

**Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church**

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

**September 5, 2021
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



Jesus said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened... (Mark 7:34-35)

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Rev. J. Philipp Augustine, Pastor

Welcome to Immanuel! We ask all guests 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. Members, please fill out the Communion Card to inform the church office of your attendance today and any needed prayers and visits.

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Sermon: “Ephphatha! Be Opened!” from Mark 7:31-37

Hymns: 797 - Praise the Almighty
524 - How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
618 - I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
851 - Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us
923 - Almighty Father, Bless the Word

Organist: Barb Lutringer

Elders/Ushers: 8:00 am: Mark Bartsh, Jim Larson
10:15 am: Bob Walkes, Eugene Schnell

Altar Duty September: LeEtta Neumann, Linda Smith

OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP:

Sunday, August 29: 120

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS:

Sunday, August 29: \$ 5,055.00

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:

September 6: Mary Wehrs, Rick Arguto, Andrew Barnes,

September 8: Josie Schnell, Peyton Grummons

September 11: Nicholas Anderson

September 12: Cally Murphy

Stephen Ministry

Christ Caring for People through People - That’s the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister’s role is to bring God’s love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a crisis. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God’s healing love comes pouring through. If someone you know is facing a crisis—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Pastor Augustine (534-3700) or Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you.

WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
September 5, 2021

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| Monday – Friday office hours | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm |
| Sunday, September 5: Divine Service (Church) | 8:00 am & 10:15 am |
| Monday, September 6: Board of CCO | 6:00 pm |
| Board of Trustees | 6:30 pm |
| Board of Elders | 7:00 pm |
| Board of Stewardship | 7:30 pm |
| Tuesday, September 7: Blood Drive in CLC | 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday, September 8: Chapel | 8:25 am |
| Confirmation info meeting | 6:30 – 7:30 pm |
| Sunday, September 12: Divine Service (Church) | 8:00 am & 10:15 am |
| Education Hour | 9:10 am |
| Congregational Potluck (CLC) | 11:30 am |
| 100 th Anniversary Celebration Service | 1:00 pm |
| Anniversary Reception & Tours | 2:00 pm |

Bible Study is back! Pastor Augustine will resume his Bible study in between services starting on September 12. It will run from 9:15 – 10:00. We will start with a study of the book of Ephesians. Following that study, Pastor will present on Critical Race Theory (CRT) and how the devil has used it to further corrupt our world and education systems.

Celebration Service for the 100th Anniversary of Immanuel Lutheran School will take place at 1:00 p.m. On Sunday, September 12 in the church. We will give thanks to God in word and song for this ministry of the Gospel. Current ILS students will sing in the service. We hope to have many alumni and former teachers in attendance. To God be the glory for this special occasion!

- ❖ We have a couple of alumni lined up to speak but would welcome another alumnus or two share some memories or share how Christian education helped shape their life. If you would like to write something up to be read at the service, that would work, too. Contact Connie Walkes, Pastor Augustine, or the office with your willingness to participate or if you have a suggestion of someone we should contact.
- ❖ Prior to the service, **“Warrior Revival”** (Eldon Malwitz, Isaac Walch and Jason Maas) will be entertaining us with their vocal and instrumental talent from **11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., September 12 in the Christian Life Center.**
- ❖ **Potluck lunch** after the 10:15 church service, in the Christian Life Center! Shredded turkey, buns, beverages and dessert will be provided. **Please bring a dish to share AND a friend or two!**

Meet & Greet ILS teaching staff: Please help welcome & get to know the teaching staff at Immanuel Lutheran School. They will be in the Christian Life Center lobby on **Sunday, September 12th** following the late service. Stop by to see them since we didn’t really get a chance to do that last year due to COVID. Can you help support them by bringing pantry goods, gift cards, school items or other donations? They work very hard to educate our students. Be a friend. Pray for them, recognize them on their birthday, & give them words of encouragement when you see them.

Fish Fry Hope Lutheran High School is hosting a FISH FRY on **Friday September 10 from 4:30 pm – 7 pm**. The proceeds will be going to Childhood Cancer Community check them out at: <https://childhoodcancercommunity.org/> \$10 a plate or \$9 in advance at Restored Blessings. Help us support families who have children with cancer.

Adult Information Class – Pastor is beginning to plan the next faith formation class. Classes will cover the basics of the Christian-Lutheran faith that leads to communicant membership. Classes will meet for twelve weeks on a day and time agreeable to the group. Know someone who doesn't know Jesus? Invite them and go with them to the class and be blessed. Like a faith refresher? There's nothing like going through the Catechism again as an adult. Contact Pastor Augustine or the church office to sign up.

Blood Drive There will be a blood drive in the CLC Tuesday September 7th from 1 pm – 7 pm.

COVID19 Mask update – Wabasha County is currently in a “high” level of community transmission according to the CDC. The CDC recommends masking for all people (vaccinated or not) when gathering indoors. At this time masking will remain optional as we anticipate having space to spread out with two services. Continue to make use of hand sanitizer as you enter and exit the building. Contact Pastor or an Elder with questions or concerns.

LifeLight Bible study (formerly the Monday morning Women's Bible study) is resuming on Monday, September 13 at 9 a.m. This is open to all members (not just women). The group will resume the study of Isaiah. Contact Judy Schwantz for materials or for more information. 507-951-9913

Immanuel Lutheran School – A brief history: Christian education has been valued for 100 years at Immanuel. In September 1921, after calling a full-time teacher, a parochial school was opened. Classes were first held in the church basement. In the years following the Great Depression, the parochial school was in danger of collapse. However, after successful pleas for support and encouragement from Pastor Schoewe and church elders, members gained confidence that the school would endure and prosper.

In 1952, a new school building was dedicated by Rev. Schoewe. In 1953, Immanuel's Board of Christian Education organized a Parent-Teacher League (PTL), along the same lines as the National Lutheran PTL. Continued growth spurred a large addition in 1964 to the school, which more than tripled its size. The most recent and ambitious addition has been a multi-purpose gymnasium, dedicated in 1999, which we know as the Christian Life Center.

Immanuel Lutheran School is a private Pre-K through 8th Grade school. Our focus is to develop the God-given talents of our students and enable them to use those talents to God's glory. By developing academically sound young men and women, our team of staff strive to graduate students that can lead others to the true faith of God's calling in His created world.