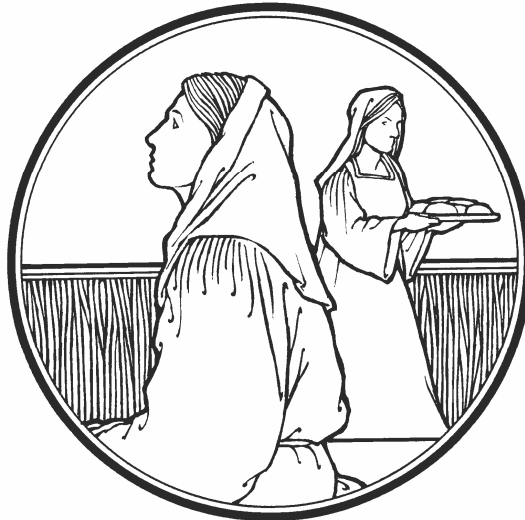


Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

July 17, 2022
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



*“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,
but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion,
which will not be taken away from her.” Luke 10:41-32*

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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.

Liturgy: Matins, page 219

Sermon: "The Good Portion" - Luke 10:38-42

Hymns: 536 - One Thing's Needful
955 - Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
575 - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
782 - Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings
862 - Oh, Blest the House

Organist: Jacob Mikkelson

Elders/Ushers: 9:00 am: Alvin Lutringer, Bob Walkes, Don Luckstein

Acolyte & Cross Bearer: Elders over the summer

Altar Duty July: Leo & Barb Larson, Dawn Schroeder

Busy Bags: Available at the entrance are 'Busy Bags' = activity bags of color crayons/books, for any child. Borrow and use them for the service and return them to their hook for the next time!

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 10: 99

OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS

Sunday, July 10: \$6,982.00

OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

Those known to be hospitalized *Linda Vagt (Austin, MN).* 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 17: Duane Haack, Allyn Stoltz

July 18: Henry Borgschatz, Ezmae Severson

July 20: Abel Boettcher, Jesse Krusmark, Brielle Staudacher

July 21: Kimberly Feils

July 22: Linda Zabel

July 23: Chelsea Klassen, Allison Lamprecht

If someone's name was inadvertently omitted, please call the church office.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life! 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), Val Aarsvold (259-3586), or Pastor Augustine (884-7390).

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
WEEKLY CALENDAR and ANNOUNCEMENTS
July 17, 2022

Monday – Friday office hours	8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Sunday, July 17: Divine Service	9:00 am
Monday, July 18: High Rise Church Service	1:00 pm
Sunday, July 24: Divine Service	9:00 am
Youth Summer Series	6:00-8:00 pm
Pastor Bramstedt Retirement Service	10:00 am
at Trinity Elgin, potluck to follow service	

Thank you to all my brothers and sisters in Christ that sent cards of encouragement, called or visited since my recent hospitalization. Thank you especially for all the prayers for a successful surgery and recovery!! God's Blessings!! Tom Hoekstra

Quarterly Voters Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 31, 2022, 10:00 am in the church basement.

New ILCS Secretary hired! The Board of Elders is happy to announce the hiring of Laura Haack as a part-time secretary for Immanuel! Laura will begin training on Monday and will gradually work into regular office hours. Laura's duties will eventually be like her predecessor's, dealing more with school functions. Congratulations, Laura, and welcome!

Ice Cream Social - Immanuel Lutheran Church of Potsdam invites everyone to their Ice Cream Social, today from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Join in for food, jokes, fellowship, games for kids, and music by Warrior Revival. There will be a good will donation with funds donated to Back Pack for Food. This is a Thrivent Action Team Event. Join in the fun!

Vacation Bible School at St. John Lutheran Church, Hammond - Children ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to St. John's Hammond Monday July 18-Thursday, July 21, 6:30-8:00 pm to come and learn about Jesus' love for us. Contact St. John's Hammond for more information.

The CLC lobby will be closed until July 22nd due to waxing and sealing of the floors. The floors take two weeks to harden and seal. Please use the school doors for building access. Thank you for your cooperation. Sunday worship services will remain in the church until the Elders decide otherwise.

Church stained-glass windows update: To date we have raised **\$60,447.50** Total cost of this project is \$107,000. Additional funding such as memorials, donations, other fundraisers, etc., are appreciated. Make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church – Stained-glass Window Fund, or use special envelopes provided at the entrances.

July 2022

“Protected in law and cared for in life” ... with that simple phrasing, Father Richard John Neuhaus once articulated the ultimate goals of the pro-life movement. It seems to me that this is an articulation worth recalling as we try to grasp where we – those of us who support the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death - now stand in the light of the Supreme Court’s recent “Dobbs decision.” That decision, of course, overturned the Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973, declaring, in no uncertain terms, that there never was, nor is there now, a right to abortion contained within the U. S. Constitution. And thus, it returns “the abortion question” to the 50 states where the political process ... the voice of the people ... will ultimately determine the legality or illegality of abortion within that state.

Now, what does that mean? Of course, it means many things, but surely one of those things is that for the first time in nearly fifty years, the pro-life community can begin to give equal weight to the second half of Father Neuhaus’ formulation. That is, the pro-life community can feel comfortable in starting to shift the spotlight from “protecting unborn life in law” to the equally important task of “caring for the unborn and newborn in life.” It means we can begin to direct more of our energies to the massive task of supporting mothers and fathers and their children as they face the challenges of life together in less than hospitable circumstances. It means we can begin to redirect our attention away from the happenings in Washington D.C. and toward the happenings within our own local communities. It means investing much more of our time and many more of our resources to strengthening the local organizations that will likely have the most direct contact with those needing services, most often a local Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC). While some pro-life folks have been heavily engaged in these “caring for life” efforts for many years, the truth is many of us have been distracted by far-away legal battles and, therefore, have not been as actively engaged in the local aspects of the pro-life cause as we might have been.

And so, in this new Dobbs era, my hope and prayer is that many more of us will be moved to a greater level of personal and congregational activity, especially in support of these local helping agencies. If you haven’t yet established a relationship with a PRC in your area, pick up the phone and give them a call. If you haven’t given the members of your congregation an easy opportunity to regularly contribute time or money to a local PRC, consider having a regular monthly door offering dedicated to your local PRC or to Lutherans for Life. If you haven’t been in the habit of including the pro-life cause in your personal or corporate prayer life, why not start today?!

There is still, of course, plenty of work to be done in the political arena to secure legal protections for all of the unborn in every place, and we continue to encourage people to be active in that sphere as well. Indeed, that’s especially true here in Minnesota, where the courts continue to provide a barrier to recognizing the full humanity of the unborn. But now, thank God, we are at a place where the “caring for mother and child in life” can take its proper place alongside our efforts to “protect them in law.” For those of us who have been on the receiving end of such lavish care and protection by our Heavenly Father, this ought to come very naturally. God’s blessings as you feel your way ... as you pray your way ... into this new and exciting era, where life is recognized for the great and precious gift that it is: a gift from God!

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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