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August 2018 Newsletter for
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It is with mixed emotions that we say farewell this month to Katie Wegner. What a blessing she has been to Immanuel Lutheran Church and Day School for the past eleven years. First as an Intern, and then as our Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Katie has faithfully served, touching the lives of God's people of all ages, ILC members and beyond. We thank God for Katie,

who also brought Brent into our life of fellowship and service at Immanuel, and together they blessed our church family with Naomi. Their beautiful family, their devotion, gifts, and positive energy for ministry will surely be missed.

Nevertheless, we say farewell with tears of joy and big smiles on our faces. As Katie has blessed our ministry at Immanuel, she now embarks upon a life of service to the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a joy to know that she will serve her year of Internship with our neighbors at Hutto Lutheran Church. And what a joy and celebration it will be when she graduates from Luther Seminary next year and becomes an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. ILC members, I know that you are beaming, just as I am.

As advertised, there will be a special sending service for Katie, Brent, and Naomi on Sunday, August 12, at 11:00 a.m. This will be the only worship service that day. The congregation is invited to a luncheon honoring the Wegners following the service. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. They will remain in our hearts and in the holy communion of saints each time we thank, praise, honor and serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we gather and worship, grow in the Word, and serve God by serving people.

Pastor Tom

Buenas Dias Hermanos en Cristo. Greetings from Chile. My wife and I first want to say thanks. Thanks for letting us serve Christ in this way on your behalf. Our bond with you my family at Immanuel is helping people all over the world. You and I together are....

- Keeping the Great Commission by baptizing and teaching.
- Raising up future leaders so that our work and contributions have sustainable impact on the community.
- Giving vulnerable individuals and families additional opportunity by guiding them to open doors and giving them the tools for success.

It took many partners to get me to my departure goal. Now, to complete my annual budget. Your gifts will do things like buy food for my wife and I, help me buy materials for projects and education. Also, buy basic things to help make our house a home.



Blessings to you all. I think my next greatest life experience will be the feeling of coming back to see you all in about 18 months with my wife and the pride we will all feel as we reflect on the mission together as well as the old times we had and the love of Christ that continues grow in our lives, and will be our bond in heaven.

Aaron Farrow

Tired and Retired got together with 26 present to continue celebrating our nation's beginnings. We were led in several patriotic songs by Pastor Tom. The June door prizes were won by Robert Boehm, Atlan Pfluger and Don Wiederhold. In honor of Father's Day all of the June prizes went to Dads. The July door prizes were won by Pat Roughton, birthday, Jean Pfluger and Marilyn Lorfing.

Won't you join us on Wednesday, August 8th at 11:30am, for another delicious potluck. We will be recognizing the following August birthdays: Annyce Bohls, James Bohls, Trelton Bohls, Sue Bryant, Bob Byrdson, Susan Cox, Chris Dungan, Kathy Dungan, John Franklin, Gary Glass, Luanne Gytri, Julia Hebbe, Glenn Herzog, Melissa Hodgson, Charles Kleen, Joan Kotal, Terrance Krause, Vernice Krueger, Pat Luedecke, Sandra Meyer, Susan Mitchell, Diane Moellenberg, Winnie Mae Murchison, Nathzele Pfluger, Walter Randig, Peggy Roberts, Wayne Saegert, Faye Schott, Jane Schroeder, Hugh Smith, Sherry Sullivan, Pat Weiss, Betty Wicklund.

Women Of The ELCA

Lutheran World Relief: In August stores will stock school supplies in anticipation of back-to-school. Your back-to-school shopping could help a child in another country and is a great time for you to help us gather supplies for Lutheran World Relief school kits. Donations may be left in the WELCA room. Each kit includes:

- Four 70-sheet spiral notebooks (wide or college ruled)
- One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with inches and centimeters
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One box of crayons (16 or 24 count) One 2 1/2 inch eraser

We will appreciate your support of this project. Thanks!

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will hold its next meeting at 9:00 am on Saturday, August 11th, in the lower narthex. Please join us as we knit and crochet shawls, scarves, and other projects of service. No experience required - just a willing heart! Contact Bonnie Sassman at bsassy55@aol.com or Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com for more information.

WELCA Salad Supper: The Women's Annual Salad Supper will be Thursday, August 2nd at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. The congregation is invited to attend. Our speaker will be Megan Freudenberg with additional information on her trip last year and this coming year's trip. Monetary donations will be accepted and appreciated to assist Megan with her expenses while serving next year as a teacher of English and religion at a Lutheran school in Serbia.

Stewardship Committee: Everyone has been asked the question, How many ??? does it take to change a light bulb? How about this question, How many ILC members does it take to assist with worship on Sunday mornings? Answer.....approximately 17-21 per a 3 service Sunday. Are you willing to be a part of the answer? You get to choose either a reader, usher/greeter and/or communion assistant, which service and which Sunday(s). Have never done this before, no worries, there will be training for each position. Please prayerfully consider answering the question with YES, where do I sign up? We need YOU!

Mini-Treasurer's Report:

General Fund		
Balance 6/22/2018	\$	73,291.51
Income 06/22-07/20		36,694.39
Expenses 06/22-07/20	-	80,058.01
Balance 07/20/2018	\$	<u>29,927.89</u>

Building Fund Balance 07/20/2018 \$ 125,322.73

Day School:

Balance 06/22/2018	\$	92,159.41
Income 06/22-07/20		127,167.14
Expenses 06/22-07/20	-	148,271.98
Balance 07/20/2018	\$	<u>71,054.57</u>

Anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the church in memory or honor of a loved one, may choose from the following funds:

- Garden of Prayer/Labyrinth Fund
- Cemetery Endowment Fund
- Pre-Theological Fund
- Technology Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- Food Pantry

"Blue Star Prayers"

Our United States is defending Freedom in many parts of our world today. Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers.

Daylon Hethcock US Navy	Justin Steffek, Msgt. US Air Force	Chase Bowden Serving in Iraq
Cyndi Motloch's Grandson	Marie Randig's Grandson	Paula Bowden's Son
Dan Dye Tx. National Guard	SSG Larry Jameson US Army	Cole Elliott US Navy
Pat & Jan Dye's Son	Bradley Jameson's Father	Yvonne Zimmer's Grandson
Elliott Bo Burns, Maj. US Army	Justin Hoffman, Col. US Air Force	Patrick Roberts, St/Sgt US Air Force
Willie Mae Burns' Grandson	Bob & Patti Hoffman's Son	Peggy Roberts' Grandson
Michael Wayne Green, Capt. US Marine Corp.	Michael Bradshaw US Air Force	Matthew R. Tiemann, Capt. US Marine Corps
Wayne & Aileene Saegert's Grandson	Glenn Herzog's Grandson	Rob & Carrie Tiemann's Son
Johnathan Edwards US Army	Kelsey Westman, 2nd Lt. US Army Reserves	
Beverly Wolff's Grandson	Betty Wicklund's Granddaughter	

We would like to thank everyone for the love, concern and kindness you have given our family during the loss of our loved one Norman. All your thoughts and prayers have given us so much comfort. We pray that God will bless and keep each one of you in His loving care.

The Family of Norman Weiss

Our Immanuel Family: Words cannot express all the love and kindness shown to us at the passing of our dear Otto. We would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers, calls, cards and memorials during this difficult time. God bless each and everyone of you.

The Family of Otto Werchan

Official Acts:

Marriage: 6/30—Stephanie Thompson
Adam Nations

Deaths: 7/17—Otto Werchan

Food Pantry News for June

Number of clients assisted—88
Number of Family Members—308
New clients included—5
Pastors Fund assists—



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last few months the number of "lasts" has been getting more and more frequent. We have known that my 'good-bye' to Immanuel was coming for some time, but that certainly doesn't make it any easier. Summer months are busy and I am traveling with our young people frequently and in some odd way, that's just the way I think it is most fitting to be; deeply immersed in relationship with our young people experiencing life changing and faith forming moments!

I could fill pages and pages with thanks to so many people and groups of people. Yet, as my days serving you all come to an end, 'thank you' just doesn't seem adequate. There are not quite words for me to pull together to express what this place and the people of Immanuel have meant to me over the last 12 years. I was just an 18 year old kid who was offered an opportunity in college - thank you for taking a chance on me.

When I think about my time here I consistently come back to the way that this place has been such a gracious place of formation for me. This was the place that was the fertile ground for me to experience God's call on my life for Word and Sacrament ministry. If I leave you with one encouragement, it is to continue to seek ways to raise leaders up for the Church. Immanuel has been that place for many others before me and I am confident will continue to be for others after me.

This place quickly became my home away from home when I was at Concordia University and as I got married and had a child it truly became my home; in some semblance of a way it always will be. You have given so much of your love to me and Brent, but especially to our sweet girl Naomi. Every parent needs a village and needs a community of faithful people around them to love their kid. You did that fiercely and unconditionally for Naomi and we are deeply grateful.

If I had to choose just one way, I am most thankful for the way that you all have invited me and allowed me to be a part of some of the most sacred times in your life. I've watched families grow from 0 kids to 3 kids. We have sat together watching sports events and band concerts. You've trusted me to travel all over the US and to Puerto Rico with our youth. I've prayed with you at hospital bedsides and commended your loved ones to their earthly resting place. You did not have to allow me into those moments but you did. We experienced those sacred moments together and now have living testimonies to the power of the living God and the power of the Spirit.

The days, weeks and years ahead will be filled with much transition for ILC. As Jesus said many times, "Do not be afraid, Peace be with you." Indeed Immanuel, God with Us, will guide this congregation and will guide its leaders. Believe that. Trust that. Encourage one another in that.

I give God thanks for all of you every time I think of you - the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

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Katie Wegner

August Youth Calendar

August 1 - Poolside Parables at the Coleman Residence

Email Katie to RSVP and get details. Incoming 6-12th graders

August 12 - Backpack Blessing

Note one worship time at 11:00am. Invite friends and neighbors, bring your backpack!!

August 13 - Movie Night Monday

Dinner @ 5pm, movie starts at 5:30pm. Parish hall, all are welcome.

From Your Church Council

Council had another short meeting in July. We reviewed written reports from Pastor Tom, Treasurer Kenneth Adix, and other staff and committees. These reports are on file in the church office, and are available for review.

August 12 will be Katie's last Sunday at Immanuel before she begins her internship at Hutto Lutheran. There will be a luncheon following the late service that Sunday to thank Katie for her years of service, and to wish her farewell and Godspeed as she begins her year of ministry in Hutto. There will be a place at the luncheon to leave cards and gifts for Katie. If any groups would like to participate in the afternoon's festivities, please contact Devorah Jakubowsky.

On August 19, we will hold a special offering to support Aaron Farrow in his mission work in South America. For those who may not remember, Aaron served as our Youth and Family Ministry Intern a few years ago.

I close by repeating my invitation to attend committee and Council meetings each month. The meeting times and places for several committees are listed below. If you're interested in a group or committee that isn't listed, please contact the church office and you will be put in touch with a member of that group or committee.

Long Range Planning - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., Lower Narthex
Day School - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., Conference Room
Stewardship - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., Lower Narthex
Worship and Music - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m., Parlor
Parish Education - 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., Parlor
Congregation Council - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

Yours in Christ,
Chris Rankin
Council President

Church Mouse Program.....is ready to kick off another year. Our goal with the ILC Church Mouse program is to remind our college kids that God is good and present in their lives and that we as their church family are here for them - praying and encouraging as they pursue their dreams. College students and interested Church members, please pick up a form in the Narthex, fill it out and return to the folder or to Melissa Malinowski. Our mission is to reach more students and their friends this year, so if you have any questions, there is an information sheet in the Narthex or you can contact Melissa Malinowski at 512-971-5598 or churchmouseilc@att.net.

"Farewell" Luncheon for Katie, Brent & Naomi will be Sunday, August 12th in the Parish Hall at 12pm. **There will be only 1 worship service at 11:00am.** Chicken and beef fajitas, by The Holy Smokers, along with rice and beans, tortillas, chips, tea and lemonade will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring either homemade salsa, cookies or brownies. No cakes or pies, please.

As our beloved Katie begins her year of Internship and prepares to graduate from Luther Seminary, Immanuel Lutheran Church is seeking an Interim Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator. The initial term for this position is twelve months. The job posting and details may be found at www.ilcpville.org. Qualified candidates may send resumes, references, and letters of interest to jobs@ilcpville.org.

EDUCATION MINISTRY

August 2018

Reach, Teach, Equip as we Gather, Grow, Serve

Is there someone in your life who really makes you want to be a better Christian because of how they live their life? I can think of several people who are near my age or older who push me (without even knowing they do) to being a better Christian...but one person is in the forefront of my mind right now and has been for the last few months. He's my son, Troy. As many of you know he's been in Ohio since he graduated from UMHB working. He's had a desk job (which is not his thing) and has done really well...but he and I both know that's not the reason he was in Ohio...you see he got involved right after he moved there in a church serving...one thing lead to another and he was serving in various ministries whenever and however he could. From greeter, to information desk, to unlocking and locking up the church, to watching kids while their parents attended "Celebrate Recovery", to helping on church clean up days, moving things with his truck or pulling trailers, to leading Bible studies and mentoring youth. He gets what it means to serve. He has in all the churches we've been involved in since he was a little boy. His energy is high, his smile and laugh contagious and his love for Jesus is apparent. His little sister, Hailey, couldn't be here to help with TTN this year. So Troy quit his job a week early to come back to TX to help us out. ...TTN happened...God made His plans for Troy very visible...He had moved to Ohio to grow and serve more. My son inspires me to be a better Christian. Who inspires you?

Kinetic Sand...Our sandbox in the basement for Pre-K through 5th needs replacing. Please pick up a box or bag of "KINETIC SAND" next time you are at a office/school supply store and donate to us. Thanks! Please leave your donation in the front office. Kids love this stuff (so do adults)...



We have various adult sizes of our 2018 Tougher than Nails "dri-fit" t-shirts left. We're asking for \$5.00 each. You can pick them up in the breezeway by the lower narthex. Please put your money in one of the red envelopes and put in the offering tray or in Susan or Beverly's box. Great wash & wear shirts with a valuable lesson!

Middle School & High School Sunday School...Parish Ed is starting to set up meetings with our middle and high school youth and their families to talk about what should Sunday School look like for them in the fall. If you'd like to meet with a couple of us on the committee please email parished@ilcpcville.org and we'll get back with you and set up a time. We've had a few meetings so far and are so thankful for the parents and their youth (especially the youth) for

Parish Ed Committee...We meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30p in the Parlor. If you have any interest in what we are planning please join us at one of our meetings. Next meeting is Aug 6th.

Upcoming Dates:

Aug 6th	Parish Ed meeting at 6:30p—Parlor
Sept 9th	Rally Day
October 25th	Trunk or Treat/Spooktacular

HELP WANTED...Do you love Jesus? Do you enjoy talking about Him with others? Are you the type that enjoys nurturing relationships? We're looking for a person or a couple to lead an adult Sunday School class starting in the Fall. The class is made up of a great group of people who like to study His word and how does it apply to their life now and talk about it with an open discussion format. They meet every Sunday at 9:45a in the Parlor (coffee provided). If interested please email: susan@ilcpcville.org.

Sunday School: No Sunday School in the summer for Pre-K through High School. Check the bulletin for times and dates of adult class meetings.

Contact: susan@ilcpcville.org for more information
Reach, Teach, Equip

Serving in August 2018

Acolytes

Aug 5: Kadie Van Houten & Kyle Ward (8:45) Shelby Weaver & Elliott Weiss (11:00)

Aug 12: **(Only 1 service)** Reese Krause & Connor Herring (11:00)

July 19 & 26: **Both services in the Parish Hall**

Elders for August: Larry Bradley (Early) Steve Barczi (Late). (Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in August or go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself.)

Readers

Aug 5: Mary Jo Beene (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Aug 12: **1 needed** (11:00)

Aug 19: Annyce Bohls (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Aug 26: **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Communion Assistants

Aug 5: Mary Jo Beene, **1 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11:00)

Aug 12: **2 needed** (11:00)

Aug 19: Annyce Bohls, **3 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **3 needed** (11:00)

Aug 26: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

August Chapel Assistants

Early Service: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley (5 & 12)

Late Service: **1 needed** (5) Bruce Freudenberg (12)

Altar Guild

Aug 5 & 12

Mark & Bonnie Sassman, Kirsten Tindall

Aug 19 & 26 **(Both services in Parish Hall)**

Peggy Parker & Elizabeth Arndt (19th)

Peggy Parker (26th)

Ushers

Aug 5: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Aug 12: **4 needed** (11:00)

Aug 19: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Aug 26: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message

Aug 5: Mike Maluschka (8:45) Melissa Malinowski (11:00)

Aug 12: Katie Wegner (11:00)

Aug 19: Jennifer Hoffman (8:45) Rebecca Dittmar (11:00)

Aug 26: Mike Maluschka (8:45) Megan Freudenberg (11:00)

Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist

Aug 5: Charles Mott (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)

Aug 12: Charles Kleen (11:00)

Aug 19: Rick Cox (8:45 & 11:00)

Aug 26: Rick Cox (8:45 & 11:00)

Flower Calendar

Aug 5:

Aug 12: Altar—P. Wolff

Aug 19:

Aug 26:

Coffee Maker for August:

Mark Mueller