

Immanuel Lutheran Church August 2018 Newsletter



Back to School

Some thoughts from Pastor Scott



Back to school... for some kids it carries a sense of sadness as summer vacation comes to a close. For other kids, it's a sense of excitement as they get to be with their friends and learn new things. For me, as a kid, I felt both ways when August rolled around. I was one of those kids who loved school but hated to see the months of summer fade away. This month, Raymond Central and other school districts will welcome students, teachers and staff back for a new school year.

This got me thinking... does learning ever really end for us? My grandfathers had an eighth grade education when they left school and then worked as farmers for most of their lives. They never graduated from high school but were some of the wisest men I knew when it came to being smart about life.

Next month, after Labor Day in September, Immanuel will have opportunities to learn for ages at our church. There will be our sermon series during Sunday worship, Sunday School for children and adults, Confirmation class for our eighth graders, plus the start of a new women's Bible study group. I continue to learn new things from people around me and life events that God allows to happen in my life. So, I guess learning never really ends for us – whether a kid or an adult. Life is interesting when we study God's Word, apply it to our life and learn from one another. God is with us...

Pastor Scott



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) WAS A SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who was involved in planning and working with this year's Vacation Bible School. We had almost 70 children attend July 16th-18th at our community's three churches came together to celebrate God's faithfulness and teach Bible stories of God being with us in the "storms of life". Immanuel hosted the PreK and Kindergarten children and the Methodist church hosted grades 1 through 6. The Ceresco churches have worked together in this ministry for about 45 years and it's a great way to reach children with God's Word in our area. If you would like to help with planning VBS for 2019, please contact Pastor Scott (402.499.4444) or a member of Immanuel's Education Committee (Kathi Johnson, Tasha Kreikemeier, Torie Oldfield or Suzy Fredrickson).

Some photos from Vacation Bible School 2018 **2018 Vacation Bible School Theme:** **"Bible Stories of the Storms"**



Making projects about the Bible story



Opening singing and lesson time



“Parting the Red Sea” by walking through balloons



Setting up for snacks

Thank you to everyone who helped in this ministry!

AUGUST CHURCH CALENDAR:

Sunday, August 5 – 9:30 a.m.: Worship at Immanuel (the Worship & Music Committee and 100th Anniversary Worship/Music Committee meets after worship today)

Sunday, August 12 – 9:30 a.m.: Worship at Immanuel

Sunday, August 19 – 9:30 a.m.: Worship at Immanuel

Monday, August 20 – 7 p.m.: Church Council meeting at Immanuel

Sunday, August 26 – 9:30 a.m.: Worship at Immanuel

2018 AUGUST						
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NEW CHURCH CONSTITUTION TO BE DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON BY IMMANUEL

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 discussing 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. Copies of the new proposed Church Constitution will be made available to Immanuel's members after the August Church Council meeting (Please note September 9th and 16th on your personal calendar as we discuss and vote on this important document for our church).



**NATIONAL LCMC CHURCH CONVENTION
OCTOBER 7-10, 2018 DES MOINES, IA**

This Fall, the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) will hold its 18th annual convention. Immanuel is part of an association of almost 1,000 Lutheran churches worldwide which seek to study and live out God Word in our communities and world. For more information about the convention or if you are interested in attending, please go online to https://www.lcmc.net/images/files/18_ag_registration_FINAL.pdf



OUR 'CHURCH OF THE WEEK' TO KEEP IN PRAYER

During August, 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 through our association of churches:

Sunday, August 5: Bethel Lutheran Church and Pastor King of Holdrege, Nebraska

Sunday, August 12: Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church and Pastor Tyler of Fremont, Nebraska

Sunday, August 19: Christ Lutheran Church and Pastor Degner of Blair, Nebraska

Sunday, August 26: Christ the King Lutheran Church and Pastor Groethe of Dodge City, Kansas



Prayer List

Jerry Eastin (Health - Congregation)

Andrea Christensen (Health – J Christensen)

Jessica Creger (Health – J Boden)

Raegan Love (Toddler cancer – Rudeen)

Heather Lucht (Health – Hanson)

Calvin Liess (Health – Fredrickson)

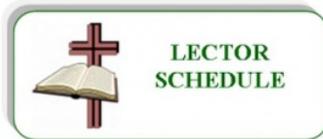
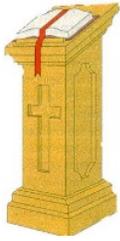
Julie Hart (Health – Bible)

Kim Pearson (Health – L Pearson)

Karen Ludvik (Health- Otto)

Dana Duffy (Health – Otto)

Russ Harms (Health – Olson)



AUGUST LECTORS

August 5 – Ray Otto
August 12 – Kristy Badburg
August 19 – Fran Freeman
August 26 – Janis Bible



AUGUST USHERS

August 5 – Dean & Kathi Johnson
August 12– Leroy & Barb Hanson
August 19 – Justin & Kristy Badburg
August 26 – Jon & Janis Bible



August Food Pantry

*****CANNED FRUITS*****

**Peaches, Pears, Pineapple
Apricots and Mixed Fruit**

2018-2019 SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Endowment Fund Scholarship program was founded by the congregation of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ceresco, Nebraska. Immanuel Lutheran Church established this special scholarship program to benefit students of the congregation. Immanuel Lutheran Church Endowment Fund strives to promote the love of Christ in word and action, and serve our donors with integrity, as together we change lives and spread joy by sharing our blessings the world.

Eligibility

- ✚ Eligible candidates must be members of Immanuel Lutheran Church and must be attending, or plan to attend, an accredited institution of higher education
- ✚ Candidates may reapply in successive years for scholarships available from this program.

Scholarship Awards

- ✚ Scholarship awards may be used only for educational expenses, including tuition, books, laboratory expenses, or other education-related expenditures that are approved by the Endowment Committee.

Scholarship Applications are available at <http://immanuelceresco.org/>