

Immanuel Lutheran Church

April 2022



Palm Sunday, April 10th at 9:00am

Maundy Thursday, April 14th at 7:00PM

Good Friday, April 15 at 7:00pm

No services on Saturday April 16th

Easter Sunrise Service, April 17th at 7am

Easter Worship Service, April 17th at 9am



Great thanks to our
musicians
volunteering for our
Wednesday Lent
Services. Your talent
is appreciated!

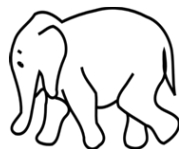
Glenda Dowing

Shirley Klink

Dick Skelton



White Elephant Bingo 3rd annual free event!



April 24, 2022 at 3:00pm



The Outreach committee will host this FREE 3rd annual event and hope all will plan to attend. Fellowship, laughter and prizes all included! Bring a friend or neighbor! All are welcome!



from the
PASTOR'S
desk

Ah April, the first full month of Spring. The days are longer, the air is warmer, the birds are singing, the flowers have started to bloom, and Easter is coming. April is a very hopeful month. Last fall, the days grew shorter and colder. The birds flew away, and all around the plants seemed to wither and die. And yet hope and faith remained. That was the time that tulip (and other) bulbs were planted in the ground with faith and hope. And now, in the Spring, we see those flowers bursting from the ground, the promise made in the fall planting coming to pass.

All seemed dark and defeated 2,000 years ago on that Friday afternoon as Jesus hung dying on that cross. What hope could there still be as that stone was rolled in front of his tomb? And yet, that Easter morning the tomb was found empty. We have faith in the promise that is offered to us in the resurrection. The promise that death has been defeated, that live everlasting with God is offered to us.

Spring remind us that all is not lost, not defeated. What a short time ago was bleak, dreary, cold and barren, is now transforming, to life. Where only the cold wind howled before, now bird song fills the air. Where only brown barren ground was before, now flowers sprout and bloom. The empty trees now bring forth new leaves to welcome the lengthening days.

Spring is a glimpse, a foretaste of the fulfillment of the promise fulfilled with the empty tomb.

Blessings

Pastor Brian

Unapproved Immanuel Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 2022

Vice President Paul Otte called the March 7, 2022 meeting of the Immanuel Lutheran Church Council to order at 7:02 p.m. with President Jamie Voyles attending electronically from Florida. Pastor Brian Wachendorf blessed the meeting with prayer.

Phil Ruch moved to approve the agenda, and Jean Hall seconded the motion. Motion carried.

March devotions were shared by Kim Wiggers de Otte and were based on I Chronicles 16:12. Paul Otte will provide April 2022 devotions.

February's minutes were provided in print for council members, and Jean Hall noted corrections to the Maintenance Committee's discussion regarding the boilers: Add: "Two boilers were purchased in 2021, and two were just purchased in 2022." and "For the two most recently purchased boilers, the total cost was \$11,374.00." A third addition per J. Hall was to clarify that the intended LCHS property purchase would set the western boundary as the "west line of Immanuel's property".

P. Ruch moved to accept the February 2022 minutes as corrected, and Barb Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In the **Treasurer's Report**, Dale Meier noted the cost of snow removal was \$1,150.00, and he gave a breakdown of the savings account. \$5000 was moved from the facilities fund and \$1152.50 from the boiler fund, which closed it, to pay for the new boilers. P. Ruch noted he had discussed with J. Klockenga the Mary Weiland fund and ascertained that it is intended for "any maintenance the organ needs" rather than tuning. D. Meier noted that Lori Johnson from Abbott's is doing the books, and she'll continue with the same format. J. Hall will take the bills from Immanuel to Abbott's, and D. Meier will continue to report to the council. These changes take place as of March 1, 2022. J. Hall moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, and B. Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

In the **President's Report**, J. Voyles remotely reported that Immanuel still needs one female to attend the CSIS Assembly in Urbana with him June 2-4, 2022 as Jill Voyles is not available. It is at the I-Center in Urbana and should be an interesting opportunity.

Committee Reports:

Publicity: (vacant council position) But it was noted that information for Ash Wednesday and Lenten services have been submitted to LDN and information for Holy Week will be submitted.

Board of Stewardship: Jean Hall is now the "legs" for the treasurer.

Parish Education: Barb Wood reported that we are still having the adult Sunday school class.

Women of Immanuel: Norma Knollenberg unable to be here. No report.

Outreach: (vacant council position) A printed report indicates that the committee is still managing the Food Pantry donations with a great response by the congregation. Food for thought was packed on March 5. Ongoing projects are Food for Thought, Moms Who Care, and the Card Ministry. They are planning a White Elephant Bingo event for April 24, 2022.

2022

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Board of Maintenance: (vacant council position) Jean Hall, acting reporter, stated they met yesterday and had a full crew. Les Richert is problem solving to deal with exterior flood lights that are not functioning. The boilers are working well. P. Ruch added that the Parish Hall water cooler turned on during service, and it made loud noises. There was a discussion regarding the maintenance history of the drinking fountain. There is a vibration. The Maintenance Committee will address the concern.

Worship & Music: Phil Ruch noted the printed report, and emphasized some highlights such as refreshments for Lenten Services, guidelines for the Palm Sunday service, volunteers needed for the Maundy Thursday service, and that the Good Friday service will center around the Solemn Reproaches. There will be no Saturday 5 p.m. service on April 16. Easter Sunday features two services (at 7 a.m. & 9 a.m.). After the 7 a.m. Easter service there will be a self serve breakfast fellowship. Average worship attendance: Saturday service: 23, Sunday service: 35.

Pastor's report: Pastor Brian Wachendorf reports these statistics for the last month: Visits: 5, Calls: 6, Baptisms: 0, Funerals: 0. He noted that he has worked on a variety of projects including Lenten Devotionals, Holy Week Services, Weekly Lenten Services. P.Ruch asked about nursing home and shut-in visits, and Pastor replied that we only have a few people who are homebound or in a nursing home. Some get regular communication.

In **Old Business**, J. Hall reported that R. Hall has continued his communication related to the proposed sale of the property on the west side of the church. LCHS board met and approved the “go ahead” to pursue the sale at the price of \$47,500.00 and payment of closing costs. There was a discussion related to the requirements for proposing a special congregational meeting for discussing the possible sale of the property, for inquiring about getting the parcel surveyed, and what needs to be done in what order. The meeting is proposed for May 1, 2022 with detailed notices in the Parish Patter, email to congregation members, bulletin briefs, and fliers in the Parish Hall. J. Hall also noted that R. Hall and C. Strampp had set three posts to indicate the correct boundaries of the proposed portion of property. The meeting will have all of the costs on the agenda. J. Hall moved to set the date for the special congregational meeting for May 1, 2022 after the Sunday morning service to seek approval for the sale of a portion of Immanuel's property west of the church to LCHS. P. Ruch seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

D. Meier had covered the topic of new bookkeeper system during the Treasurer's report.

The Constitution Committee has not yet met. Per J. Voyles, he would like one more person to join the committee, but it is not absolutely necessary. They will begin with those currently on the committee.

Last month's discussion of the technology situation resurfaced. P. Burge has had problems with her desktop computer. A discussion of hiring IT professionals ensued. J. Hall suggested CCA or Eric Notto. Jill Voyles has volunteered her time and done it before. Dale suggested Justin Dietrich. J. Hall suggested getting a couple of estimates. P. Otte asked who is going to manage the acquisition per J. Voyles, J. & J. Voyles will look into it and get some prices.

In **New Business**, furniture in the back of the Parish Hall was discussed, and since there is no current use for the items that were donated to Immanuel, it could be donated to a worthy cause. J. Voyles moved to donate furniture to the organization managed by Larry Simonson, who gives to people in need previously homeless. J. Hall seconded the motion, and it carried.

As a follow up to recent COVID restriction policy changes, there was a mask & social distance discussion. Per P. Ruch six people wore masks during service. Pastor & B. Wood wore masks to serve communion. P. Ruch advises we stress to congregants “If you are ill, please stay home.” Discussed susceptibility and possible options. Immanuel could target Easter to remove social distancing and go to the rail for communion, but per P. Ruch, we would need ushers (who would wear a mask) to help during parts of each service. J. Voyles suggested the remainder of details could go to the Worship & Music committee.

J. Hall moved to adjourn the meeting, and D. Meier seconded the motion, which carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Wiggers de Otte

Council Secretary

Behrends Memorial Scholarship

Immanuel is now accepting the John B and Winnie Harmsen Behrends Memorial Scholarship college applications through April 18th.

Applications are available on the parish hall table. If any one has any questions, they can reach out to Wanda Rohlf (217-735-2057) John Hoerbert (217-871-8079) or Mary Conrady (217-306-2433 or mconrady@live.com)



Wednesday Lenten Services
March 30 at 7pm
April 6 at 7pm

Holy Week

Palm Sunday Service, April 10 at 9am
Maundy Thursday Service, April 14 at 7pm
Good Friday Service, April 15 at 7pm
Easter Sunrise Service, April 17 at 7am
Easter Worship Service, April 17 at 9am



Condolences to family and friends of Susan Clayton, mother to Vicky Wachendorf, who joined the Church Triumphant of Friday, March 4th. Funeral services was held Saturday, March 26 at Divinity Lutheran Church in Ohio.

*A Celebration of Life will be held for Janis Klockenga's brother, Charlie Weiland on Saturday, April 9th at 11:00am at Immanuel.

"Moms Who Care" Program

This program is for students in high school and Jr. high school who may need some help with personal care items, school supplies or snacks.

The lists are on the table by the plastic container labeled "MOM'S WHO CARE"

Church Service Cancellation

In the event of services being cancelled for any reason at Immanuel, the most reliable resource is to call the church office at 217-732-6777

Congratulations

Blessings to the Schrieber family and parents Lizzi Herzog and Zach Bennis on the baptism of Everett Elizabeth Bennis.



Love to all-

Outreach Updates

Ways to get involved:

- **Meals / Visits**
Prepare and deliver meals to our home bound or recently released from hospital members. Contact the church office.
- **Moms Who Care Program**
Donate items to support students in our community. The lists are in the Parish Hall.
- **Food Pantry**
April we will be collecting spaghetti sauce and pasta!

April Birthday Greetings

Lena Ingram-2
Dar Budd-3
Lizzi Herzog-3
Doug Ragland-3
Aubrey Letterle-5
Rebecca Schreiber-10
David Aper-11
Robert Dorch-11
Dana Sydney-11
Thaddeus Juilfs-12
Tanya Adams-13
Sarah Miller-13
Brielle Wilson-13
Jennifer Shaffer-14
Peg Kuhlman-15
Karen Dutz-16
Cindy Wilson-19
Payton Lanning-19
Janet Halford-21
Dan Splain-22
Jo Ingrum-23
Jim Ireland-25
Bellamy Ryan-25
Norah Goss-26
Rosanne Smith-26
Eunice Klockenga-27
Wayne Ebellerr-27
Rhonda Hyde-28
Tracey Fink-29
Donda Freese-29
Jerad Alberts-30



April Wedding Anniversaries

Steve and Marge Aper-10
Harold and Judy Ramlow-11
Dean and Glenda Downing-14
Richard and Dorothy Hampe-17
Karen and David Russell-27
Dale and Jean Meier-28

Baptismal Anniversaries



Alivia McClellon-27
Cara McClellon-27
Ericka McClellon-27
Peyton McClellon-27



Richard Hampe, Becky Cecil,
Kathy Miller, Frances Comstock,
Jane Jacobs, Anne McCray, Norma Olson,
Fran Peterson, Carol Sheley

Military

Ian Herzog, Joseph Burge, Jonathan Lessen,
Alec Broughton, Patrick Hoban,
Katelyn Hoban, Harrison Splain,
Emmett Kilhoffer, Erich Maxheimer,
TJ Kissell, Brandon Miller

ATTENTION: NOTICE TO CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Congregational Meeting will be held on May 1, 2022 at 10:15am at Immanuel Lutheran Church concerning the vote of the following information:

Transfer and Sale of property between Immanuel Lutheran Church and Lincoln Community High School

At the annual congregation meeting, January 23, 2022, Immanuel Lutheran Church congregation approved the pursuit of the transfer/sale of property between Immanuel Lutheran Church (ILC) and Lincoln Community High School (LCHS)

Parcel 1 east of the ILC Parsonage to South Miller Street.

Parcel 2 west of the ILC church building (approximately 70 -100 feet from church building), to the far west property line.

After several months of discussion, the following was discussed and agreed to, between ILC and LCHS:

Transfer of LCHS property located to the east of ILC parsonage, to South Miller Street, to ILC.

ILC to pay for agreed cost associated with this transfer, to be determined at time of transfer.

a. Survey, b. Legal Fees, c. Closing Cost

LCHS to purchase 3.52 +/- acres, located west of ILC building (70, 80, or 100 feet from building). Property lines discussed between ILC and LCHS, (generally outline for area used for LCHS soccer practice field, to the farthest ILC property line). Exact area to be determined when survey is completed.

LCHS and ILC agreed on purchase price of \$47,500.00 for the 3.52 +/- acres.

LCHS and ILC agreed that cost associated with the transfer will be discussed at the time of sale

The sale of property is contingent on ILC congregational approval

Purchase of property is contingent on LCHS Board approval.

On February 15, 2022 representative from ILC signed Letter of Intent for the transfer/sale of ILC _____ property.

On March 7, 2022, ILC Council approved the pursuit of the transfer of LCHS property east of the parsonage to South Miller street, to ILC.

On February 22, 2022 LCHS Board President signed Letter of Intent for approval of the proposed transfer.

On March 7, 2022, ILC Council approved the pursuit of the sale of 3.5 +/- acres, west of the church building, to the farthest west ILC property line, encompassing the general outline of the LCHS practice soccer field.

On February 22, 2022, LCHS Board President and LCHS Superintendent signed Letter of Intent for the approval of proposed purchase of 3.52 +/- acres from ILC for \$47,500.00.

Proposed Congregational meeting scheduled for May 1, 2022 to vote on the two proposals.

1. The transfer of property from LCHS to ILC and
2. The sale of 3.53 +/- acres west of ILC building.

If there are any questions concerning the transfer of property or the sale of the property please contact Ron Hall 217-737-7307.

God's Work.
Our Hands.



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