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**May 5: Worship at 10 a.m. with the
Green Lake BLUEGRASS BAND**
ALSO: 1st COMMUNION, Last Day of Sunday School Celebration,
Noisy OFFERING, PICNIC LUNCH FOLLOWING SERVICE

Congrats, 2013 Grads!

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The OUTHREACH
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 5 - 6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:00 a.m. . Coffee Fellowship/WELCA Meets
10:00 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
GREEN LAKE BLUEGRASS BAND LEADS MUSIC

1ST COMMUNION

SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH SING

**END-OF-SUNDAY SCHOOL
CELEBRATION & RECOGNITION**

NOISY OFFERING!!

11:00 a.m. Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

May 12 - 7th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship
BIBLE CAMPER BLESSING
10:00 a.m. Fellowship

May 19 - Day of Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship
GRADUATES TO BE HONORED

**OUTREACH ARTICLES DUE
QUILT AUCTION ENDS**

May 26 - The Holy Trinity

9:00 a.m. Worship/Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. Fellowship



DAY OF CELEBRATION MAY 5 AT IMMANUEL

May 5 will be a fun-filled day of celebration at Immanuel, with many activities and events! First of all, please note the change in our worship schedule for that day. Sunday School will start at 9 a.m., followed by worship at 10 a.m. The Green Lake Bluegrass Band will be leading our worship music. They will be starting prelude music at 9:45 a.m., so plan to come a little early and enjoy the sounds!

Coffee will be available downstairs at 9 a.m. for anyone who would like to come early for a time of fellowship. Our Sunday School kids will be sharing special music during worship, and we will have a noisy offering for the Sunday School. We will also be recognizing our Sunday School staff for the work they do all year, and six of Immanuel's children will be participating in their First Communion.

Following worship, everyone is invited to stay for lunch in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate all of the special events of the day and to gather together for a time of friendship and thanksgiving.

BLESSINGS & PEACE...

To Our First Communion Class

Six of our students will participate in First Communion Sunday, May 5, at our 10 a.m. worship service. We rejoice with these students: Cael Blom, son of Jeff & Leslie Blom; Mia Eisenbacher, daughter of Harold & Janelle Eisenbacher; Steven Lawver, son of Ross & Michelle Johnson; John Rasmussen, son of Paul & Angela Rasmussen; Brooke Schroeder, daughter of Blake & Lori Schroeder; and Skye Powers, son of Melissa Litzau.



CAMPER BLESSING

We will offer a special blessing for Immanuel's Bible Campers during worship May 12. If you are attending camp this year, please make plans to be at worship that day.

OFFICE HOURS

The **church office** is typically open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - Noon. Fridays from 9-11 a.m.

Pastor Kathy will be in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays, however, some of these times may be used for home visits. Please call ahead if you would like to meet with her.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Immanuel Lutheran Church: A Wonderful Legacy and a Bright Future

When I was in high school in Raymond, a few (?) years ago, we were known as the Hornets and in our conference were the Clara City Blackhawks, the Maynard Eagles, the Atwater Panthers, the Grove City Eagles and the Cosmos Royals among others. Now we have the MACCRAY Wolverines and the ACGC Falcons. It is fun to attend the games and see all the kids participating.

I went to church at Raymond Methodist which had a full-time pastor and the church was often full with people sitting all the way to the back. Now it is, of course, much smaller, but ministry continues under the leadership of an enthusiastic lay pastor. Things have changed as they will over time. My mother is fond of saying: "And time goes on as time will do." My grandmother, Bertha Rambow also used to say, "I don't know why they called them the 'good old days'-- there wasn't that much good about the work we had to do." She was always an optimist and saw the glass half-full, but she didn't miss chopping holes in the ice to haul water up to the house or all the physical labor that went into simple survival. In the last half of her life (she lived to be 99) she loved her washer and dryer!

The church today is also different from what many of us knew from our growing-up years. Changes in demographics, culture, and attitudes have had a huge impact. Young people today want to be "spiritual" but not necessarily "religious." Rather than complaining about the changes, we can look at the positive things. People are looking for a "faith that makes a difference." They don't want to just go through the motions, but they desire to have a faith that is alive and part of their everyday lives. They

are searching for meaning and a relevant faith that guides them in the many important decisions and choices that they make.

Of course, as Christians, we know that God's Word has always been relevant—it is amazing how contemporary it is! We know, that through hearing of the Word, the Holy Spirit works in our hearts to stir up faith. What is exciting is discovering the new and creative ways that we can involve people in becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ as they grow in their faith. While it is important to keep meaningful traditions, it is also important to realize that some of the old models of ministry do not work anymore. What is challenging and motivating at the same time is to work together to discover what does work. It is truly an adventure!

When I first came to Immanuel, I was struck by the beauty of the sanctuary. It is amazing to realize that the first part of the building was built in 1875 for \$2,200! In 1901 the Christ Statue (called the Thorwaldsen's Kristubild statue [Image of Christ]) was purchased for \$100. The beautiful tin was put on the interior in 1913. In 1922, the English language was used for the first time. Other historical facts of interest: in 1951 the name was changed from First Evangelical Church of Atwater to Immanuel Lutheran Church. The church was hit by lightning three times. The inscription above the altar (in Swedish) is from Psalm 93:5: "Holiness Becometh Thy House, O Lord". I thank John and Sharon Holm and others for the wonderful history they have written of the church.

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**JUNE
OUTREACH
DEADLINE**

June Outreach **articles are due** in the church office on **Sunday, May 19.**

We will be **folding** the June Outreach Wednesday, **May 29**, at 9:00 a.m. Helping hands are needed.

WELCA NEWS

Happy Mother's Day to all women!

Congratulations to all our Graduates! We have quite a group that Immanuel is sending out into the world. Go with God's speed!

The end of April, we found out the news of how many campers we will have attending our Bible Camps. WELCA does try to help with monies for each camper. Proceeds come from our Quilt Auctions.

Our faithful quilters have been busy over the winter months. The finished quilts will be out throughout May. Don't be afraid to outbid your neighbors - the money goes for a very worthy cause. Bid! Bid! BID!

The annual Hog Roast has been set for June 9. Be of good cheer when you are called from your service chairs. We will need workers, cooks, donations, etc. We appreciate any help that our Immanuel men can help out with.

We appreciate those whom are still sending in Love Offerings. This money does go out into our community for services they offer, to help them grow, like Block Nurse, Fire Department, Missions, Food Shelf, church friends in need, etc. If you have an idea of where we could be of help, let us know.

We will meet May 5 at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to decide how to disperse our offerings.

*Sisters in Christ, Linda Burns
WELCA Interim President*

**KITCHEN CLEAN-UP
GOES TO SERVING GROUP 3
FOR MAY & JUNE. LET'S KEEP
THE KITCHEN TIDY!**

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST TIMES

Our Sunday Worship is broadcast on Channel #8 every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

If you have a special request for a church service broadcast, please call 320.974.3388.



WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Morning Bible Study meets at Peaceful Thymes at 9:00 a.m. Thursday mornings.

QUILT AUCTION

Immanuel's annual silent quilt auction begins April 28 and ends May 19. Quilters have been working all year on many projects. Quilts and bidding sheets will be displayed in the narthex. Quilts make great graduation or wedding gifts! Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit Immanuel's youth.



Immanuel's Website is New & Improved!

Visit the church website to view The Outreach, Weekly Bulletins & The Monthly Calendar.

**www.immanuelatwater.com
email: imman@frontiernet.net**

**Other Helpful Internet Links:
Prayer Ventures:**

<http://archive.elca.org/prayerventures/>

Synod Update:

<http://www.swmnelca.org/html/Synod%20Update.html>

GLLM Retreats: www.gllm.org

GREETINGS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

April 18, 2013

Dear Partners in Christ:

In our recent Newsletter I mentioned that in the near future I would like to share with you about some of our recent seminary graduates in more detail. Today we are sending information about Rev. Kosuke Miyakawa. He graduated from the seminary and was ordained in March of 2013. He is currently 32 years old.

Kosuke was raised in a “half-Christian home.” His father was a Christian and his mother was not, but she always had a deep interest in spiritual and religious matters. He grew up in a family of four that included a younger brother. As a young child his parents entered him into a Christian kindergarten. As he got older he enjoyed being in church so he continued to attend Sunday School. At the age of 23 he wanted to declare his own faith in Christ and was baptized. At that point in his life he considered himself to be a weak person and yet he wanted to have a sense of security that he found in relating to Christ.

Once he graduated from high school, he found himself only taking time to enjoy himself, playing and goofing off. However after about five years of this kind of lifestyle he began to question what the meaning of life really was. He then remembered the power of Christ he had earlier experienced as a young child. Once he thought about his relationship to Jesus he experienced a great sense of relief about himself and his future. Kosuke then entered college and was in the theology department. While studying as an undergraduate he start to think about becoming a pastor.

In his four year at college he made a decision to do just that and entered seminary. Kosuke married his wife Makiko one day before his ordination. Talk about a big weekend! He had known Mariko way back from kindergarten and they had grown up together as children in the same church. Starting on April 1 of 2013 he was assigned by the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church to be pastor of a three-point parish in Kyushu, the southern most island of Japan. It is easy to see how God has had a hand on Kosuke's shoulder all through his life. We pray that he and Mariko can bring the Gospel to many people in Kyushu. Please see the pictures of Rev. Kosuke Miyakawa below.

**Peace to you all,
Jim and Carol Sack**



MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES IN ATWATER

The Samstad-Jensen American Legion Post #375 of Atwater will commemorate Memorial Day on Monday, May 27, 2013. The public is urged to join us to pause and reflect on those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and the cause of freedom for all people.

Schedule of Activities:

Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Thompson's Bakery for all Veterans and their families. Each person is asked to pay for their own meal. The Post Honor Guard will then proceed to the following cemeteries for a military salute over a departed Veteran's grave:

Oakside Harrison9:00 a.m.
St. John9:15 a.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran East.....9:30 a.m.
Rosendale UMC Cemetery10:00 a.m.
Union10:30 a.m.



At 11:00 a.m. there will be a program for the public at the Atwater Community Center. All Legion members, Legion Auxiliary and their families are invited to stay at the Community Center for a potluck dinner following the program. If you are staying for the potluck please bring a dish to pass.

A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The staff contains a sequence of notes: a quarter note (F#), an eighth note (G), a quarter note (A), an eighth note (B), a quarter note (C), an eighth note (D), a quarter note (E), and a half note (F#).	<h2>CHOIR NOTES</h2> <hr/> <p>Choir is done for the season so there will be no more Choir practice until fall - thank you to our faithful singers for coming to serve the Lord in song!</p>
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PROJECT HOPE FOOD BACKPACKS

Immanuel has volunteered to be responsible for filling the Project Hope Food Backpacks in May. These backpacks are distributed twice a month to families in need.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this project. The backpacks will need to be picked up at the ACGC High School Tuesday or Wednesday, April 30 or May 1 and again Tuesday or Wednesday, May 14 or 15. Backpacks will be brought to Immanuel. Food will be picked up at the Willmar Area Food Shelf. Once the backpacks are packed, they will need to be delivered to the appropriate school before 9 a.m. Friday, May 3, and Friday, May 17.

We will plan to pack the backpacks:

Wednesday, May 1 (we will start at 6 p.m.)

Thursday, May 16 (we will start at 1 p.m.)

If you can't be there right at our start time, come as soon as you can to help. The more hands, the quicker we can pack! There are rumors of some treats being provided, too! :-)

If you would be interested in helping, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

HOG ROAST DINNER



PLEASE COME!
Immanuel Lutheran Church's
Annual Hog Roast

When: Sunday
June 9, 2013

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Where: Atwater Community Center

Tickets available at the door.

Adults: \$7.00 - Children: \$3.00 (age 6-12)
Children 5 & Under: Free

Sponsored by WELCA.

All contributions will be given to
Immanuel's Christian Education Program.

Menu:

Barbecued Pork Roast With Sauce
Scalloped Potatoes - Fruit Salad & Pickles
Buns, Assorted Bars
Lemonade & Coffee

TASTE OF GRACE

Wine Tasting & Silent Auction



Benefits Green Lake
Lutheran Ministries.
Featuring the Green Lake
Bluegrass Band and food by
Regina.

Thursday, May 16 from 5-7
p.m. at the Glacial Ridge
Winery, Spicer. Tickets are
\$25.00 each in advance and
\$30.00 at the door.

Tickets available online, at
GLBC, Glacial Ridge
Winery, Faith Lutheran in
Spicer, Vinje Lutheran in Willmar, and
Bethel Lutheran in Willmar.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

FESTIVAL DAYS

Immanuel is planning to participate in several
Festival Days activities in June. We are looking
for volunteers to help with:

- Decorating a Parade Float
- Walking in the Parade June 15, handing out
pens, etc.
- Staffing a s'mores booth at the Chuckers game
Friday, June 14
- Helping to serve coffee and doughnuts before
the community worship June 16.

If you would be willing to help with any of these
events, please contact the church office so that
we can work on coordinating all our volunteers.

MAY DAY

The LAHBNP will host their annual May Day
celebration Wednesday, May 1, at the Atwater
Community Center from 2-4 pm. Those in
attendance will be entertained by various musical
selections from ACGC music students.

After their presentation, angel food cake with
strawberries and whip cream will be served.
Everyone is invited!

corner

Christian Education

first Communion

First Communion instruction will be Wednesday, May 1. This meeting will include both children and parents. We will learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion, and will make stoles that the kids will wear for their 1st Communion, which will be Sunday, May 5. A letter with more details was mailed out in late-April. If you have a 5th grader or older child who has not yet communed and did not receive a letter, please contact the church office.

NOISY OFFERING IS MAY 5, 10 A.M.

*Let's Make Some Noise
On The Last Day of Sunday School!*

vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is June 2-6 at Immanuel. We will enjoy a week at SonRock Kids Camp!

Registration forms are available at church. The fee is \$5/child (maximum of \$20/family). Please return your registration form by May 12 so we can plan for food and supplies.

We will have a program Thursday, June 6 and our "closing" event will be our worship service Sunday, June 9. VBS kids will be singing during worship that morning.

Christian Education Ministry Team Members

Harold Eisenbacher (*council rep*) ♦ Jaylen Rossell (*council rep*)
Barb Everson ♦ Janelle Eisenbacher ♦ Nick Rossell ♦ Shane Hagstrom

THANKS TO OUR TEACHERS!

The Christian Education Ministry Team would like to extend a thank you to our Sunday School teaching staff. You are all very much appreciated! Please take the opportunity to personally thank these teachers: PreK/K: Jacklyn Frericks, Tori Anderson; 1st/2nd - Miranda Borchert, Katie Peterson; 3rd-4th - Barb Everson; 5th-6th - Nick Rossell; Confirmation - Pastor Kathy, Shane Hagstrom, Jill Bengtson, Harold Eisenbacher

sunday School

Sunday, May 5, is our last day of the Sunday School year. Please note that we are changing our schedule that day. Sunday School classes will be at 9:00 a.m. Please go right to your classrooms that morning. Sunday School kids will be singing at the 10 a.m. worship service.

*****CAMP REGISTRATION REMINDER*****
YOU MUST BE REGISTERED WITH GLLM **BY APRIL 29** IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM IMMANUEL. All you need to do is fill out your registration form and send it to GLLM with a \$50 registration fee - you can also register online.

In order for us to get our payment made in time, we need to have our final camper numbers by this date. After April 29, you will be notified of the amount being paid by the church. Any additional camp payments can be made directly to Immanuel. If you have any questions, talk to Janelle.

ALL CAMPERS: Bible Camper blessing is May 12 during worship. Please plan to attend!

bible Camp Fundraisers

The "Book Sale" Bible Camp Fundraiser continues. Anyone who has gently used books that you are finished with (including children's books) is encouraged to donate books for our sale. **Cost: \$1/hardcover, \$.50/softcover.** Thanks for supporting our campers, and thanks to all those who have donated and purchased books. Check out the selection of books regularly!

confirmation Classes

Confirmation kids and mentors should plan to meet after worship one Sunday in May, June, July, and August. Fellowship events are also being planned and information will be sent to you when dates are announced.

9th Graders - You will be making confirmation stoles for your October confirmation. We will discuss this more in class.

christian education Calendar of Events

(watch for monthly updates!)

DATE	TIME - PLACE	EVENT
April 28		Youth Sunday - Sharing About Confirmation Retreat Experience
April 29		Deadline to Notify Immanuel of GLLM Camp Registration
May 1	Evening/Immanuel	First Communion Instruction Meeting
May 5	10 a.m./Immanuel	First Communion Sunday
May 5	10 a.m./Immanuel	Sunday School Kids Sing During Worship
May 12		VBS Registrations Due
May 12	9 a.m./Immanuel	Bible Camper Blessing
June 2-6	5:20-8 p.m./Immanuel	VBS Week
June 6	7:45 p.m./Immanuel	VBS Program
June 9	9 a.m./Immanuel	Joint Worship Service - VBS Kids Sing

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - April 10, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck Stranberg, Deb Mickle, Jaylen Rossell, Pastor Kathy Hartley, Harold Eisenbacher, John Hagstrom, Sue Bohn, Pat Walsh, Dean Nelson, and Jacklyn Frericks.

Meeting called to order by Chuck Stranberg. Devotions led by Deb Mickle. Minutes of last meeting approved. Treasurer's report given by Jacklyn Frericks, filed subject to audit.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Custodian & maintenance positions are on hold until Aug. 2013.
2. Call committee report given by Chuck. Committee met with a couple candidates. Nothing definite so far. The search continues.
3. Paul White from Thrivent visited council in regards to future investments of funds for financial returns.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council is looking for two candidates to attend the annual synod conference. Deadline is May 10th.
2. A motion was made to extend Pastor Kathy's contract for services by Harold. Seconded by Dean. Discussion. Contract has been extended for the term of three months. Unanimous vote.
3. A motion was made by Dean to raise the hourly wage of Immanuel Employees (excluding Pastor). Motion was seconded by John. Motion passed; one member abstained.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS: *Full reports, if available, can be found in the Church Office.*

Christian Education:

1. Discussion about switching worship and Sunday School times in the fall. Will meet with Worship and Music soon to work on details.
2. Last day of Sunday School celebration, 1st Communion, Noisy Offering May 5.
3. VBS joint worship service at Immanuel June 9.
4. Bible Camp registrations due 4/28, then campership money will be distributed. Camp Blessing May 12.
5. Working on a Milestone Ministry plan and schedule to start in the fall.

Building/Property:

1. Furnaces have arrived and are ready to be installed.
2. A motion was made by Dean and seconded by Pat to include two rooms left out of initial quote for carpeting installation in the upstairs west wing of the church. Additional cost will be roughly \$1000.00 to include Sunday school supply room and storage room. Unanimous vote.
3. A motion was made by Harold and seconded by Dean to paint the newest addition of the gathering area/Narthex. Unanimous vote.

Finance/Stewardship:

1. Received more donations for organ project. Organ Dedication Sunday April 14.
2. Financial report presented for March 2013.
3. Committee met to discuss extension terms of Pastor Kathy's contract; presented to council in new business above.

Worship & Music:

1. No report given. Did not meet between council meetings
2. Organ dedication Sunday, April 14, 2013.

Evangelism/Faith in Action:

1. Bluegrass Sunday May 5 - meal served following worship. Worship at 10 a.m. Council will provide bars and help serve meal.
2. Project Hope food packing will be 5/1 and 5/16.
3. Summer events planned include s'mores nights, parade float, softball event.
4. Pens and mugs to be ordered soon.

Personnel: Met and proposed raise for Immanuel employees, as stated above.

Youth:

1. Report given by Jaylen.
2. Easter breakfast was great; roughly 25 youth helped both days for breakfast
3. Served about 125 people and made a profit of \$450. Youth voted to give 10% of profit to the Atwater Ambulance Department.
4. Youth room has additional seating, new TV and DVD player, decorations for the walls, including youth photos, bible verses, posters, etc. Big thanks to Shane and Jase.

PASTOR'S REPORT: *Full report is available in the Church Office.*

The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Jacklyn Frericks, Acting Secretary

Council & Ministry Team Schedule

Council Meets: May 8, 7 p.m.

Devotions: Chuck Stranberg

Worship & Music: TBD*

Christian Ed.: Sun. May 12, 10:15 a.m.

Finance/Stewardship: TBD*

Property: TBD*

Evangelism/Faith in Action:

Sun. May 19, 10:15 a.m.

*Team Leaders, please notify the church office of your monthly meeting date and time so that information can be included in the Outreach.

MARCH OFFERING

General Fund

First Sunday	.....	\$4030.00
Second Sunday	.....	1741.00
Third Sunday	.....	1635.00
Fourth Sunday	.....	1871.00
Fifth Sunday	.....	3250.00
Total	.....	\$12,526.00

Building Fund

First Sunday	.....	\$140.00
Second Sunday	.....	950.00
Third Sunday	.....	0.00
Fourth Sunday	.....	0.00
Fifth Sunday	.....	10.00
Total	.....	\$1100.00

Organ Replacement Project

First Sunday	.....	\$335.00
Second Sunday	.....	205.00
Third Sunday	.....	155.00
Fourth Sunday	.....	240.00
Fifth Sunday	.....	2340.00
Total	.....	\$3275.00

Per Sunday

Average Attendance (per Sunday)	.....	124
Avg. General Giving (per service)	...	\$2505.00
Avg. Building Fund Giving (per service)		\$220.00

Offering Needed

Per Sunday	.....	\$3253.00
Per Month	\$14,095.00

Income for 2013 (excluding Organ Project)

Thru March	\$31,465.00
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Needed for Remainder of 2013 ..\$127,883.00

2013 Total Budget\$159,348.00

**please note that these figures do not
reflect all financial transactions*

YOUTH SUNDAY

The Immanuel Confirmation class traveled to Minneapolis April 20-21 to volunteer at the Marie Sandvik Center, a Christian-based, non-profit charitable organization providing for the material and spiritual needs of the poor living in the inner city. The students assisted the staff by helping with the Kids Club which included kids in kindergarten through 8th grade. They spent about three hours at the center, then enjoyed some time at the Mall of America and the YMCA. They had pizza and a Bible Study at their hotel, then attended Zion Baptist Church in North Minneapolis for their Sunday morning worship experience.

Thank you to Pastor Kathy and John Hartley, Harold Eisenbacher, and Jill Bengtson for serving as the chaperones for this trip.

The Confirmation Class will be leading our worship service Sunday, April 28, at which time they will be sharing more about their experiences on the retreat.

CONFIRMATION KIDS:
WEAR YOUR GREEN SHIRTS
FOR WORSHIP APRIL 28!

MISSING EQUIPMENT

The video camera and monitor from the church balcony are missing. If anyone has borrowed them or if you have any information about them, please contact the church office, or return them as soon as you can. They are both used each Sunday during worship. Thanks!

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

The Donna Grahn Memorial Scholarship, Martin Anderson Family Memorial Scholarship, Broman Scholarship, and Marv Otto Memorial Scholarship applications are available in the church office and must be submitted to Immanuel Lutheran Church no later than July 15, 2013. Scholarships will be awarded in early August.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Find us at [Immanuel Lutheran - Atwater, MN](#). We hope to use this site as a valuable outreach tool, and to post announcements and information. There are lots of great photos to see, and it is a great way to stay in touch with church events.



Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.



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**Confirmation
 Retreat
 2013**

ACGC GRADUATION

Baccalaureate:

Wednesday, May 22 - 7 p.m.

Graduation:

Friday, May 24 - 7 p.m.

ACGC Jr./Sr. High School, Grove City



OPEN HOUSES

Tori Anderson

Saturday, May 18

1-5 p.m.

305 East Rd. S. - Atwater

Jacob Peterson

Friday, May 24

**Following 7 p.m. Commencement
18699 127th Ave. SE - Lake Lillian**

Jacob Belgum

Saturday, May 25

12:30-3:30 p.m.

301 Ramsey Avenue W. - Atwater

2013 GRADUATES

If you are graduating from high school this year, please submit a graduation photo to the church office for our graduation bulletin board. Also, please write a few sentences about your future plans, including the following:

- Full name**
- Parents' names**
- Name of college you will attend** (if applicable)
- Intended major or course of study**
- Place of employment** (if entering the work force)
- Any other future plans you may pursue**

Please submit this information before May 1.

Pastor's Message - From Page 3

In reading the pages, one thinks not only about the physical structure but all the people who have worshipped here and have been faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Immanuel has had a wonderful legacy for over 140 years! The improvements and changes to the building keep going on. Just this past year, an \$86,000 pipe organ renovation project has been adopted and most of the money has already been raised—thank you Deb Mickle and others for all your hard work!

Also, if you haven't seen the new and improved youth room, please stop by. We are grateful to Shane Hagstrom for creating such an attractive and functional place.

The future also looks bright for Immanuel as the church and congregation have been preparing, for the last 20 months, for the calling of a new, full-time, permanent pastor to join the list of the many faithful who have served the church during its long history. Many changes have already occurred and many more are sure to come as the leaders seek God's vision for the future. There are so many dedicated and faithful lay people who give hours of their time and energy to the mission of the congregation. There are many vital ministries that are going on and many more exciting ones yet to come. It will be interesting to watch God work in the life of the people and the congregation. We praise the Lord of our past and of our future!

Pastor Kathy

Thanks to Dean Nelson and Nick Rossell for installing the wall-mounted television in Barb's Sunday School room! It is a great improvement for her classroom!

Thank You!

Thank you to the following people for helping to reset the piano in front of church: Gary Davenport, Gerald Schwartz, Greg Tauer, Joe Carpenter, Dale Ehrenberg, Veda Stockland and Lee Mickle. Your help is much appreciated!

Thank you for all your prayers and good will, concerns, cards and support after my recent knee surgery. Stop by for a thank-you hug sometime!

Ernie Frarck

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



Glenn Grahn

Thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Glenn Grahn. Glenn passed away April 6, and his funeral was April 11 at Immanuel.

Shonta Peterson

Thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Shonta Peterson. Shonta is the granddaughter and Goddaughter of Grace

Peterson. Shonta passed away April 12, and her funeral was April 17 at Faith in Spicer.

May God bring comfort and peace to these families during this time of grief.

BLESSINGS UPON OUR 2013 GRADUATES



The High School Graduates of our congregation will be acknowledged at our worship service and honored with a reception during coffee hour on Sunday, May 19. Please come and extend your best wishes to these young people of our church.

Immanuel's 2013 graduates are: Tori Anderson, daughter of Don & Kristine Anderson; Kendra Bengtson, daughter of Brad & Jill Bengtson; Miranda Borchert, daughter of Mark & Lissa Borchert; MiKayla Holm, daughter of Greg & Kim Holm; Jacob Peterson, son of Donn & Jan Peterson; Robert Rasmussen, son of Paul & Angela Rasmussen; and Shelby Schroeder, daughter of Blake & Lori Schroeder. May God guide and direct them as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

We rejoice that Jacie Augusta Behrends was welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism April 7. Jacie is the daughter of Amy Behrends and her sponsors are Amy & Rodney Ziehl. God's blessings to Jacie and her family!

Jacie Behrends

We rejoice that Kayden Lee Fuchs was welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism April 14. Kayden is the son of Brittney Naber and Dan Fuchs and his sponsors are Emily Naber, Hillary Naber, and Abbey Fuchs. God's blessings to Kayden and his family!

Kayden Fuchs



SAVED By Grace, CALLED To Serve.

Please remember to notify the church office of any corrections that should be made to birthdays, anniversaries, names, addresses, etc., so we can keep our files updated. Thanks!

MAY

- 5-1 Aliceson Stranberg
- 5-2 Emily Hintz
Derrek Evenson
- 5-3 Jerrel Hintz
Debbie Shoultz
Mark Hutchinson
Dan Rouser
Darin Stranberg
- 5-5 Lisa Naber
- 5-7 Deb Bergstrom
- 5-8 Barbara Everson
Gavin Garcia
- 5-11 Daryl Winkelman
- 5-13 Linda Burns
- 5-15 Daniel Evenson
- 5-16 Dennis Evenson
Denise Kragenbring
Staci Sing
- 5-17 T.J. Schwartz
Kala Kaehler
- 5-18 Mary Schwingler
- 5-19 Corey Buisman
Aaron Christensen
- 5-20 Veda Stockland
Sheri Marquardt
- 5-21 Shirley Frarck
Kyna Johnson
- 5-22 Pat Fluck
- 5-23 Samuel Rouser



- 5-24 Hannah Gomez
- 5-27 Joan Hedberg
- 5-28 Joshua Binger
- 5-30 Ron Garner
- 5-31 Jessica Miller
Shelby Schroeder

HOMEBOUND LIST

Please remember these homebound people with a visit, a card, or a special prayer to bring a little added sunshine into their lives.



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Celebrating *An Anniversary This Month*

- 5-2 Mark & Lissa Borchert
Gerald & Jennifer Schwartz
- 5-4 Gregg & Robin Kragenbring
- 5-6 Todd & Amanda Saue
- 5-8 Harold & Janelle Eisenbacher
- 5-16 Dwight & Karen Skillings
- 5-19 Mike & Kelly Bolton
- 5-25 Greg & Tracy Madsen
- 5-26 Brian & Sarah Evenson

May Assisting Schedule

Ushers Bob & Peggy Starz
Jo & Roger Holm

Communion Assistants

May 5 Roger Holm
26 Larry Stranberg

Lectors

May 5 Carol Hintz
12 Julie Madsen
19 Denise Kragebring
26 Elsie Potter

Greeters

May 5 Jerrel & Carol Hintz
12 Karen Soltis
19 Vivian Nelson
26 Doris Thompson

Acolytes

May 5 Jonathan Nelson
12 Kylie Rosenquist
19 Taylor Bengtson
26 Gabriel Eisenbacher

Altar Guild

Jacklyn & Justin Frericks

Offering Counter

Chuck Stranberg

Coffee Hour Servers

May 5 BLUEGRASS SUNDAY EVENT
12 *Paul & Angela Rasmussen
Greg & Tracy Madsen
19 *Dan & Cheryl Rouser
Mark & Lori Hutchinson
26 **TBD**
**We are in need of
volunteers to serve coffee
May 26. Please contact the
church office if you would
be available to fill in for this
day.*

June Assisting Schedule

Ushers Connie Halvorson, Doris
Thompson, Val Carlson

Communion Assistants

Jun 2 Chuck Stranberg
23 John Hagstrom

Lectors

Jun 2 Larry Stranberg
9 Connie Halvorson
16 Harold Eisenbacher
23 Rolayne Beerman
30 Linda Burns

Greeters

Jun 2 Elsie Potter
9 Dale Anderson
16 Roger & Janet Rossell
23 John & Carla Hagstrom
30 Jayde & Tracey Kalkbrenner

Acolytes

Jun 2 Jaylen Rossell
9 Holly Hoekstra
16 Kobe Holtz
23 Alex Hovey
30 Gabby Lawver

Altar Guild

Tracey & Jayde Kalkbrenner

Offering Counter

Pat Walsh

Coffee Hour Servers

Jun 2 Leroy & Linda Burns
Sharon Cramlet
Lynnae Schoultz
9 CHURCH COUNCIL
16 Gwen Anderson, Lisa Naber
Tracey Kalkbrenner
Justin & Staci Sing
23 Harold & Janelle
Eisenbacher
30 Ross & Michelle Johnson