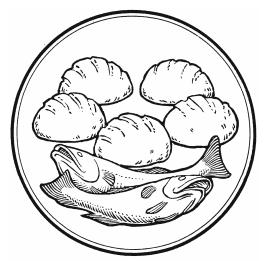
# Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

# July 18, 2021 The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



The Feeding of the 5,000 Mark 6:30-44

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Rev. Fred Morck, Guest Pastor

**Welcome to Immanuel!** We ask all <u>guests</u> to please fill out the Communication/Communion Card, which has been placed at the entrances. You can place the completed card in the offering plate, hand to an usher or elder, or drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion. We hope you have enjoyed our worship service, and we invite you to join us again soon. <u>Members</u>, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

Liturgy: Setting Four, page 203.

**Sermon:** Shepherds (Jeremiah 23, Mark 6)

**Hymns:** 904 - Blessed Jesus, at Your Word 709 - The King of Love My Shepherd Is 623 - Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray 642 - O Living Bread from Heaven 711 - Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Pianist: Barb Lutringer

Elders/Ushers: Eugene Schnell, Bob Walkes, Don Luckstein

Altar Duty July: Jim & Sue Miller, Sarah Dohrn

**Busy Bags:** Will be available once COVID19 concerns are past.

#### **Our Mission**

Immanuel Lutheran Church exists to spread the Gospel in its truth and purity through Word and Sacraments in accordance with the Confession of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Immanuel Lutheran School exists to share the Gospel, so children become disciples of Jesus.

### **Holy Communion Statement**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may proclaim His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

For our communicants: gluten-free host is available along with grape juice in the center of the individual cups for those who have allergies or sensitivities to those respective elements. Please request it as you approach the pastor or the elder.

#### **OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP:**

Sunday, July 11th: 108 Souls

## **OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS:**

Sunday, July 11th: \$5920.00

#### OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

**Those known to be hospitalized** – *no one at this time. Praise God!* For any prayer requests wanted on the Congregational Prayer Chain, or in public worship services, call the church office (534-3700) or Barb Larson (251-2138) or E-mail office@immanuelplainview.org

## God's richest blessing on those celebrating birthdays this week:

July 18th: Larry Ploof, Henry Borgschatz, Braydon Koball

July 20th: Brielle Staudacher, Jesse Krusmark

July 21<sup>st</sup>: Kimberly Feils July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Linda Zabel

July 23<sup>rd</sup>: Chelsea Klassen, Allison Lamprecht

July 24<sup>th</sup>: Jason Klassen, Holly Hayes

<u>COVID19/Mask update</u>: In compliance with CDC and Minnesota Health Department guidance, masks are not required for the fully vaccinated. Masks are encouraged, but not required, for those not fully vaccinated. Social distancing and capacity limits are no longer in effect. The Elders and Pastor will continue to sanitize before distributing the Lord's Supper but do not plan to mask or wear gloves. If you have questions or concerns, please visit with Pastor or an Elder.

#### **Stephen Ministry**

What kind of difference can you make as a Stephen Minister? Consider this testimonial by one of our current Stephen Ministers:

Becoming a Stephen Minister has been such a rewarding journey for me. When I originally thought about becoming a Stephen Minister, I didn't think I was "worthy" of it. I prayed a lot and discussed the program with my spouse. It was then, that I could feel God nudging me and saying, "you need to do this", so I did! What a blessing this program has been for me . . .the things I've learned, the spiritual strength I've gained, the friends I've made . . .God has been so good to me!

I love spending time with my care receiver(s); talking, listening, and praying. We've all had situations in our lives when it's helped to talk with someone, someone that deeply cares about us. That's what we do as Stephen Ministers, we care for others in a non-judgmental, Christian-caring way . . . the way that God cares for us . . . unconditionally! God gave his life for me, and because of this, I'm sharing His love by administering Christian care, love, understanding and a listening ear to those that are hurting.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, or to inquire about becoming a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716) or Pastor Augustine (884-7390).

# WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCMENTS July 18, 2021

Monday – Friday office hours	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Sunday, July 18: Divine Service (CLC)	9:00 am
Monday, July 19: High Rise Church	1:00 pm
Sunday, July 25: Divine Service (CLC)	9:00 am
Quarterly Voters Meeting	10:15 am
Youth Summer Series	6:00 pm

<u>Thank you</u> to Pastor Fred Morck for leading the service today! Pastor Augustine and family will return to Plainview on Tuesday. Pastor Fuchs is available any pastoral needs (home phone: 507-534-6565).

#### The Wabasha County Fair is Wednesday July 14 through Saturday, July 17 this year.

Exhibits and competitions are open to all ages, young and mature. There are many exhibits from our congregation and community along with entertainment and shows daily. See the full schedule at **wabashacountyfair.org** The fair grounds are near Wabasha, at the junction of Hwy 60 and Hwy 61. Bring your family, your exhibits, and enjoy! See you at the fair!

<u>Sunday School teachers</u> will be needed for this fall as we resume our regular Sunday School schedule. We are in need of someone to teach (or team teach) the PreK-Kindergarten group and the 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade group. We use CPH materials that guide you through the whole lesson. You do not have to have a teaching background, just a love of children! Contact Deb Bigelow to sign up or for more information or questions: 507-272-2125 or kard@midco.net.

<u>Fish Fry Financial Summary</u>: Many have wondered how the annual Fish Fry fundraising did. Here's the breakdown. The meal netted \$7,322.45 (includes extra donations above the price charged for the meal); the auction netted \$17,708.00; and the bonus contribution from the Hoekstra consignment auction netted \$5,661.06. The grand total is \$30,691.51! Proceeds will help offset costs for curriculum, technology, and staffing. Praise God for a successful fundraiser for our school!

Year-to-date Financial Summary: After six months of 2021, the Lord has blessed us. He also is challenging us to forsake our idols and support the work of the Gospel. When the pandemic broke out, the federal government provided forgivable loans through the Payroll Protection Program (PPP). Immanuel's leadership applied for and received a \$92,200 loan to pay for payroll related expenses. In January 2021, that loan was officially forgiven and thus recognized as a gift to the congregation. In February 2021 Immanuel received a \$17,000 gift from the estate of Lois LaQua. Without these gifts, year-to-date expenses have exceeded our income by roughly \$70,000. So, praise God for the gifts we received that have kept us about \$38,000 in the black! Prayerfully consider increasing your giving over the summer to keep us in the black and moving forward with growing our church and school with the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<u>Ouarterly Voters Meeting</u> will be at 10:15 a.m. on July 25, following the church service. Board members should submit summary reports of activity to the church office by July 21 to be copied for the meeting.

#### **Hope Lutheran High School announcements:**

House Parent(s) Position Available Hope Lutheran High School has the position of House Parent/Program Director available. Duties include living with exchange students (between 7-11 students), shopping for meals, making meals, and light programming, among other duties. A responsible college student could do this. Please contact Rocky rsandcork@hopelhs.org 313-3551

<u>Host Families</u> Prayerfully consider hosting an international or domestic student or more. We have students from Ghana, Turkey, Spain, Ecuador, Haiti, Dominican Republic, and Brazil that desire to learn more about Jesus! Some of the families from Ghana are from our partner Lutheran Church and School of Ghana. contact Rocky rsandcork@hopelhs.org 313-3551

**Become a Guardian Angel Sponsor** Hope Lutheran High School has some families from the **country of Ghana** that desire a Christian Education but are financially strained. Consider sponsoring a family. Contact Rocky rsandcork@hopelhs.org 313-3551

<u>Enrolling Now</u> Hope Lutheran High School is accepting applications for the fall. An Excellent Academic, Christ Centered, Biblically based Education for your Teen! Contact Rocky rsandcork@hopelhs.org 313-3551