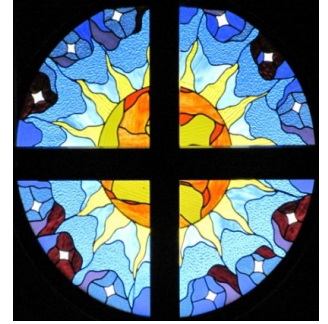


# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

## June 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*

“Since We Are Justified By Faith, We Have Peace With God  
Through Our Lord Jesus Christ”

by Peter J. Weller

The text for this month's column is for Trinity Sunday, June 12, and comes from Romans 5:1-5: “Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love had been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.”

In Romans, Chapter 3, Paul first describes justification through faith. He writes “The righteousness of God [through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe] has been disclosed. . . . For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood effective through faith.” (Romans 3:22-25)

Continuing in Romans 5:1-5, Paul describes the essence of the relationship between God and the faithful believers. Because we believe that Jesus, the Christ, is God’s son, whose death and resurrection enabled us to obtain access and to stand in God’s grace, we now find peace with God. Peace with God is of great comfort and a great assurance to us. It means that God knows us, and we, in turn, will come to know him. In John 10:11-31, Jesus calls himself the good shepherd, and he refers to his followers as sheep. “The sheep hear my voice. They follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.” (John 10:27-31) Jesus’ promise here is rock-solid. It inspires confidence and a feeling of security and sense of spiritual well-being. To have peace with God is to know that sense of the peace of God that Paul refers to, in Philippians 4:7, “which surpasses all understanding, [that] will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Mary Hinkle Shore, Rector and Dean of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina wrote in Working Preacher, “In Romans 1 and 2, Paul demonstrates the universality of the power of Sin over human beings: both Jews and gentiles have fallen short of the glory of God. In Romans 3 and 4, Paul announces God’s response to humanity’s plight: because of Christ’s righteousness, humanity now stands justified by God’s grace (cf. Romans 3:21-26). Boasting is excluded; Paul goes on, because ‘a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.’ (Romans 3:28, NRSV).”

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

Monthly Updates (Month to date)

Account balances as of 5-26-22

General Fund ~ \$22,918.25

Visions ~ \$2714.45

Endowment ~ \$3,307.37

Community Assistance ~ \$3,770.44

Mortgage ~ \$58,296.70

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

Attendance

Sunday, May 1

9 am ~ 54 Views ~ 83

Sunday, May 8

9 am ~ 53 Views ~ 86

Sunday, May 15

9 am ~ 72 Views ~ 69

Sunday, May 22

9 am ~ 65 Views ~ 73



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

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**Calling all who care!**

You're invited to join us for coffee and conversations about caregiving resources  
and support in Washington County.

Caregiving comes in so many shapes and sizes that,  
like many people, you might not realize you're a caregiver.

**Wednesday, June 22 3:00 pm- 4:00 pm**

**At the Kirkwood Center, Room 208  
2192 Lexington Blvd. Washington**

**RSVP- phone 319.398.5559 or 800.332.5934**

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**WEAR RED for Pentecost,  
Sunday, June 5th**



## **Birthdays for June**

6- Emma Taylor  
6- Erin Almelién  
8- Grant Wubbena  
13- Wilma McKinstry  
15- Barb Matheson  
16- Kathleen Almelién  
17- Alex Six  
17- Andy Six  
17- Anders Almelién  
19- Rich Baker  
20- Gary Brown  
22- Anker Six  
28- Armor Six



## **Anniversaries for June**

8- Jon & Margie Runaas  
12- Sid & Donna Manfull  
23- Dale & Judy Venzke  
25- Sara & Larry Bartlett  
28- David & Jane Ann Croft

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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

**Education-** Tuesday, May 31 at 3:45 pm

**Finance-** Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 pm

**Council-** Sunday, June 5 at 10:30 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



## **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!



**A BIG Thank you to our  
volunteers that helped pack  
food boxes for HACAP!!**

**You're awesome!!**

## June 2022, LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story Happy Father's Day!

At Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI), we strive to build up and empower Iowa kids and families. For us, Father's Day is a time to celebrate all the fathers and male role models we see every day.

Through our Early Childhood Services, young men are learning to become dads. They're becoming confident and active in their child's life, and they are creating loving, bright futures for their families.

Many Iowa children entering foster care need a positive male role model in their lives. And through LSI Foster Care and Adoption, our licensed foster dads are there to help guide them.

This is only possible through your support of LSI! If you would like to make a gift, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org) or 563-676-2065.

Thank you for responding to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service!

### **Therapy Provides a Solid Foundation**

Dana and Jack have lots to look forward to. They are planning their wedding, Jack is hard at work finishing his college degree, and they share a growing baby boy, Levi.

But while they wanted to keep their sights set on the future, Jack struggled to cope with some of his past. As an Army veteran, Jack found himself struggling with addiction after he returned home, and he found it difficult to process some of the emotions that came with it. He wanted to break free from those struggles and get help. Dana had been meeting with her LSI therapist, Andrea, for several years already and wanted her to connect with Jack too.

Now, after meeting with Andrea, Jack has learned to cope with his past in healthy ways. He has since been able to break his addiction and he now feels clear-headed whenever he needs to cope through the challenging days. Jack and Dana also attend couples counseling with Andrea and through their sessions, they are able to ensure they have a happy, healthy home for Levi.

The couple says Andrea and LSI have been a "breath of fresh air," and they feel more empowered and in control of their life.

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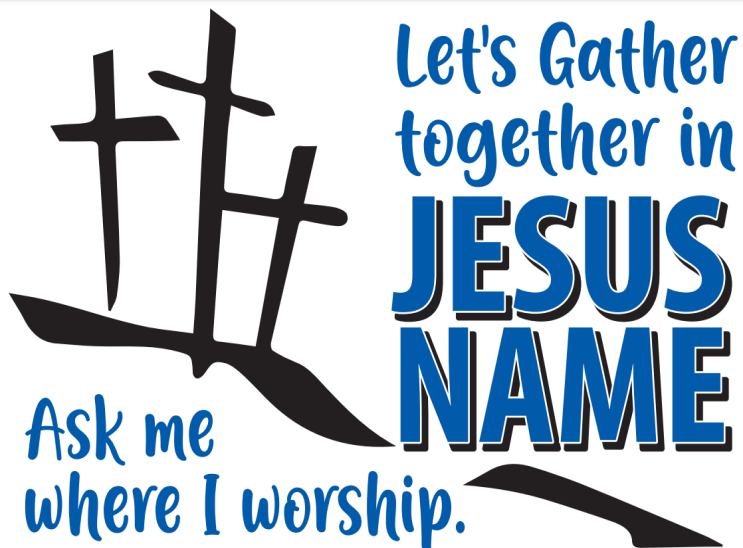
In other words, we cannot boast about anything that we did to earn or enhance our status with God, because we did not do anything. Our works do not justify us in God's eyes. Instead, it is by God's grace through faith that we are justified. God did this for us. So, there is nothing to boast about.

L. Ann Jervis, Professor of New Testament at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto, in Toronto, Ontario, wrote in *Working Preacher*, "And what does this state of having been made righteous through faith accord to us? First, it gives us peace with God. The fundamental gift of having been made righteous is that we are no longer God's enemies, we are at peace with God. . . .

"We have this peace because someone made it for us; someone fought the battle on our behalf and freed us from the power of sin and helped us cross to the camp of God. We get to be in God's camp, in God's army, if you will, because Christ has brought us there.

"Christ is the one who allowed us access to the state of grace we are in. We are recipients of a remarkable gift. We are no longer under the power of sin, we are in God's home. We have access to God.

"Paul is saying that we have gained entrance to the most wonderful place possible — we have gained entrance to God's domain. And we have done this not because we are worthy of it, not because we have forced our way in, but because Jesus Christ has made it possible for us. To use a . . . metaphor [from the gospel of John] — Jesus is the door through which we enter. And what we enter is a place of grace." How beautifully said!



**Washington Area Ministerial Association**

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Sign up sheet is OUT!!

Sign up today for your very own yard sign. \$10 donation due at the time of delivery.

## Senior Dining Program, Encore Express, Opening June 9

A program of Heritage Area Agency on Aging, [Encore Express](#) is a senior dining program that combines the fun and socialization of group dining with the convenience of a voucher program to help older adults meet their nutrition needs. Starting on June 9, Hy-Vee catered meals are the second and fourth Thursday of the month at their new Washington location at the [Immanuel Lutheran Church](#) (1226 E Washington St).

Encore Express is open to adults ages 60+ and their spouses. Suggested (not required) contribution of \$5 per meal/voucher for those 60+, \$9 charge for those under 60. While dining at the location, pick up vouchers for Hy-Vee's MealTime To-Go meals to use throughout the month.



**ENCORE  
EXPRESS**

Fresh Hy-Vee meals with good company.  
This is a second call to improve your  
health for adults 60+ and spouses.

Opening June 9  
Hosted at Immanuel Lutheran Church

Call to make your reservation:  
319-653-3950







### **Are We There Yet?**

The interim time can feel a lot like sitting in the backseat of the family car on an endless drive: “Are we there yet?” The refrain gets repeated often. In my family, we rarely took such trips but when we did, the answer to this question was usually, “No, just read your book or look out the window.”

If you’ve been wondering how close we are getting to Immanuel’s next called pastor, the answer continues to be, “Read your book or look out the window, this is a long drive.” I might add, “Keep saying your prayers.”

The transition time is always longer and slower than anyone wants, but the time is important because the journey between called pastors covers a lot of ground.

Presently, the Council and I are working on identifying what steps need to be addressed during the interim time and what steps or decisions should wait for input from your next pastor. As these things become clearer, the council and I will share them with the congregation, and that will determine the time frame for establishing a call committee. My hope is that this will all be accomplished across the summer months, so you will be ready to launch into call committee work this fall.

### **Pastor’s Schedule for June**

As has already been my pattern, I am in the building or in town on Sundays and Tuesdays, and as often as needed. Please feel free to call, text or email me when you need anything or would like me to be present to help with things that don’t happen on Tuesdays or Sundays—I am happy to make things work as often as possible! My cell phone is (612)239-8968 and my email is [revluthwash@gmail.com](mailto:revluthwash@gmail.com)

### **June 5 Is Pentecost Sunday!**

Wear red for this day of celebrating the Holy Spirit. Did you know Immanuel's fire-engine red paraments (the fabric on the altar and pulpit) are only used twice each year? On Pentecost Sunday (the 50th day after Easter) and on Reformation Sunday (the last Sunday of October). These are the two days each year that we focus on the fire of the Holy Spirit, how she can surprise us and light up the world through us!

### **Park Worship on June 26 at 10 AM**

Did you know that vibrant, respectful connections among a community's churches is a significant hallmark of community health? Washington has a wonderful alliance of area churches (WAMA), and Immanuel is an important part of it! Please show your support for a strong, respectful and healthy community by joining the WAMA Worship in the Park at the end of June. **Worship will only happen in the park, no worship in Immanuel’s building on June 26.**

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.

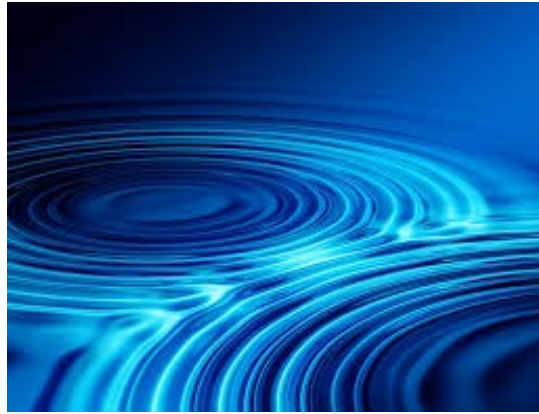
Contact the Church office or a committee member for an application form.

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: June 11th and June 25th, 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

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## ***Washington Area Women, You're Invited!!***

### **Remember Your Joy- Salvation Stories in the Old Testament**

**Gather with women from across the community to consider the truths of our salvation in Christ and the great joy it brings. We will be simulcasting 3 keynote speakers, 2 breakout sessions, and spend time in worship and prayer.**

**Dates:**

**Friday, June 24th 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm**

**Saturday, June 25th 8:30 am- 2:30 pm**

**Location:**

**Faith Baptist Church, 1220 W Madison Street**

**Cost:**

**\$35 paid online or \$40 at the door**

**Visit [www.faithwashington.org](http://www.faithwashington.org) and click “connect” for more info or**

**email [womensmin@faithwashington.org](mailto:womensmin@faithwashington.org)**



<b>Service Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Communion Set up/Clean up</b>
<b>June 5</b>	Sherry Ives	Brad Kroll, Stan Kroll, and Steve Vetter	Tricia Kroll	Vivi Kroll	Stan & Sharol Kroll
<b>June 12</b>	Marilyn Bennett and Naomi Erickson	Riche Baker, Scott Bartholomew, and Dave Simmering	Taylor Bartholomew	Clayton Bartholomew	Naomi Erickson and Beverly Bailey
<b>June 19</b>	Fran Victor & Clyde Pearce	Gary Fischer and Ryan Woline	Christina Woline	Paige Woline	Beverly Bailey and Steve & Kathy Vetter
<b>June 26</b>	Worship in the park	Worship in the park	Worship in the park	Worship in the park	Worship in the park

## **Meals for seniors 60+!**

Encore Express is **“your second call to enhance your health”**

This **NEW** and **INNOVATIVE** program features

Bi-monthly meals catered by Hy-Vee (coming soon!), Vouchers for meals at Hy-Vee

Suggested voluntary contribution of \$5.00 per meal, Evidence-Based Programs

(Chronic Disease Self-Management, Tai Chi, Stepping On and more), Nutrition Education & Counseling, and Opportunities to socialize

***To pick up meal vouchers and for additional information call Immanuel***

***Lutheran Church at (319) 653-3950. Or stop in on Tuesdays and***



**ENCORE EXPRESS**

**Heritage**

Area Agency on Aging

