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Lutheran Church

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Pentecost Celebrated

June 5, 2022

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:1-4

The Day of Pentecost



The Day of Pentecost, the third chief festival of the Church Year, will be celebrated on Sunday, June 5. We celebrate with very personal implications for each of us. In the words of our catechism,

“I believe that by my own reason and strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to me. BUT the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.”

Then begins the mostly “green season” after Pentecost, the season of growth. As the previous half of the Church year focused on the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, the “ordinary” Sundays after Pentecost focus on the life of Christ in His body the Church-- as we hear again His teachings and actions and those of His disciples. In regularly receiving the blessings of Word and Sacrament, we grow like the plants around us.

The First Sunday after Pentecost is Holy Trinity Sunday. As we confess the great mystery of the Holy Trinity, we again celebrate our personal relationship with the one true God by means of our Baptism into that sacred Name. The last Sunday after Pentecost focuses on the end-times and the climax of our Lord’s promises-- the resurrection of the dead and the last Judgment, as the One who is our Savior returns to bring us to live with Him in glory.

And all this is a reminder that what happens here at Immanuel is much more than what we can do together as humans.

“Surely the Lord is in this place.... This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

- Genesis 28:16, 17 (see also John 14:6, Luke 23:43)

Pastor Bauman

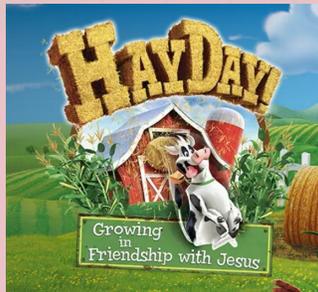


A CHURCH POTLUCK

Come to Church on June 12th and after the Worship Service is a good old fashion POTLUCK! Please come and bring a dish to share. Fellowship will provide the drinks and the paper goods. Sign up in the Narthex or call the office at (630) 837-1166 from 9-12 M-Th. Food, friends and fellowship are good for the soul. Hoping to see you there!



VBS



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We are so excited to announce that we are planning to hold Vacation Bible School (Hay Day) this summer from Aug 1st-5th here at Immanuel for kids Preschool - 6th Grade. We have so many fun things planned for the kids this summer and would love for you to be a part of it!

If you could even help a single day over the week or could help with getting crafts together or working to set up or clean up for the kids, it would be so much help.

To Volunteer, or if you would like to register kids you know, please call the office Mon-Thur. mornings from 9 am - 12 noon (630) 837-1166. We will be monitoring new CDC guidelines.

If you want to work directly with the children, we are requiring a background check and a on-line child safety class that is a new requirement for our state. It is free and takes about 40 min.

Church and culture: A call to repentance

Matthew Harrison

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“René Descartes (1596–1650) ... [is] credited as a foundational thinker in the development of Western notions of reason and science. His philosophy was built on the idea of radical doubt. ... The only thing that remains true is that there is a mind or consciousness doing the doubting and believing its perceptions, hence the famous formulation, ‘I think therefore I am.’ ” (Kalantzis & Cope, [Works & Days](#))

Modern-day thinkers have built a thoroughly humanistic worldview based on Descartes’ statement. The result? God has been dismissed as the essential cause of all things. This includes the removal of His Law and His moral authority. The theory of evolution moved philosophy and science to view life as the random result of chance events instead of God’s speaking and creating. In evolutionary theory, the family, the state, the church and notions of morality are human constructs that have resulted from myth, power, environment, chance and the will to survive.

Much of what we see today in society results from philosophies and teachings that, like those of Descartes, elevate humanity and thereby eliminate God and His Law. Man has become his own god. Without God’s Word, humanity finds morality in temporary constructs that may be adjusted to current circumstances. If there is no God, human life has no necessary, inherent or eternal value. A billion human lives have been sacrificed by abortion, a human “right” promoted by policies and governments. Some have killed babies as part of an international effort to “save the planet” from overpopulation, while animal suffering, death and extinction is opposed as great evil. Without God, humans decide the value, or lack thereof, of life. When mankind is not viewed as made in the image of God, human life has no more value than that of an animal.

Descartes’ idea, “I think, therefore I am,” shifts the basis for man’s identity away from God’s action to his own mind’s ability to conceptualize himself. Descartes’ teachings taught man to look inside himself — as man thinks he is, he is. It’s a short trip from “I think, therefore I am” to “I think I am male; therefore, my female body does not determine the reality of who I am.”

According to these ideas, the internal, hidden world of the mind trumps the visible, external world of the body (a self-destructive rejection of the Creator and the laws of science). Even small children, therefore, must be allowed to alter their bodily reality to align with their thoughts, and anyone who refuses to allow hormonal treatments or “sex change” surgeries stands in the way of the child’s “reality.” Absent any God-given sense of morality or a trust in the external visible reality of the created body, a child may be convinced that he or she is a she or he, or even an “it” or “they.” As the culture cheers, precious young lives are forever damaged.

A place for sinners

The cause of sexual dysphoria is complex, but the result is irrationality. The NCAA’s promotion of men competing in women’s sports demonstrates the absurdity of it all. Rational female athletes say, “Unfair!” Disney bears Descartes’ ideology as well, with its ubiquitous messages of “Follow your heart” or “I dream, therefore I become.” All this runs smack into common sense. Ideology has run afoul of natural law.

Consider other fruit of this way of thinking. The marriage rate is at its lowest in U.S. history. Pornography allows the indulgence of lust and every form of perverse inclination of the human mind. Loneliness, suicide, sexual abuse (particularly by adult males living with non-biological children), adultery and

children born out of wedlock are at record levels. The sexual revolution has left record numbers of women as single mothers, a scenario that is, statistically, the No. 1 determiner of poverty. Recent stats show that homes in which only the mother attends church, as opposed to those in which both parents attend church with the children, have a much smaller likelihood of the children becoming adult churchgoers.

The socio-economic, psychological and even spiritual devastation caused by the decline of the nuclear family is devastating. The church is a welcome home for all of us sinners and must always be a place of compassion for hurting people, but the compassion must be formed by the Word of God.

Why are people suffering? Why such vast confusion? St. Paul lays it out clearly in Romans. The cause is sin, especially the grand sin of the rejection of the Creator, His creation and His law. It's no wonder that the bishop of our Finnish partner church was prosecuted by the Finnish state for hate crimes, in part for producing a pamphlet that quoted the first chapter of Romans:

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation. ... So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools. ...

They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator. ... God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another. ...

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. (Rom. 1:18–32)

Paul does not limit his accusations to matters of sex. He hits the culture head on. He also condemns all of our sins of deed and thought. Christians recognize their own sins. Jesus' call to repentance is for all: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2).

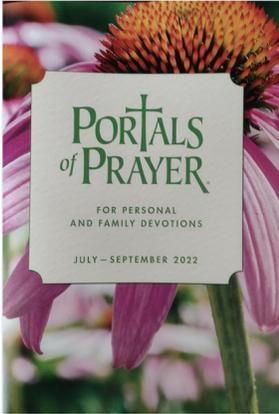
Thanks be to God, Paul delivered the Gospel in the same opening chapter of Romans: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Rom. 1:16).

So long as we are the church, we shall humbly preach this message of Law and Gospel for the eternal salvation of all who hear and believe. Indeed, we all suffer from our sin, and the church is always a place for sinners, of whom "I am chief."

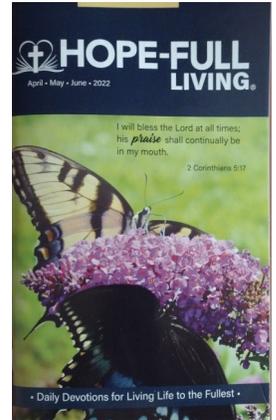
Descartes was wrong. It is not "I think, therefore I am." It is, "I have a Creator and Redeemer, therefore I am."

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Portals of Prayer/ Hope-Full Living



The latest Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living are now available. Hope-Full Living is a newer devotional booklet with daily devotions and especially written for older adults.

It has become quite popular.

The latest edition of Portals of Prayer, also in large print, and Hope-Full Living are available in the church narthex or to be mailed to you by calling the church office at (630) 837-1166.



Keep using the AmazonSmile icon for your Amazon purchases, Once again, the link is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-6414746>.

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June Birthdays

6/2 Doreen Dudesek

6/8 Marcia Johnson

6/9 Mike Tellin

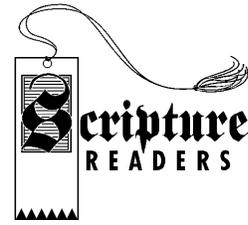
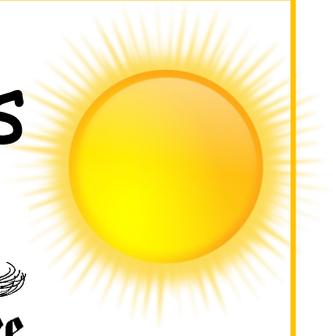
6/20 Jimmy Miller

6/23 Mike Dailey

6/26 Becky Hedberg

6/30 Allison Kuehn

June 2022 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

June 5 - Mike Tellin & Brad Kuehn
June 12 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk
June 19 - Mike Tellin & Dave Schroeder
June 26 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk

Reader Schedule

June 5 - Adele Pikora
June 13 - Mike Tellin
June 19 - Dave Schroeder
June 26 - Al Thilk

If you would like to volunteer to serve please call the office.

If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net) Thank you!

Service for Celebration of Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 5, 2022



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Asamblea Apostolica Church

Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
5 Pentecost Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	6	7 Lay Ministry meeting 7:00 p.m.	8 Board of Directors meeting 7:00 p.m.	9	10	11 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
12 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Potluck Sunday	13	14	15 VBS Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.	16 The Oaks at Bartlett Service 1:30 p.m.	17	18 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
19 _r 9:30 a.m. Worship (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	20	21	22	23	24	25 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
26 _r 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	27	28	29	30		