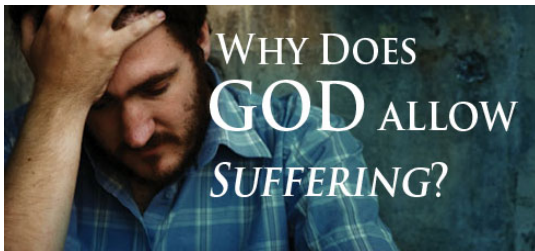


Immanuel Lutheran Church July 2018 Newsletter



Why does God allow suffering?

*Our Sunday message series
during July and August*

A great question to ask. Many of us experience suffering at one time or another in our lives.

In our personal lives, God can teach us what it was to hold on to His faithfulness during tough times. Many times in our lives we may have wondered why God allows suffering.

During July and August we will study suffering from the book of Job, in the Old Testament, during our Sunday worship services. We often wish we could run from suffering but that's not where we find true peace in life. God is found in the middle of our pain and suffering – not far away from it. Jesus knew what it was to fervently pray that His heavenly Father would take his suffering away from him as he sweat drops of blood in the Garden of Gethsemane before he faced the cross for us. He didn't want to die on the cross but God took him to the cross anyway. Jesus endured suffering for our sake and for the sake of the world. God knows what it is to suffer with us.

Beginning July 8th, join us at worship on Sunday mornings during July and August at our 9:30 worship services as we learn more about where God is found in our suffering and the suffering of others. Sometimes our suffering happens because we bring it upon ourselves. Other times it's because of situations we can't control. Through it all, God has a word for us to see His hand of care and love as He carries us through those tough times and is with us every step of the way.

"Immanuel"... God is with us... Pastor Scott



100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 11th at 7 p.m. at Immanuel

2019 will be a time for us to celebrate what God has been doing in the lives of those who have gone before us, what He is presently doing in our family of faith and will do in the century to come. Please join us for our next planning session on

Wednesday, July 11th at 7 p.m. as we make plans to celebrate this unique time in the life of our church. Please contact Jane Otto (402.525.2223) or Pastor Scott (402.499.4444) if you have questions or wish to be involved.



CERESCO DAYS PARADE FLOAT DECORATING
– July 5th at 6 p.m. in Immanuel’s parking lot

Come join us on Thursday evening, July 5th, starting at 6 p.m. to decorate our Ceresco Days float for Vacation Bible School (VBS). Our VBS theme this year and the theme of our float is “Bible Stories of the Storms” as we remember the stories of the Israelites who passed through the Red Sea with Moses,

when Peter walked on the water with Jesus during the storm, and the wise man who built his house on the rock. This year, the three Ceresco churches (Methodist, Covenant, and Immanuel) will be decorating one float together.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 16TH – 18TH AT
IMMANUEL AND THE METHODIST CHURCH

Immanuel members please plan to bring fruit “finger foods” (grapes, bananas, etc.) to share at the Sunday, July 15th lunch after our joint 11 a.m. community worship service at the Covenant Church.

Vacation Bible School will be Monday evening, July 16th through Wednesday evening, July 17th. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children will be at Immanuel from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. with Grades 1 through 6 at the Methodist Church from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The VBS closing program for all grades together will be Wednesday evening at the Methodist Church. Please contact Suzy Fredrickson, Tasha Kreikemeier, or Pastor Scott for more information.



During June we celebrated the baptism of the following new members of Immanuel:

Chase Anton Drahota, son of Hailey and Dane Drahota. **Baptized June 17th**

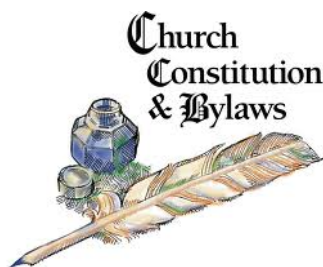
Keaton Cristoffer Anstey, son of Kaily and Josh Anstey. **Baptized June 24th**

Welcome to Immanuel's family of faith!



NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 24TH

Welcome to the new members who
joined Immanuel on June 24th:
Josh & Kaily Anstey and Donna Hansen



CHURCH CONSTITUTION UPDATE

Immanuel's Church Council, LeRoy Hanson, Ray Otto and Pastor Scott have been working on our new church constitution. A copy has been drafted and the Church Council will be sharing it with the congregation on Sunday, September 9th during a lunch after worship. Immanuel will be voting on approval of the new church constitution the following Sunday, September 16th after the worship service. More information about the new church constitution will be made available throughout the summer to Immanuel's members. Please note September 9th and 16th on your personal calendar as we discuss and vote on this important document for our church.

JULY CHURCH CALENDAR:



Sunday, July 1 – 9:30 a.m.: Worship at Immanuel

Monday, July 2 – 7 p.m. Vacation Bible School planning session at the Methodist Church for VBS Coordinators

Thursday, July 5 – 6 p.m.: Decorate parade float in Immanuel's parking lot

Friday, July 6 – 7 p.m.: Ceresco Days parade

Sunday, July 8 – 9:30 a.m.: Worship at Immanuel

Wednesday, July 11 – 7 p.m.- 100th Anniversary Planning Committee meets

Thursday, July 12 – 6:30 p.m. – Vacation Bible School planning session at Immanuel

Friday, July 13 & 14 – LCMC Heartland District Assembly at Lutheran Church of the Master, Omaha (please see the article in this newsletter for more information)

Sunday, July 15 – 11 am.- **Worship at the Ceresco Covenant Church** (Vacation Bible School Kick-off). Community Worship service. Lunch will be served after worship.

Monday, July 16 – 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School for Grades 1-6 at the Methodist Church

6:45 p.m. Vacation Bible School for PreK-K at Immanuel

Tuesday, July 17 – 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School for Grades 1-6 at the Methodist Church

6:45 p.m. Vacation Bible School for PreK-K at Immanuel

Wednesday, July 18 – 6:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School for Grades 1-6 at Methodist Church

6:45 p.m. Vacation Bible School for PreK-K at Immanuel

Sunday, July 22 – Worship at 9:30 a.m. at Immanuel

Sunday, July 29 – Worship at 9:30 a.m. at Immanuel

REMEMBER, THERE IS NO CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IN JULY

Annual Heartland District Gathering Schedule – July 13 & 14

Lutheran Church of the Master

1200 N. 181st Court – Elkhorn (Omaha)



Heartland District is a District of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). It is a geographical district, with member churches in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and South Dakota. As members of the priesthood of all believers, called by the Holy Spirit to confess the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in its purity, we give thanks for God's continual faithfulness. Through the Heartland District, we are uniting to carry out God's mission in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Our annual Heartland District gathering will be July 13th and 14th in west Omaha. Anyone from Immanuel is welcome to attend this inspirational event. For more information or to register to attend, please e-mail, mail or call Sandy Metz at lcmcheartland@gmail.com or 1441 Bills Drive, Ashland, NE 68003 or call 712.253.4625

Schedule for the LCMC Heartland District Assembly

Friday, July 13, 2018

6:00 p.m. Registration
7:00 p.m. Opening Worship with Holy Communion
8:00 p.m. Fellowship/Refreshments
Getting to Know One Another

Saturday, July 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Opening Devotions
9:15 a.m. Keynote Speaker Dr. Stephen Lien
10:15 a.m. Break/Refreshments
10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker
11:30 a.m. Nomination for Open District Council Positions
Noon—Break/Lunch at Church
1:00 p.m. LCMC Speaker Pastor Darrin Vick
LCMC Board of Trustees
2:00 p.m. Business Meeting
Election of District Council Members
2:30 p.m. Installation of Council
2:45 p.m. Closing Prayer & Benediction



OUR 'CHURCH OF THE WEEK' TO KEEP IN PRAYER

During July, please pray for the following LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) churches and their pastors in our Heartland District as, together, we serve Jesus Christ and share His grace and love with the world:

Sunday, July 1: St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Pastor Mary Findlay of Neola, Iowa

Sunday, July 8: Peace Lutheran Church and Pastor Nelson-Loefke of Sioux Center, Iowa

Sunday, July 15: Morningside Lutheran Church and Pastor Vick of Sioux City, Iowa

Sunday, July 22: Skien Lutheran Church and Pastor Bock of Sloan, Iowa

Sunday, July 29: Stratford Lutheran Church and Pastor Lambert of Stratford, Iowa

Prayer List

Jerry Eastin (Health - Congregation)

David Pearson (Eye Surgery - L. Pearson)

Kim Pearson (Health - L. Pearson)

Family & Friends of Vera Hansen as they mourn their loss

Family & Friends of Gunnar Holck as they mourn their loss

Isabella Girard (Comfort & Peace)

Andrea Christensen (Health - J. Christensen)

Jessica Creger & son Zach (Health - J. Boden)

Reagan Love (Toddler cancer - Rudeen)

Heather Lucht (Health - Hanson)

Calvin Liess (Health - Fredrickson)

Julie Hart (Health - Bible)

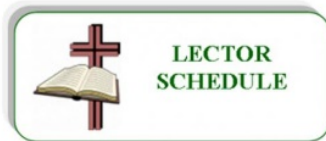
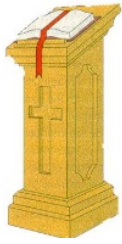
Karen Ludvik (Health - Otto)

Dana Duffy (Health - Otto)

Russ Harms (Health - Olson)

Our Heartland District LCMC Gathering in Omaha - July 13 & 14

Ceresco Vacation Bible School - July 16-18



JULY LECTORS

July 1 – Shawn Rudeen
July 8 – Suzy Fredrickson
July 22- Jane Otto
July 29 - Fran Freeman



JULY USHERS

July 1 – Doug & Shawn Rudeen
July 8 – Christie Bevington
July 15 – Scott & Shannon Black
July 22 – Ray & Jane Otto
July 29 – Fran Freeman



JULY FOOD PANTRY

*****CANNED VEGETABLES*****

PEAS~ CORN~ BEANS

TOMATOES~ CARROTS