

**Welcome to**  
**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
*A Congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod*

**September 4, 2022**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



*“...sit down and count the cost...”*  
*The Cost of Discipleship*  
*Luke 14:28*

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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 basket, hand to an usher or elder, or drop in the basket as you come forward for Holy Communion. If desiring to commune, please visit with the pastor (see Communion statement below). 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.

### **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 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.

**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!

**Liturgy:** Setting Four, page 203

**Sermon:** "Be a Hater?!?" – Luke 14:25-35

**Hymns:** 556 (1-4) - Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice  
688 - "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake  
696 - O God, My Faithful God  
783 - Take My Life and Let It Be  
707 - Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

**Organist:** Jacob Mikkelson

**Elders/Ushers 8:00 am:** Alvin Lutringer, Gene Schnell  
10:15 am: Brent Wohlers, Mark Bartsh

**Altar Duty September:** Debra Eggenberger, Jean Wingert

**OUR OFFERING OF WORSHIP**

Sunday, August 28: 103

**OUR OFFERING OF MATERIAL GIFTS**

Sunday, August 28: Unified: \$3,800.00

Stained Glass Fund: \$5,285.00 Brick Fund: 120.00

**OUR OFFERING OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING**

**Those known to be hospitalized** *No one at this time.* 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](mailto:office@immanuelplainview.org)

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

*September 5: Bryson Boettcher, Jayden Rucinski*

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

*September 8: Josie Schnell, Peyton Grummons*

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

# Am I just giving, or am I getting something back?



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*“Stephen Ministry has been a blessing for my Care Receivers and for me! The initial training, I received almost 9 years ago to become a Stephen Minister has been powerful. It has helped me to be a good listener and it has strengthened the faith of others and me in my daily life. The ongoing supervision meetings have been very supportive and educational. Our congregation is fortunate to have such a program. I thank you for your support and your continued prayers for our leaders, our Stephen Ministers, and our Care Receivers. Through this program I have found God’s purpose in life. I pray that you, too, will consider being a part of this valuable program.”* Marjean H., Stephen Minister

Since 2012 members of Immanuel have lovingly given their time to care for one another through the Stephen Ministry program and are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care. To grow this important work, we are organizing a class to welcome new Stephen Ministers into the important work God has called us to do.

To learn more, contact one of our Stephen Leaders –  
Becky Luckstein (534-2236 or 951-1716)  
or Val Aarsvold (259-3586).

