

MAY 2024 AT IMMANUEL GEORGE

Sundays:

9:15 a.m. - Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. - Worship (communion is served the 1st & 3rd Sundays)

May 5 | G-LR Choir performance during the service

May 12 | Senior recognition during the service

Mondays:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Pastor Matt Office Hours, George

Wednesdays:

May 22 | 5:00 p.m. - Monthly Bread of Life Food Distribution



MAY/JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

SOUND/POWER POINT	GREETERS	READERS	ACOLYTES
5/5: Lexi Landis & Sosie Ver Steeg	5/5: Dale Garlic & IdaMae Kruger	5/5: Mark Behrens	5/5: Jack Denny
5/12: Greg Ver Steeg & Bennett Jorth	5/12: Bev Strenge & Marilyn VanGelder	5/12: Darlene Woelber	5/12: Bennett Jorth
5/19: AJ Landis & Fred Landis	5/19: Grant & Marla Khraling	5/19: Angie McConnell	5/19: Cullen Funk
5/26: Henry Ver Steeg & Lillian Jorth	5/26: Mike & Bev Hoing	5/26: Sosie Ver Steeg	5/26: Leo Ver Steeg
6/2: Richard Heidloff & AJ Landis	6/2: Lawrence & Noreen Funk	6/2: Cathy Huff	6/2: Isaiah Sandbeck
6/9: Lexi Landis & Bennett Jorth	6/9: Harris & Bev Kaster	6/9: Lillian Jorth	6/9: Khoryn Funk
6/16: Greg Ver Steeg & Sosie Ver Steeg	6/16: Steve & Darla Kruse	6/16: Kristi Landis	6/16: Jack Denny
6/23: Fred Landis & Lillian Jorth	6/23: Betty Hansmann & Angie McConnell	6/23: Mary Behrens	6/23: Bennett Jorth
6/30: Henry Ver Steeg & Fred Landis	6/30: Brent & Amanda Jorth	6/30: Marla Ahrenholtz	6/30: Cullen Funk

IMMANUEL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

The purpose of Immanuel Lutheran Church is to use our faith to share God's love and grace to all.

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MATT

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?"

"Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it?"

Grace and peace to you from our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!

Both quotes above are two different versions of Isaiah 43:19. The first is from the NRSV while the second one is from The Message. When I think about the month of May what comes to my mind is transitions and changes, new things happening. As a youth it meant that school was ending, and we were transitioning to summer. As an adult I appreciate the beauty of nature and seeing the transition from winter to spring to summer. At church there is a transition too as programming like Sunday school, youth group, and confirmation wind down for the summer break.

Stop me if you have heard this before...but at church we have seen change throughout my time serving as your Pastor and this summer we will see some more change! With the partnership between the two Immanuel's, it has been really exciting for me and it is exciting to have the opportunity to try new things in a new way! This summer we will be worshiping together for the months of June and July. Our worship service will always start at 9am during those two months. We will start in Rock Rapids, then go to George and rotate back and forth. We will start June 2nd in RR, June 9th in George, June 16th in RR, June 23rd in George and will continue through July 28th when we finish together in Rock Rapids. Worship will be at 9am and then we will have coffee and fellowship time afterwards.

Talking about change reminds me of synod assembly. The theme was "Stir Us Up to Be: Brave, authentic, free, disruptive, disciples". One of our speakers invited us to get over ourselves...it may sound harsh, but she was talking about how we cling to the past so much that we miss not only the future God has for us, but the present as well. We can appreciate the past, but we need to live in the present moment to see what God is doing in the world right NOW. Our verse from Isaiah and having the opportunity to worship together are new ways to do things, but God has always been doing new things. We just have not always perceived it. I pray that you are well and that you will be disrupted so that you too can see the new ways that God is doing things. Amen!!

God's peace,
Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt Polsdofer may be reached through email at pastormatt001@gmail.com, or on his cell phone at 641-590-4049. He holds office hours on Mondays in George from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FA-LA-LA-LA! G-LR choir will be joining us on May 5th for a performance.

Senior Sunday! There will be a recognition for graduating seniors on Sunday, May 12th.

BREAD OF LIFE! The item of the month is pancake mix, and syrup. Donations may be left by the pantry door. The next distribution is Wednesday, May 22nd.



MAY CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries

6 - Mark & Becky Stueven
6 - Amy & Randy Phelps
8 - Grant & Marla Krahling
13 - Sam & Kate Huff
18 - Clay & Deb Hansmann
30 - Brad & Allison Sandbeck

Birthdays

1 - Jacob Starr
1 - Wanda Parker
2 - Bev Kaster
8 - Michele Dirks
8 - Julie Steenhoven
15 - Harris Kaster
15 - Mark Dickmann
18 - Elliott McConnell



20 - Jan Starr
20 - Levi Hansmann
23 - Darby Dickmann
25 - Jamie Starr
25 - Ruben Stueven
26 - Elizabeth Starr
26 - Richard Ahrenholtz
27 - Bennett Jorth

PLEASE LIFT IN PRAYER

Bev Kaster, Brad Sandbeck, Clay Hansmann, David Perlick, Darrell Ver Steeg, Doug Hilbrands, Isaiah Sandbeck, Rich Ahrenholtz, Rita Hilbrands, Ruben Stueven, Sandy Luenberger, Wanda Parker, Wendy Smith, and Military Families.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The Council met Sunday, April 7th. President Ryan Funk called the meeting to order. Present: Craig Denny, Angie McConnell, Mark Dickmann, Ryan Funk, and Pastor Matt. Absent: Marla Ahrenholtz and Clay Hansmann

Devotions: Pastor Matt discussed, "Jesus says, Peace be with you."

Pastor's Report: We didn't discuss the question for this month: "What is the churches' contribution to the community?" We'll visit this next month.

Pastor will be at Synod Assembly April 19th and 20th. They will be reviewing the budget and compensation package. Pastor will be in Ames for a First Call Retreat May 2-4.

He will be attending a Continuing Education Festival in Pittsburg May 13-19.

There will be 9:00 am Joint worship services for the summer months. We'll be starting June 2nd in Rock Rapids and then June 9th in George, and we will rotate weekly.

June 2nd-Rock Rapids	July 7th-George
June 9th-George	July 14th-Rock Rapids
June 16th-Rock Rapids	July 21st-George
June 23rd-George	July 28 th Rock Rapids
June 30th-Rock Rapids	

Pastor will have his financials for us next month. April 24th is the last confirmation class.

Secretary Report: Angie reported minutes approved by email.

Treasurers Report: Craig went over the financial report. We will put the quarterly report in the bulletin and newsletter. January giving was \$4744.44 and expenses were 6224.08 (1479.64). February giving was 6556.04 and expenses 8344.71 (1788.67). March giving was 7050.14 with expenses 9366.48 (2316.34). Total deficit (5584.65). Mark D made the motion to approve. Angie 2nd. Motion carried.

Evangelism and Worship: We will have 4 graduates from Immanuel this year. We will have special mention of the graduates on May 12th.

Property and Stewardship: Nothing at this time.

Education and Youth: We have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for Bible Camp.

Old Business: Committee lists are still being worked on. Darlene Woelber will continue to serve on the Archives Committee.

New Business: We received a bill from Ron Klimes for the tuning of the piano. Jack and Wendy Smith would like to reserve the fellowship hall for August 3rd. It will be their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Harris Kaster would like to reserve the fellowship hall for May 4th for his 80th Birthday.

Next meeting: May 5th. Motion to adjourn made by Mark D and 2nd by Craig. Motion approved. Closed with the Lord's Prayer