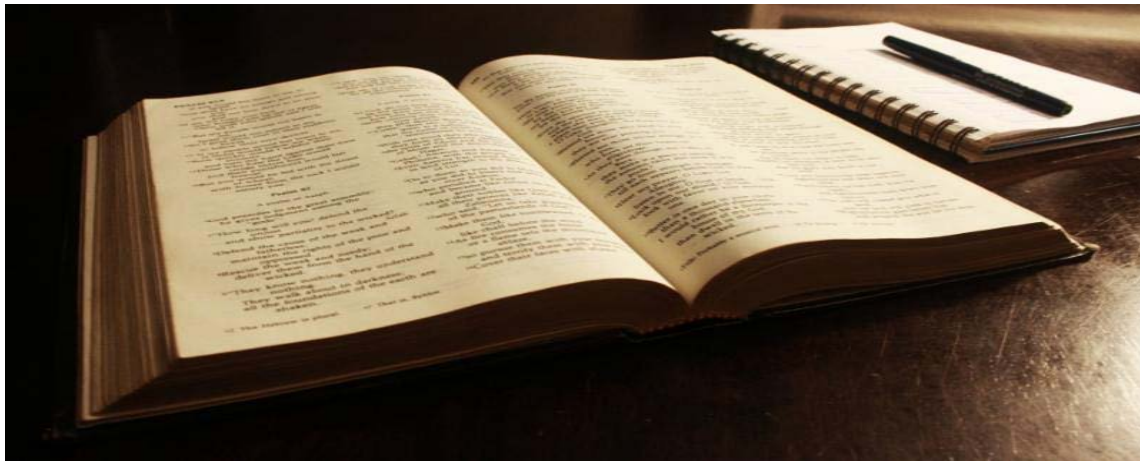


# Immanuel Lutheran Church May 2018 Newsletter



## FROM THE PASTOR... “BECAUSE OF YOU...”



Some people at Immanuel have asked me, “Scott, as a part-time pastor, what do you do on days when you’re not in Ceresco or visiting Immanuel’s members and friends in Wahoo or Lincoln?” Well, for those of you

who may not know, I am also a part-time fund development consultant with an Omaha-based consulting firm. I help non-profit organizations organize and conduct capital campaigns to raise millions of dollars for new programs that help people create new buildings and programs. Currently, I’m working with libraries in northeastern Kansas and central Nebraska as well as a kayaking group and a Habitat for Humanity chapter in Nebraska. I get to meet a lot of interesting people in that line of work. My most unique client, four years ago, was Alaska Family Services where I used to commute to Anchorage from Lincoln every four to five weeks to work up there for a year and a half.

One of the most important things that I’ve learned in fund development (or what some people call “fundraising”) work is to thank people who give. People enjoy knowing that they are making a difference in the lives of others. Heading through the Spring season at Immanuel, this is a good time for me to say “thank you” to all of you who are making a difference in the Ceresco area and throughout our world. Because of your generosity, we recently had about 30 teens who experienced a fun overnight lock-in at our church. Because of you, we hosted Dave Ramsey’s

*(cont’d page 2)*

“Financial Peace University” and helped a number of Ceresco area families and individuals get out from under debt or learn about stewarding God’s money more effectively. Because of you, there is a growing positive feeling among people in our community for Ceresco’s three churches and pastors working together in community worship, a Passover Seder meal shared during Holy Week, and Vacation Bible School in the summer. Because of you, our community of Immanuel is making a positive difference in the lives of children at Camp Carol Joy Holling near Ashland, countless people who are fed, clothed and housed through Lutheran World Relief, and other ministries Immanuel supports. YOU are making a positive difference in our world for Christ. Thank you.

I want to thank you for your gifts of time, talent and treasure to and through the mission of Immanuel. I am truly blessed to be a part of this faith community and privileged to be called your pastor. Thank you for being you and your generosity of time, talent and treasure.

“God is with us”... Immanuel... – Pastor Scott

# Youth Overnight Lock-In at Immanuel

April 13-14, 2018

“BACK TO THE FUTURE...”



Human Hungry Hippos Game using furniture dollies and buckets to get the balls for the teams



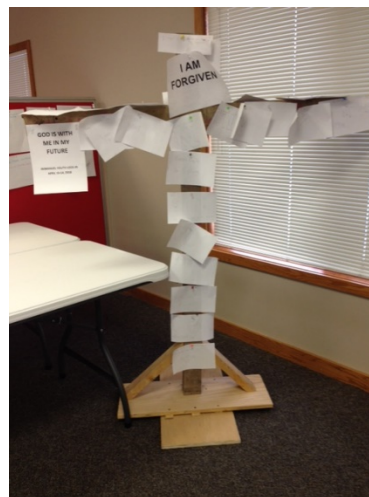
A “free-for-all” with small plastic balls after Human Foosball Game



How do you guys do that with no chairs under you? Amazing!



“Family Feud” Game



We put our futures on the cross during our “God Holds My Future” devotions around midnight



“Hey, Macarena!” Line dancing to the TV and laptop in the Fellowship Hall

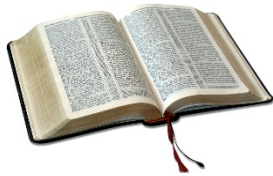


**NEW CHURCH CONSTITUTION WRITING IS  
PROGRESSING. NEXT TASK FORCE MEETING IS  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.**

The first meeting of Immanuel's Constitution Task Force recently met and we have begun drafting the congregation's new constitution as a LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) church. Any Confirmed members of Immanuel are welcome to attend the task force's meetings and share their opinions. The next meeting of the task force will be Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Immanuel's Fellowship Hall. If you would like to learn more about this important work and how it's progressing, please contact Doug Rudeen, Ray Otto, LeRoy Hanson or Pastor Scott. We hope to have the new constitution drafted as soon as possible for the congregation to approve it.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Our Sunday School for children and adults has just ended. As we head in to the summer months, we will be moving our worship time to 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings, beginning on Mother's Day, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please note the time change on your calendar. We resume our Fall worship schedule and Sunday School after Labor Day, in September.

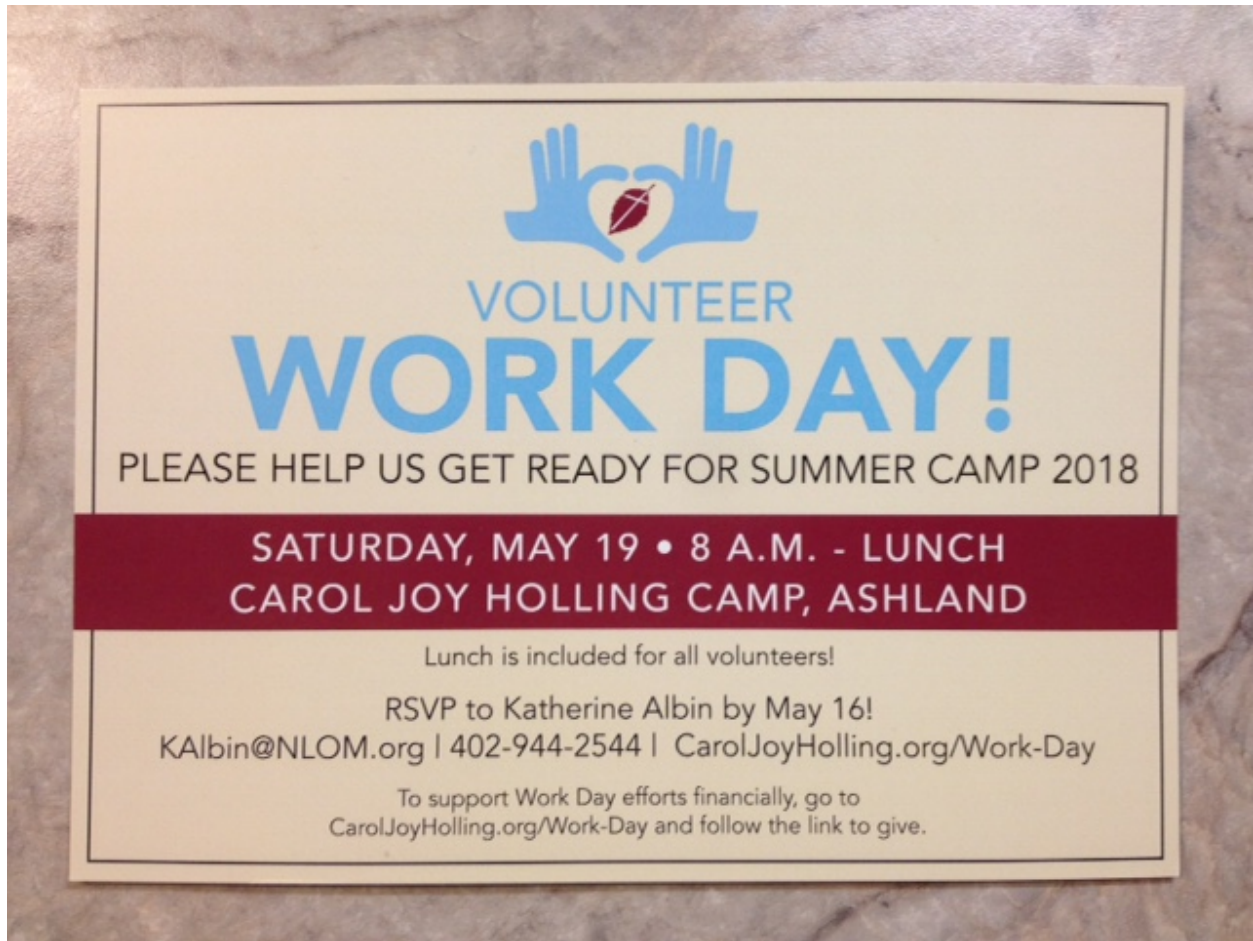


**PASTOR SCOTT'S SUMMER 2018 PREACHING SERIES**

Do you have a favorite book of the Bible or a topic that you would like Pastor Scott to preach and teach on this summer? A couple of Immanuel's members have mentioned to him that they are interested in learning more about the Book of Jonah (how do we witness our faith to others?) or the Book of Job (why does God allow suffering in our lives and in the world?). If you have a favorite book of the Bible or topic you would like our church to learn more about during our Sunday morning worship messages, please let Pastor Scott know by Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

**PLEASE KEEP THESE CHURCHES AND LEADERS IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS  
MONTH. THESE ARE CHURCHES IN OUR HEARTLAND DISTRICT OF THE LCMC  
(LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION FOR CHRIST):**

Week of May 6<sup>th</sup> – Lutheran Church of the Cross of Altoona, Iowa and Pastor Anenson  
Week of May 13<sup>th</sup> – Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Audubon, Iowa and Pastor Opp  
Week of May 20<sup>th</sup> – Elk Horn Lutheran Church of Elk Horn, Iowa and Pastor Menter  
Week of May 27<sup>th</sup> – Immanuel Lutheran Church of Harlan, Iowa and Pastor Nielsen



Come join us as we spend the morning at Camp Carol Joy Holling, just south of Ashland, to help set up and prepare the Bible camp for summer campers. The camp will provide a free lunch. Please RSVP to Katherine Albin at her e-mail or phone number, above. For those of you who have participated in this event before, you know how fun it is to work together for a great cause of encouraging children to grow in the relationship with Christ Jesus during camping season.

### **MAY CHURCH CALENDAR AT IMMANUEL:**

Tuesday, May 1 – Final Class and Pot-luck Barbeque for Financial Peace University at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 6 – Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, May 9 – Constitution Task Force meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 13 – Worship at 9:30 a.m. (note the time change)

Monday, May 14 – Church Council meets at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15 – Ceresco Area Pastors' meeting at Covenant Church at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 19 – Work Day at Camp Carol Joy Holling (Ashland) 8 a.m. thru lunchtime

Sunday, May 20 – Worship at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 22 – Saunders County Ministerial meeting in Wahoo at 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 27 – Worship at 9:30 a.m.



## Prayer List

Jerry Eastin (Health - Congregation)

Barb Hanson (Health – Congregation)

Andrea Christensen (Health – J Christensen)

Jessica Creger & son Zach (Health – J Boden)

Raegan Love (Toddler cancer – Rudeen)

Heather Lucht (Health – Hanson)

Calvin Liess (Health – Fredrickson)

Jan Schmeeckle (Health – Bevington)

Bob Boens (Health – Lonnie Boens)

Julie Hart (Health – Bible)

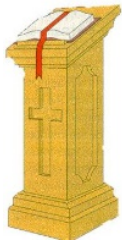
Kim Pearson (Health – L Pearson)

Dana Duffy (Health – Otto)

Russ Harms (Health – Olson)

The Ceresco Methodist & Covenant Churches

Trinity Lutheran Church in Dewitt



## MAY LECTORS

May 6 – Shannon Black  
May 13 – Suzy Fredrickson  
May 20 – Ray Otto  
May 27- Aaliyah Kreikemeier



## MAY USHERS

May 6 – Scott & Shannon Black  
May 13 – Ray & Jane Otto  
May 20 – Fran Freeman  
May 27 – Tim Wehland



### May Food Pantry

**\*\*\*PERSONAL HEALTH ITEMS\*\*\***

**Toothbrushes- Toothpaste**

**Dental Floss**

**Bars of Soap**

**Pump Bottles of Hand Soap**

**Shampoo & Conditioner**