

Immanuel Lutheran Church

July 2016

Messenger



Immanuel Lutheran Church
Called, Empowered, and Sent by God to Live, Love, and Learn God's Word
Nuestra Declaración De Misión
Somos llamados, autorizados, y enviados por Dios para vivir, amar, y aprender la Palabra de Dios
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Dear People of Immanuel,

*“But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.” (Psalm 86:15)*

As we at Immanuel look forward to celebrating 125 years of “God with us” later this month, we do so forever reminded of God’s love and faithfulness and providence. No doubt God has accomplished mighty and wonderful things throughout the years at Immanuel, yet we know that God is not done. We celebrate God’s love and faithfulness to us as we look forward to seeing God continue that wondrous work, right here in this place. As we celebrate we sing out to God,

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:*

We give thanks and praise to God for the aid and comfort we have received in ages past, all the while knowing God is our hope for years to come, and God will not disappoint.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; (Psalm 136:3)

Again we break out in songs of praise and thanksgiving,

*“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!*

What are the mighty and wondrous deeds that our Lord has planned for us? We may wish to know or somehow control this future God has for us, but finally we cannot, for it is the Lord’s work and not our own. Ours is to simply give thanks and praise, to remain faithful to the promise, the promise that God is with us and remains with us. The promise that we are God’s beloved, forever and for sure.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Matthew 24:35

We are Immanuel and surely God has been with us, and God will remain with us. So let us sing and celebrate and give thanks and praise, knowing that God’s Word will remain faithful for all time and eternity.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness. To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

And we, God’s beloved children, simply respond, Amen.

Pastor John

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Scripture Readings

July 3 - 7 Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 66:1-9

Galatians 6:1-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10 - 8 Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm 25:1-10

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

July 17 - 9 Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

July 24 - 10 Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138

Colossians 2:6-19

Luke 11:1-13

July 31 - 11 Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

UPCOMING EVENTS and IMPORTANT DATES AT IMMANUEL:

- **July 9th** – Alice Johnson's birthday celebration, 2:00 – 4:30.
- **July 10th** – Church Council meets at 6:00.
- **July 12th** – Bible study at Carol VanderYacht's at 7:00 p.m.
- **July 20th** – **Annual Potluck Picnic** at the VanderYacht pond at 5:00 p.m.
- **July 26th** "**Gather**" discussion group to meet at the home of Penny McInnis at 7 pm

- **July 30, 31 – 125th Anniversary Celebration!!**
- **August 27th** – Rummage sale at Church

July Birthdays

7/1 McHenry Pattison

7/5 Alice Johnson

7/5 Sue Hookham

7/6 Karen Brewer

7/6 Pastor John Okan

7/8 Lynn Moser

7/9 Chase Barter

7/9 Jim Florence

7/12 Maddison Barter

7/13 Salvador Estrada

7/18 Ben Hickey

7/19 Sophia Okan

7/20 Lois Patterson

7/20 Tyler Anderson

7/20 Eric Score

7/21 Linell Williams

7/23 Susan Hoidal

7/26 Heather Short

7/28 Jackie Bailey

7/31 Jayma Nichol



June Anniversaries

7/2 Bill & Carol VanderYacht

7/9 Steve & Susan Hoidal

7/11 Susie & Harry Smith

7/14 Charley & Debbie Short

7/20 Valerie Henderson & Larry Campbell

7/20 Federico & Mayra Delgado

7/21 Con & Muriel Gates

7/22 Maurice & Lois Patterson

7/30 Heidi Fish & Dave Dettman

July 3, 2016 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
 Ass't. Min. Laura Hookham
 Greeter: Muriel & Shelly Ron & Judy Bruland
 Usher Ron & Judy Bruland
 Reader: Ron Bruland
 Com. Asst' Liza Okan
 Communion Set-up: Liza Okan
 Flowers:
 Bill & Carol VanderYacht for 69th Anniversary
 After Worship Prayer Teams:
 1st Service: Helen/Nancy
 2nd Service: Linda/Dennis

July 31 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
 Ass't Min. Don Anderson
 Greeter: Pam Andrews Ron & Judy Bruland
 Usher: Ron & Judy Bruland
 Com. Ass't: Linda Anderson
 Reader: Dennis Workman
 Communion Set-up: Liza Okan
 Flowers:
 Healing Worship Prayer Teams:
 1st Service:
 2nd Service:

July 10 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
 Ass't. Min: Sara Murdock
 Greeter: Pam Andrews Wes Murdock
 Usher: Wes Murdock
 Com. Ass't: Michelle Pattison
 Reader: Michelle Pattison
 Flowers: Dennis & Nancy Workman for Alice's 90th
 After Worship Prayer Teams:
 1st Service: Carol/Jim
 2nd Service: Joanie/Nancy
 Communion Set Up: Belia Estrada & Asia Roman

*4TH OF JULY PICNIC AT PENNY AND
 CHUCK MCINNIS' HOME -3016 Goshen
 Rd.) Bring a dish and music. Starts at
 3:00 p.m.*

July 17 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
 Ass't. Min: Don Anderson
 Greeter: Hunters Mike & Karen Brewer
 Ushers: Mike & Karen Brewer
 Reader: Kim Roe
 Com. Ass't: Linda Anderson
 Communion Set Up:
 Valerie Henderson & Linda Anderson
 Flowers: Okan family for Sophia's birthday
 After Worship Prayer Teams:
 1st Service: Neil/Lois
 2nd Service: Linda/Michelle

If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone that you can either switch an assigned Sunday with or sub for you.

A big thank-you to all the helpers; you are greatly appreciated and needed!

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July 24 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
 Ass't Min. Karen Harkness
 Greeter: Freemans Jackie & Alice
 Usher: Jackie & Alice
 Com. Ass't: Sara Murdock
 Reader: Liza Okan
 Communion Set-up: Sara Murdock
 Flowers:
 After Worship Prayer Teams:
 1st Service: Jim/Lois
 2nd Service: Joanie/Michelle

TREASURER'S REPORT

2016 budget: \$144,249.00
 Monthly Income needed: \$12,020.75
June Offering: \$7,591.58 Other Income: \$1,340.00
Total: \$8,931.58
 To May 31 our expenses exceeded our income by \$4,018.37
 Parsonage Fund: \$1,806.31
 Sunday school Offering: \$777.14



Women of Immanuel NEWS



Vacation Bible School

Eleven boys and girls finished a week of *BEEing a Blessing at Vacation Bible School*. Thanks go to many who helped make it a success. CarolynENZler, Carol VanderYacht, Sue Olswager, Asia Roman, Penny McInnis, Shelley Culver, Lois Patterson, Pastor and Liza Okan, and the planning team of teachers Carol Bennett, Nancy Workman, Karen Harkness, and Jan Hunter.

Choir and men's group practice for our 125th celebration starts the first Wednesday in July (July 6). Men's group at 6:15 and 7:00 for choir.

Birthday Celebration for Alice Johnson

There will be a birthday celebration for Alice Johnson (who will be 90 years young!) on Saturday, July 9, from 2:00 – 4:30 in the Parish Hall.

Project Homeless Connect

There is a collection box for travel size hygiene articles for "Project Homeless Connect" in the parish hall. We will be collecting items until July 10. Any questions can be directed to Nancy Workman.

Employment Opportunity

Position opening for Teaching Assistant Christ Lutheran Church Preschool (CLCP) is looking for someone to join the team of educators at the school. If you have a love for and experience in teaching young children, are organized and self-motivating, and desire to work in a caring Christ-centered school; consider filling out an application.

Application and job description can be found at www.clcferndale.org/about-us/jobs

Deadline: June 30th

- WOI Bible Study to meet at Carol VanderYacht's on Tuesday July 12th at 7 pm.
- "WOI Picnic at the Pond" on Wednesday July 20th at 5 pm at the home of Bill & Carol VanderYacht. This year's speaker is Christy Stone who will discuss prisons.
- WOI "Gather Discussion" Group to meet at the home of Penny McInnis on Tuesday July 26th at 7 pm.
- The Strawberry Social took in \$1,760. Donations were received from Trader Joe's, Wal-Mart, Thrivent, Breckenridge Dairy, Boxx Berry Farm, Fred Meyer on Lakeway, McDonald's on Iowa, and Neil Solvik for coffee. When all is paid the septic system will receive about \$150, and the Foothill's Foodbank, Domestic Violence Support Services, YWCA – Women to Work, and MB School District Summer Child Nutrition Program about \$337.50 each. Many thanks go to the 47 volunteers who worked together to make the Strawberry Social a huge success.
- August 27th – Rummage sale – save the date and start gathering your treasures.

From Our Friends at Christ Lutheran:

Ferndale Uncorked

Saturday, August 6th, 4:00-7:00pm

Christ Lutheran Church lawn

5904 Vista Drive, Ferndale

Relax with an enjoyable summer evening of outdoor wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, live music, a silent auction and more as we benefit Ferndale's homeless and under-served families. Proceeds will support Interfaith Coalition and the Ferndale Community Meal.

This year's event will feature about 25 Washington wine tastings. Specially chosen wines from across the state will be served and can be ordered by the bottle or case at a discount for purchase (with pick up the following week).

Tickets for the tasting are \$25 per person, and include five one-ounce tastings. Additional glasses of wine will be available for \$5. Purchase tickets by calling Christ Lutheran Church at [360-384-1422](tel:360-384-1422) or by contacting Carol Brumet, event organizer, at sisrygg@comcast.net.

Community Vacation Bible School

July 25-29, 2016

Christ Lutheran Church

5904 Vista Drive, Ferndale

Want your children or grandchildren to understand more deeply the Bible's promises of God being with us in times of hope, brokenness, unity, and celebration? All children preschool (ages 4 and 5) through entering 6th grade are welcome for a week of learning about the church's *Seasons of Love* with counselors from Camp Lutherwood. Kids will love the daily Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, service projects, and worship!

Cost is \$20 for preschoolers (Monday-Friday, 9:30am-noon) and \$40 for elementary children (Monday-Friday, 9:30am-2pm), with a \$75 family maximum. Register by July 18 at: clcferndale.org/download/VBS-Reg-Form-2016-fillable.pdf

Contact

[360-384-1422](tel:360-384-1422) or vbs@clcferndale.org for more information.



The Listening Post

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop
From *The Spirit* (July 2016)

The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave

drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey...

Exodus 3:7-8

I want to offer to you my reflections on an experiment that we launched at this year's Synod Assembly. It in part was inspired by what we learned a year ago when we gathered under the theme: Can We Talk? What we quickly discovered is that talking has never been the problem. The real challenge is listening. Listening may be considered by some a lost art form. It is different than talking and it's more than having a conversation. Listening is trying to hear your neighbor so that you are able to express in your own words that which they were speaking and feeling. Think about a person you know who holds a very different position than you on a political or social issue. How well have you listened to them? Could you present their position or point of view in a way in which they would feel it fully represents them?

The Listening Post was at the top of the steps as voting members entered the Assembly. It was staffed throughout the Assembly by each of the Synod Staff members. Folks were invited to share their responses (stories) to several questions that I posed from the podium. Here is some of what we heard:

*JULY 30TH AND 31ST IS THE BIG
WEEKEND!*

We will be celebrating our 125th anniversary worshipping our Lord in this location. So much history, love, tears, and joy have been experienced inside the walls of Immanuel Lutheran and then carried out into the community all these years. Invite your friends and families. More information will be available soon on the website, in the bulletin, and on facebook, so stay tuned!

People experience hope when they sense that life is happening around them. It might be the birth of a new child or the launch of a new initiative in the life of the congregation. It was also noted how life-giving it is to experience the wonder of the creation here in the Northwest. Creativity is a form of life and it brings hope to people when they see imagination at work. It might be children learning to play their instruments in the band together or the effort put into making the Assembly come to life through art, music and language.

A second theme that emerged in our listening was the degree of isolation that many feel in our world and the hope that is given when people begin to sense they have a place of belonging in the community. We heard the power that comes into a person's life when they are seen and acknowledged by name. This gift is experienced when a young person risks their voice in expressing their perspective and has it acknowledged by another. A number of Assembly goers made comment on how life-giving it is when they see a genuine sense of hope in their leaders. Leaders who continue to believe in their communities and who express their love for the church are deeply appreciated. Often such leaders become beacons of hope for the larger community. It should come as no surprise that these mutual acts of caring for our neighbors continue to inspire people and invite faith communities to discover the joy that comes when we begin to know the stranger as neighbor and friend.

In a time that is challenging for many churches, we noted how many people were able to express where they are discovering God's gifts of life and hope and how appreciative they were to have the Synod invite them into a time of listening. Our God is a God who hears God's people and responds by coming down to be with us. Listening and responding is how community is deeply formed. Let us be about this kind of listening.