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May 2023 Newsletter

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May Article

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Things are certainly getting greener. Everyone is getting busy with crops and livestock as the season changes. It is a blessing to live here in Wisconsin where we see the seasons change (sometimes back and forth in one day!) instead of a place where December looks just like June.

I am thinking now of everything happening in the church these days. Missions preparing for their trip, hearing the church organ some Sundays, confirmation and Sunday school, and the children in church. This church in Darlington is active and alive, mainly because of everyone's efforts to keep it going. We all have things we can do to help support and strengthen this church. Thanks to everyone who helps; if you want to do more, talk to the church leadership about where you can help.

Pentecost is the last Sunday of May this year, and that's a very special day for the Christian Church. That's the day that the Holy Spirit came down from heaven and landed on the heads of each of those present in the room, including the disciples and followers. The story is found in Acts chapter 2. We consider the day of Pentecost the birthday of the church. I hope each of us can feel the Holy Spirit land upon our heads and strengthen our faith and our bodies. As we pray and study scripture and discuss with each other, our understanding and faith can grow and strengthen our church as it strengthens each of us. Let it be so, Lord.

—Pastor Bill Whitford



CHURCH COUNCIL

The April Church Council meeting was held on April 19, 2023. Members Present: Roy Berrey, Fritz Hirsbrunner, Kerry Black, Nancy Slama, David Sutherland, Brandi Ruf Wepking, Jordan Hinderman,

and Sheila Siegler. Absent: Connie Ubersox.

Review and Repair of the Agenda –

The Council offered its condolences to Council member Connie Ubersox and family at the loss of her mother. Discussion of Canoe Fest was added to the agenda under New Business.

The Council approved the March minutes as presented and the Financial Report as presented.

Reports -

Pastor's Report – verbal report accepted.

President's Report – Roy Berrey updated the Council.

Christian Education Committee – The last day of Sunday School will be May 21st.

Building & Grounds Committee – Dave Sutherland gave an update on trying to get bids in line with items the Council wants to address.

Mission Team – The Biloxi trip is on schedule. The cinnamon roll and brat sale will be Friday, April 28th.

Stewardship Committee – will provide the church service on June 11th to cover for Bill Whitford's vacation.

EF & G Committee – getting ready for Confirmation and Senior Day in May.

Women's Guild – will host the luncheon for Marion Paynter's funeral. Fritz Hirsbrunner will be the guest speaker for the May meeting.

Worship Committee – June 10th coverage, confirmation update, summer hours will begin May 28th. Service time will change to 9:00 a.m.

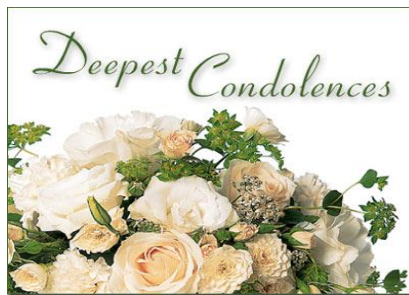
Old Business –

Nothing new regarding Humpty Dumpty.

New Business –

Canoe Fest – Discussion on walking in the parade, handing out candy, the interest is low. Roy Berrey will put something in the newsletter. Contact Jordan Hinderman if you are interested in coordinating a parade walk.

The next Council meeting will be Sunday, May 17th at 6:15pm.



OUR CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies go out to the family of Carol Martin, who passed away March 31, 2023, and to the family of Marian Paynter, who passed away April 16, 2023. Our hearts go out to you, and we will always remember the happy memories we have in knowing both Carol and Marian. May those memories bring you joy.



SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS

Immanuel UCC has been asked if we would like to participate in two summer events. The first is Canoe Fest in Darlington the week of June 5th. Some of the options are parade entry, a food booth, or an information booth. If a group or

committee would like to participate, representing IUCC, please let the council president know.

Mineral Point Gospel Festival will be held in Mineral Point on June 17 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. The festival committee will be presenting music and providing food during the festival. They have offered space to area churches for church information and/or sell deserts as a fundraiser. They ask that 10% of the sale of deserts be donated to the festival committee to cover some expenses. If a group or committee would like to participate, representing IUCC, please let the council president know.

IUCC Council
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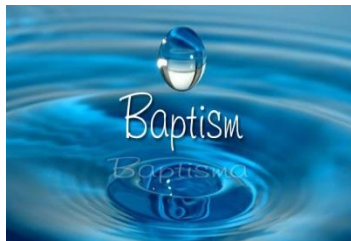
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Just a reminder that the last day of Sunday School will be May 21st. Sunday School will resume on September 10th.



SUMMER CHURCH SERVICE HOURS

Summer hours for Sunday church service will be 9:00 am for Immanuel UCC. They will start on Sunday, May 28 and end on Sunday, September 10.
Worship Committee



BAPTISM

On Sunday, April 23, 2023, Charlee Stauffacher, the daughter of Eric and Dana Stauffacher, was baptized on April 23, 2023 at Immanuel. Immanuel would like to welcome Charlee and sends blessings to her and her family.

FYI - I was asked if I knew how many Stauffachers were baptized at Immanuel. So, of course, I had to look. I could only find books back to the 1940's, but counted 33 people baptized with the last name of Stauffacher, and parents who are connected to the Stauffacher name. That is pretty wonderful.

Betty Williams - Historian



MARCH 2023 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	March 2023	Budget	Year to Date 2023	Year to Date Budget
Contributions/Other Revenue	\$ 5,739	\$ 7,938	\$ 26,176	\$ 23,889
Expenses	<u>\$11,631</u>	<u>\$10,508</u>	<u>\$ 22,077</u>	<u>\$ 21,304</u>
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ (5,892)	\$(2,570)	\$ (4,098)	\$ (2,585)



CONFIRMATION

There will be confirmation at Immanuel on May 14, 2023 during the worship service. The Confirmands are: Marcus Kendall, Brett Jenson, Trace Jenson,

Rosie Reuter, Jaci Kammes, Sloan Glendenning, Dante Glendenning, Max Martin and Kendyl Ruf. A big THANK YOU to Jean Stauffacher for helping out and to Betty Williams for providing the history and ancestry of our church and church families.



MOTHER'S DAY

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers on May 14th. Wishing you a happy day with your family.



GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

Congratulations to Jenna Meier. She is a senior at Black Hawk high school, and she is their valedictorian. She plans to attend Edgewood College pursuing a nursing degree. Best of luck to Jenna as she enters the next stage of her education.



WOMEN'S GUILD

Our next Women's Guild meeting will be on May 10th beginning at Noon. Our very own Fritz Hirsbrunner will be giving a slide presentation on the different types of cardiac disease. The presentation will follow lunch. We encourage both the ladies and gentlemen to attend as this will be a very

informative program for everyone's health. Our monthly meeting will be held after the program.

A reminder to everyone that coffee hour will end for the summer starting Memorial weekend and will resume the 1st Sunday after Labor Day.

Thanks
Debbie Loken
Women's Guild President



PASTORAL CARE

If you know of any church member that would appreciate a pastoral visit, please let Janice Ruf know and she will follow up with the contact. You can contact Janice at 608-553-4182.



MEALS ON WHEELS

A big THANK YOU to the following people who helped deliver meals:

Randy Loken
Marjean and Dave Sutherland
Janice Ruf and Janette Steger
Colleen Williams
Ric and Linda King

Thank you,
Diane Ritchie



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 10 – Women's Guild Meeting at noon.

May 14 – Confirmation during worship
Mother's Day

May 17 – Church Council meeting at 6:15pm.

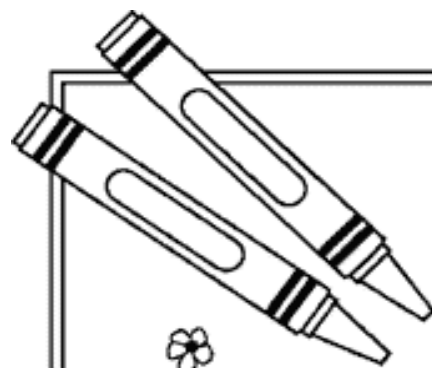
May 21 – Last Sunday of Sunday School

May 22 – Deadline for June newsletter articles

May 28 – Summer worship hours start with worship at 9:00

a.m. and fellowship hour after worship.

May 29 – Memorial Day








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










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













Isaiah 35:1-2


















One sign of spring and rebirth is the appearance of flowers and plants in our yards, woods, fields and gardens.















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







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















             















                


















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MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st Debbie Loken
 4th Bill Whitford
 5th Betsy Wiegel
 7th Spider Fromader
 8th Angie Hinderman
 9th Oakley Duerst
 Violet Winkler
 10th Rosalie Winkler
 15th Paul Badertscher
 19th Abigail Reuter
 27th Lauren Gleason
 28th Ed Wiegel
 29th Jeanie Schadewalt
 31st Scott Glendenning

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

2nd Keith & Marilyn
 Siegenthaler
 24th Dean & LuAnn
 Monson
 25th Kevin & Wendy Leahy
 Deana & Stu Soper
 26th Fritz & Jane Hirsbrunner



Deadline for the
 June newsletter
 articles is **May 22,**
2023.



MAY LITURGISTS

7th Janice Ruf
 14th Sheila Siegler
 21st Brandi Ruf Wepking
 28th Joan Blaser
 June 4th – Steve Siegler