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IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

AUGUST 2023 Newsletter

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CHURCH COUNCIL

The July Church Council meeting was held on July 19, 2023.

Members Present: Roy Berrey, Fritz Hirsbrunner, Kerry Black, Brandi Ruf Wepking, Sheila Siegler, Nancy Slama, Dave Sutherland, Connie Ubersox.

Absent: Jordan Hinderman

Review and Repair of the Agenda: item added to New Business.

The Council approved the Minutes from the June meeting as presented.

1. Reports

- a. **Financial Report** – was approved by the Council as presented.
- b. **President Report** - American Flag in sanctuary, we already approved a flag in the fellowship hall. The Council approved tabling this issue until a settled pastor is found.
- c. **Christian Education Committee** – need for teachers
- d. **Building and Grounds Committee** – Parsonage – new pastor and wife like the house as it is with a few minor changes. Congregation will get together next Wednesday and clean the house/complete minor updates.
Fellowship Hall - Discussed the project for the fellowship hall rear outside siding and door replacement. The Council approved to accept Allendorf's estimate of \$14,279.00 for the back door and siding project.
- e. **Mission Team**- leaves 3 am July 29th for Biloxi, MS.
- f. **EF & G Committee** – working on the Over 80 party for August 9th.
- g. **Woman's Guild** - Over 80 lunch August 9th, Guild will pay for updates to the parsonage.
- h. **Worship Committee** - Hymn sing this Sunday in fellowship hall; guest pastor on the 29th; Gospel Music Sunday, Roy Berrey will reach out to Steve Siegler and Tana Risseeuw for assistance.
- i. **Search Committee** – discussed new pastor candidate.

2. Old Business

- a. **Leadership Forward** – Tabled for future.
- b. **Radon in basement** – Tabled until future time.

3. New Business

- a. **Gift** – Roy Berrey will send a note to groups asking for help determining how to use the gift Rodney Lindell has left to IUCC in the amount of \$4,000. This should be used for something that will enhance the church.

The next Council meeting will be August 16, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone that sent cards, phone calls and brought food to the house during Al and my surgeries. We really appreciate it all. Thanks again!

Al and Janice Ruf



OVER 80 PARTY

Just a reminder of the Over 80 Birthday Party Wednesday, August 9th at noon. We will have lunch and a program to follow with Joe Boll as the main speaker, talking about the history of Darlington. Everyone is welcome to come for the lunch and stay for the program.

Thanks,
EF & G Committee



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

Immanuel is in need of Sunday School teachers this fall. We are hoping to start Sunday School on Rally Day which is September 10th at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Brandi Ruf Wepking at brandi.ruf@gmail.com, or call Brandi at 608-726-1476, if you are interested in being a Sunday School teacher.



RALLY DAY

September 10, 2023 has been chosen as Rally Day to kick off Sunday School at Immanuel. More information will be coming in the next newsletter. Mark September 10th on your calendars so you can attend Rally Day!



AUGUST WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The Women's Guild annual lunch get together was held at the Darlington Country Club on July 19th. We had a wonderful turnout and a fun time was had by all the ladies.

The Women's Guild voted to donate \$1,000.00 towards items and clean up needed at the parsonage for our new pastor. Also, we voted to pay for the food that will be provided at the Meet and Greet for the new Pastor and his wife.

The Over "80" party is on August 9th at noon. Joe Boll is going to be the guest speaker. He will be talking about Darlington history. Lunch will be provided.

Debbie Loken
Women's Guild President



AUGUST WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship service on July 23 was a hymn sing. Judging by the voices raised in song, it was a huge success. We didn't realize that we knew so many great songs to sing. We look forward to the next one.

Worship services in August will have Pastor Larry doing the services August 6 and 13. It is always good to have him among us with his wonderful message. August 27 will be a Gospel service. So, put on your calendar to be there and bring your friends. Also, bring your singing voice.



June 2023 Financial Information

	June 2023	Budget	Year to Date 2023	Year to Date Budget
Contributions/Other Revenue	\$ 6,675	\$ 5,158	\$ 52,069	\$ 44,623
Expenses	\$ <u>4,032</u>	\$ <u>5,688</u>	\$ <u>35,153</u>	\$ <u>35,118</u>
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 2,643	\$ (530)	\$ 16,916	\$ 9,505



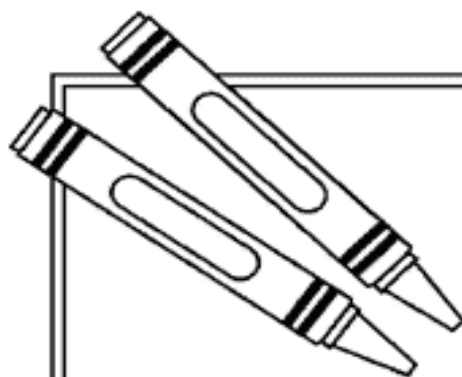
PASTORAL CARE

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 9 – Women's Guild Over 80 Birthday Party at noon.
August 16 – Church Council Meeting at 6:15 p.m.
August 21 – Deadline for September newsletter articles
September 10 – Rally Day Sunday for Sunday School.
 Sunday School will start at 9:00 a.m. Worship services will start to 10:00 a.m.



Just for KIDS

Biblical Couples

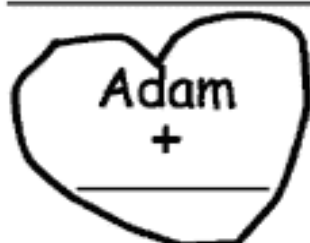
Here are some couples found in the Bible. The husbands' names are given. Find the wives in the list. Use the verses to help.

Hannah
Zipporah
Drusilla

Rachel
Bathsheba
Priscilla

Mary
Sarah
Sapphira

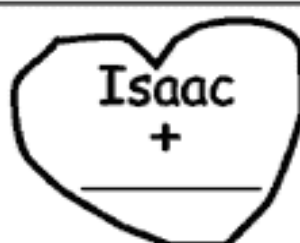
Rebekah
Elizabeth
Eve



Genesis 3:20



Genesis 17:15



Genesis 24:67



Genesis 29:28



Exodus 2:21



1 Samuel 1:8



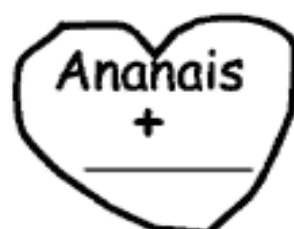
2 Samuel 12:24



Matthew 1:18



Luke 1:5



Acts 5:1



Acts 18:2



Acts 24:24



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Danielle Duerst
11 th	Sandi Reichling
15 th	Marcus Kendall
17 th	Brandon Hardt
	Jay Lancaster
18 th	Jenny Jenson
20 th	Peggy Moest-Lancaster
22 nd	Jared Reuter
26 th	LuAnn Monson



Deadline for the
September
newsletter
articles is

August 21, 2023.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



4 th	Matt & Jolene Ubersox
6 th	Tom & Betsy Ellefson
12 th	Bernie & Nancy Ruf
14 th	Bruce & Jenny Jenson
17 th	Steve & Sheila Siegler
22 nd	Don & Janis Ruf
23 rd	Wayne & Joanne Krebs
27 th	Ed & Betsy Wiegel
28 th	Kerry & Kate Black



AUGUST LITURGISTS

6	Pam Hardt
13	Amy Ruegsegger
20	Joan Blaser
27	Janice Ruf
Sept. 3	– Judy Huntington