.

"For we are God's fellow workers; You are God's field, God's building"
1 Corinthians 3:9



Vacation Bible School 2023 – July 16 to July 20, 2023

Plans are underway now for our summer Vacation Bible School, **July 16, 2023 to July 20, 2023 from 5:30pm to 8:30 pm. This year's theme is Keepers of the Kingdom: Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth.**

Sign up to volunteer at [ImmanuelLutheranVBS2023.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom](https://www.myanswers.com/keepers-of-the-kingdom) then click on **volunteers at the top**. A volunteer meeting will be scheduled once there is a list of volunteers.

Registration for the kids is now open. For more information, check out our Facebook group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/297408141284>

If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Chelsey Thayer or Shasta Franklin.

LV Christian Food Pantry Volunteers - our next workday is Saturday, August 12th from 8:30 – 11:00 AM!

20th Annual Community Church Festival

The 20th annual Community Church Festival is scheduled for Sunday August 6th at the LaVernia Chamber of Commerce. Worship will begin at 9:00 am.

The Roast Beef Dinner will be served starting at 11:00 am and there will be a drive through as well as dine in opportunities. The dinners will be \$12.00.

Chris Rybak "The Accordion Cowboy" will provide music for your listening and dancing pleasure from 11:00 – 1:00.

There will be a live auction as well as a silent auction and a raffle, a cake walk, and country store. There will be a bounce castle, sno cones and face painting for the children. There will also be t-shirts for sale to commemorate the 20th festival.

You can buy T-shirts to commemorate the event with a Martin Luther quote on the back! Prices are \$13 for adult sizes, \$15 plus sizes and \$10 youth sizes. Please let Jacy Reeves at 210-264-8051 or Rebecca Reeves 210-240-7875 know if you want to purchase shirts. We have them on hand and ready to sell!

Make plans to join us for a wonderful day!!



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8th Annual Christmas Market

As Pastor says, "It's never too early to start planning for Christmas." So, plans are underway for the 8th annual ILC Christmas Market! It will be held on Saturday, December 2 and we will have booths both outside on the parking lot and inside of the Parish Hall. If you or someone you know is interested in being a vendor, contact me. If you would like to help in any way for set up, clean up or as a volunteer during the day, contact me. If you have canned goods, handmade goods or Christmas items to donate, contact me. Basically, if you want to be a part of the Market, contact me and I'll answer any questions you may have!

Darla Buccigrossi
830-688-1810

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