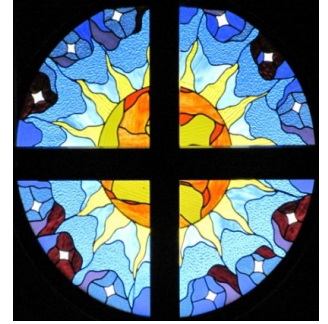


Immanuel Lutheran Church

Hear Love. Eat Love. Share Christ's Love.

May 2022 Newsletter



Weekly Services and Communion

Sunday services

9 am

- * In-Person
- * Live Streaming
- * Conference Call

Faith Formation

*Will resume in
the fall*

Office Hours

*Pastor Susan in
office on Tuesdays*

*Kelly in office on
Tuesdays and
Thursdays*

9 am - 1 pm

“Who Was I That I Could Hinder God?” By Peter J. Weller

This month's column continues the story described in the April column, where Peter spoke to the Roman centurion, Cornelius, and to his household in Caesarea. Peter, and those who came with him, were astonished that the Holy Spirit fell upon Cornelius and all the members of his household, even though they were Gentiles. In the Jewish universe of thinking at that time, non-Jews (Gentiles) were welcomed as converts to Judaism, but they then were required to know, embrace, respect, and follow the ancient Jewish Law. Yet, the Holy Spirit fell upon these Romans anyway. By that same Law, Jews were not to visit in the home of any Gentile, and certainly ought not to eat a meal with them. So, Peter broke with Jewish traditions and with Jewish Law on at least two fronts here.

And, that is where our text for this month, for Sunday, May 15, begins: “Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again into heaven. At that moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized you with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’” (Acts 11:1-18)

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YouTube- [luthwash](https://www.youtube.com/luthwash) * Email us at luthwash@hotmail.com

Monthly Updates (Month to date)

Account balances as of 4-28-22

General Fund ~ \$16,688.45

Building/Visions ~ \$1759.45

Endowment ~ \$3,307.10

Community Assistance ~ \$3,770.44

Mortgage ~ \$58,870.42

For detailed finance information,
refer to the monthly Council minutes or
contact any member of Finance.



Attendance

Sunday, March 27
9 am ~ 48 Views ~ 85

Sunday, April 3
9 am ~ 54 Views ~ 53

Sunday, April 10
9 am ~ 60 Views ~ 70

Thursday, April 14
9 am ~ 23 Views ~ 59

Friday, April 16
9 am ~ 32 Views ~ 53

Sunday, April 17
9 am ~ 88 Views ~ 139

Sunday, April 24
9 am ~ 72 Views ~ 120

EWALU Volunteer Work Day - May 7

Join other volunteers, families, and church groups for outdoor activities, fellowship, and service projects around camp. Lunch will be provided.

Schedule

8:00 a.m. Arrival
9:00 a.m. Work Projects
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Work Projects
4:00 p.m. Departure

Contact with questions:
Paul Frantsen at 563-933-4700
RSVP with: Diane Parker at 563-933-4700 or
email office@ewalu.org





Birthdays for May

1- Nancy Baker
5- Scott Bartholomew
7- Corrine Martin
16- Carol Woodruff
18- Deb Tisor
18- Martin Runaas
29- Brayden Zywiec
30- Kyle Middle
30- Cris Gaughan



Anniversaries

12- Dale & Candace Talbot Scheibe
16- Jeremy & Kelly Smith
29- Steve & Kathy Vetter

UPCOMING MEETINGS

To have your meetings listed,
please let Kelly know when they are held.

Council- Sunday, May 1 at 11:30 am

Worship & Music- Thursday, May 5 at 1 pm

Education- Tuesday, May 10 at 3:45 pm

Education- Tuesday, May 31 at 10 am

HACAP

Your dollar buys more when HACAP orders food,

consider sending a few dollars to:

HACAP

2175 Lexington Blvd # 1

Washington, Iowa 52353

Help your local families during this difficult time.

Thank you, DeAnn

Sign up for Altar flowers,
there are several weeks that our altar is empty.
The sign up sheet is on the hall table.



Saturday Kitchen is Back!



Starting in June, the UP Church will continue hosting a free meal each Saturday for the community. Immanuel Lutheran has been a part of this community ministry since the beginning and we hope to continue. A tentative schedule has been made for the rest of the year and Immanuel has been asked to serve once in July, September, and December. If you would be willing to help plan and organize these meals, please let April Six know. We will continue to ask for baked goods on the day of the meal as well as assistance with serving and clean up. Please consider helping lead this community ministry!

Thank you to the High School Faith Formation class for the Easter card, I really enjoyed it.

Doris Moore

Thank you all for the GORGEOUS flowers, I just adore them. It was so very thoughtful!!

Kelly Smith

Thank you!

Thank you to all members, council, and Pastor Susan for the pansies and the nice words and card. It is always nice to be appreciated and acknowledged!!

Blessings to you all, Ron Brown

In Christian Joy

We extend our Christian Congratulations

Lillian Josephine was born on Tuesday, April 12th to Jon & Margie Runaas.

Rhett Michael was born on Monday, April 25th to Mariah Howard and Rhyker Sims.

Mike & Pastor Maureen are the beaming grandparents.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15



A note from Pastor Maureen:

SO IN LOVE!!! Rhett Michael was born on Tuesday, April 26th (a month early) at 3:30 a.m. in Colorado Springs. He weighed 4 lbs. 11 oz. and was 18 inches long.

I'm headed to Colorado tomorrow and will stay until Monday. Mariah and baby Rhett are doing great after an exciting beginning.

Mike & Pastor Maureen

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate the strong, loving women in your life. At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we see moms through their journey to build the brightest future for their children. We see moms turning to LSI Behavioral Health Intervention Services to ensure their child is receiving the coping skills and behavioral supports they need to thrive. In our Early Childhood Services, we see first-time moms who are eager to join our parenting education classes and support groups. In 2021, LSI's Early Childhood programs provided support to nearly 500 families of young children. We are so inspired to hear their stories and see their hard work pay off as they raise our next generation. As you celebrate Mother's Day this year, remember how many Iowa moms are being empowered because of your support. If you are looking for a way to honor a mother in your life this year, please consider making a gift in her name to LSI. For more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563-676-2065.

Education for Every Parent

As a parent educator for LSI, Lindsay spent every day visiting families in their homes and teaching parents how to meet their child's developmental needs and help them thrive. When she left LSI and welcomed her new son, Patrick, into the world, Lindsay wanted some extra support for her family. And she knew just where to turn. LSI Early Childhood Services provide evidence-based curriculum that builds on each family's individual strengths and ensures they have the education and resources they need to achieve their personal goals and keep kids on track with their developmental milestones. Each week, Lindsay was able to meet with her LSI parent educator, Amy, and get a fresh perspective on the best ways to help her son succeed. Together, they worked on setting nutrition goals for Patrick, and Lindsay is now getting ready to help her son learn to walk and talk. For years, Lindsay was able to educate and empower Iowa families through LSI Early Childhood Services. Now, she gets to experience the programming from the other side, and it's given her a new outlook on how valuable the education and resources are to parents of young children. "I want to thank everyone who has supported LSI," Lindsay says. "This programming is for everyone. Just having the opportunity for in-home visiting is awesome. I want to thank everybody for donating because I love this program."

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It is interesting to note that in Jerusalem, Peter makes no mention of the fact that the man whose house they visited and ate with and whose household they converted was a Roman military officer named Cornelius. And, this is believed to be the first conversion of Gentiles to be followers of Christ.

In terms of size, complexity, and cultural diversity, the Roman Empire was a large multinational empire that stretched from Spain and Portugal on the west to Iraq on the east, and it was made up of people of many cultures who spoke many different languages. Two major languages spoken, however, made it possible to communicate throughout much of the Empire: Latin in much of the Western Roman Empire, and Greek throughout the Eastern part of the Empire. So, even if one did not know the Hebrew language (or, for that matter, any of the other dozens of local languages), one could still function in that part of the world if they knew Latin or, more preferably, Greek. In fact, much of the New Testament was first written in Greek. This helps to explain why Christianity developed and spread so rapidly outside of those territories that were predominantly Jewish.

So, the Roman Empire made possible, the transfer of a religious idea with strong Jewish roots to a much larger non-Jewish audience. We must remember, however, that this was truly God at work, God taking advantage of the historical forces already at work. It was never the Roman government's intention to set forces in motion to expand and promote a new religion throughout the Empire. The Romans did everything they could to nip this new religion in the bud.

Clearly, something very profound happened here. Luke describes it in the book of Acts that the Holy Spirit "fell upon" those present. Peter sensed it. He experienced it, himself, at Pentecost, and now he saw it happen to Cornelius and his household in Caesarea. He was able to recognize what had just happened. And, he was wise enough to know that this was God's work, and he, Peter, should not interfere. And, he was able to convince the religious leaders in Jerusalem to agree.



Please join **Lucas Kroll** with
friends Grant & Lance Sobaski
for a graduation celebration
Sunday, June 12th from 3:00-6:00 PM
Lake Darling State Park,
111 Lake Darling Road, Brighton, IA

HELP NEEDED

ILC is looking for someone to update
our sign. If you are interested in this
job or have questions,
please email Kelly.

HACAP Food Boxing

Sunday, May 15th at 3 pm Immanuel Lutheran will be helping pack
food boxes at the HACAP building. Sign up sheet is on the hall table.

Sign up TODAY!!





Interim Updates

Across this time of our shared interim ministry, I will do my best to offer updates on the interim process in the newsletter, at worship, and whenever I am asked. I came on board with Immanuel in the midst of Lent, so much of my first month with you has been learning the ropes and covering the needs of worship and Easter. Thank you for the warm welcome! I am so impressed the abundance of gifts, skills and smarts around Immanuel. Presently, I am working with the Council and the Bishop's staff to determine what the first steps will be for moving through this interim time. I am also working on another sermon series, so if you have specific questions or hopes, please let me know because when we sermon-together, we all get more out of it!

A Month of Conferences and Seminars

I will be participating in two online conferences this month and Synod Assembly. While these events will consume a large chunk of my time, I will still be available for pastoral care (hospital and home visits, funerals) as needed. Please don't hesitate to contact me: text or call at (612)239-8968; email at revluthwash@gmail.com

House Plants to Share?

The pastor's office at Immanuel needs a little more living in it than just me. Do you have any house plants that would like to vacation there for a few months? I would love to have a few growing-things to brighten up the space. I have a very light green thumb, so please no extra-needy plants as they will surely be disappointed in me. Please share only those plants that are up for the risk of my limited care. Put your name on them if you'd like to have them returned when I leave. Thank you!

Immanuel Lutheran Church has a College Scholarship for any active members of Immanuel Lutheran. The members of the committee are Bev Bailey, Mary Chmelar, and Steve Vetter.

The scholarship is for students who wish to be considered for an Immanuel Lutheran Church of Washington Scholarship to attend an ELCA college, or any other accredited university, private, community, state, or trade school.

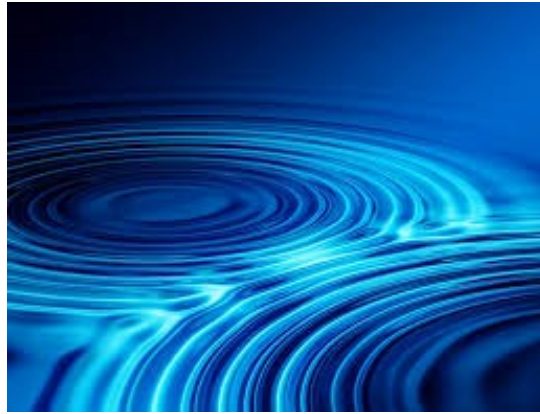
Contact the Church office or a committee member for an application form.

If you have any questions talk to any of the committee members.

If you would like to make a donation to the Scholarship fund you can do so by sending your donation to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Please designate the donation to the Scholarship fund. Thank you for your consideration.

If you are applying, please have application in to a member of the committee or the church office by Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

Scholarship deadline is June 1, 2022



Centering Prayer: May 14th and 28th, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Deacon Fran Victor will be leading an hour of contemplative prayer in Immanuel's sanctuary (practicing social caring and wearing masks) the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month; 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. The hour begins with Centering Prayer and then moving into Lectio Divina (using a verse of scripture as the basis for prayer). No experience is necessary in either prayer practice to participate. No reservations needed, just come and enjoy the hour of contemplation. If you would like to join this intimate group, but are new to this type of prayer, come at 8:15 a.m. for explanation.

“God’s first word is silence.” – Thomas Keating





Easter Story

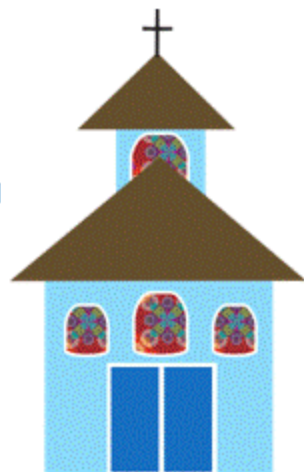
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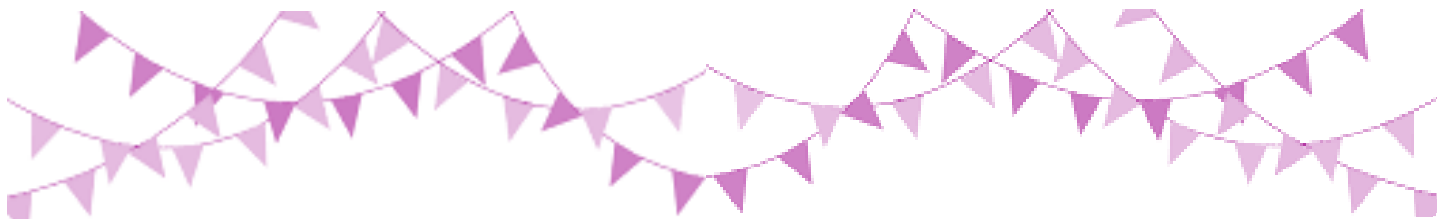
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Service Date	Greeters	Ushers	Reader	Acolyte	Communion Set up/Clean up
May 1	Fran Victor & Clyde Pearce	Steve Vetter, Rich Baker, and Brad Kroll	Deidra Baker	Grace Taylor	Naomi Erickson
May 8	Gary & Kathy Fischer	Brian, Carrie, Emma, and Thomas Lueck	Linda Brown	Thomas Lueck	Naomi Erickson and DeAnn Hakert
May 15	Aaron, April, Aden, Avery, and Ajay Six	Aaron, April, Aden, Avery, and Ajay Six	Lee Buchholz	Vivi Kroll	April Six
May 22	DeAnn Hakert and Pam Johnston	Clyde Pearce, Fran Victor, and Ray Poe	Beverly Bailey	Clayton Bartholomew	Beverly Bailey
May 29	Stan & Sharol Kroll	Rich Baker & Deidra Baker and Stan Kroll	Gary Fischer	Issac Giesmann	Steve Vetter & Kathy Vetter, and Beverly Bailey



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Area Agency on Aging



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To pick up meal vouchers and for additional information call Immanuel

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