



Immanuel

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Pentecost

May 31, 2020

Pastor Bauman's weekly sermons as well as pastoral letters are emailed to those who have given us their email addresses, and sent to others by regular mail. The emails contain a link to a video of the sermon on YouTube. Please be sure that the office has your latest contact information.

Thank you!

FROM OUR PASTOR

Sunday, May 31, is the Day of Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the first disciples. (Acts of the Apostles 2)



It's the third of three chief festivals in the Church Year, along with Christmas and Easter. And, because of the restrictions we are under due to the pandemic, it will be a festival which, like Easter, we will miss celebrating together in church this year.

The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is so critical that we could not be believers without it. In the words of our Catechism:

"I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called ME by the Gospel, enlightened ME with His gifts, sanctified and kept ME in the true faith...."

That means that even though we will not have a celebration together in church, each of us individually has every reason to celebrate Pentecost.

Holy Scripture teaches that

- we ALL are temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16),
- that EACH of us is gifted in a special way by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:7),
- and Jesus promises that if anyone prays for the Holy Spirit, that prayer will be granted. "Ask and you will receive." (Luke 11:9-13)

I would never presume to carry on my work as a pastor without praying for the Holy Spirit and to the Holy Spirit before visiting the sick, before preaching, before writing an article like this. Over the years, I have seen the work of the Holy Spirit in my congregations--very often blessings that I had nothing to do with planning or executing, both in the lives of individuals and in the life we have shared together around Word and Sacrament.

I encourage you also to pray for the blessings of the Holy Spirit in your life as a member of the body of Christ, on whom the Spirit descended like a dove at His Baptism when His public ministry began. (Luke 3:21-22) Your Baptism also bestowed the same Holy Spirit upon YOU. (Titus 3:5) YOU have every reason to celebrate Pentecost.

And there is still more to come!

The Catechism continues,

“In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

“In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all MY sins and the sins of all believers.

“On the last day He will raise ME and all the dead, and give eternal life to ME and all believers in Christ.

“This is most certainly true.”

Amen! A JOYOUS PENTECOST to YOU!

Pastor Bauman



Join Us for a Study of Genesis

What are you doing Sunday mornings at 10:30? You and your family are cordially invited to join us in the Study of Genesis. It's safe, at home, and we meet with God. We meet virtually. We would be happy to send you an invitation to join our meeting. Please just drop me an email with your e-address and I will include you in Sunday's Study. You may email me at:

shover2004@yahoo.com you will be so happy you did it's a wonderful feeling to see your

friends at Immanuel. *Sally*

Treasurer's Report

May 2020

Where does the time go? This is how I've opened the last two reports but it doesn't seem to be appropriate these days. For many, these days may seem to drag on. Rest assured, we will get through this COVID-19 eventually.

Sadly, we've all borne witness to how this insidious virus is impacting our families, our communities and our very way of life. What we're facing is daunting, but I am heartened by the moments of triumph in everyday acts of courage, humanity and love from doctors, nurses, TV personalities, and others mentioned in daily newscasts including many acts of kindness shown by the general public including truck drivers volunteering to drive many miles to pick up produce to be delivered to food banks for distribution to those facing financial hardships.

Although these are trying times for us all, we must remain optimistic that our world will thrive once again. Now, on with business...

Finances

Departing from the usual focus on total income (which also includes the Use Fee received from Christ the Rock Church and funds received from Thrivent and Amazon Smile), the following income figures include only Offerings from members and friends of Immanuel to show the impact of the closure for normal church services at Immanuel due to the impact of COVID-19 and the Stay at Home Order:

Offerings for the first four months of 2020 were \$29,612 compared to \$35,092 received for 2019. Lenten and Easter Services typically provide a significant Attendance and Offerings which accounts for the almost \$5,000 difference between this year compared to 2019.

Immanuel's expenses for this same four months were \$41,681 which we were able to pay due to the \$5,000 transferred from our LCEF Savings Account discussed in April's Report.

In addition, we have arranged with LCEF to pay only Interest on Immanuel's Mortgage during the time Immanuel has not been able to hold services. I have also arranged to place our Waste service on hold, suspending pickup and eliminating the charges until we resume service, ComEd has agreed to defer our payments during the shutdown and arrange for a future payment plan, and I will request the same deferral from NICOR. In addition, we have postponed payment of some other expenses totaling about \$600 until Immanuel's cash flow is able to pay those. Immanuel has been able to pay its other recurring expenses including payroll throughout the shutdown.

Immanuel has been fortunate to have several members and friends who have mailed in or dropped off periodic offerings, including some of significant amounts.

We look forward to continuing receiving offerings by mail for the interim during the extended shutdown period. We also remind you that you can arrange for direct contributions to Immanuel through your bank checking account similar to other vendors that you may pay online.

On another note, please remember Immanuel's members and friends residing at Clare Oaks Senior Living. Thanks to Sally Hover, here is a listing below of those who are members, former members, and friends of Immanuel.

Dorothy Berg, Lorraine Boehm, Mae Hehr, Helen Krohn, Helen Strauss, Jeanne Fester, Dorothy Bezold (Lorraine's sister), Chris Heimlich, Donna Voelz, Marie Schwarz, June and Paul Sampson, and Lois Robinson.

Unfortunately, to protect these folks from COVID-19, Clare Oaks does not allow visitors and these folks cannot leave the building or even visit among each other. Drop a note off to these folks. It's not like you have to run out to visit friends or go to the mall to shop, right? Just imagine how you are feeling with limited outside contact these days. I'm sure any contact with the outside world would certainly be welcomed by these folks. You can simply mail a note to any of them c/o Clare Oaks at 825 Carillon Dr., Bartlett, IL 60103.

I wish you could see our flowers in bloom at church just outside the Narthex window area. Soon we'll be planting Marigolds in the garden area in front of the church and for Memorial Day, we'll be displaying American Flags to show Immanuel's patriotism.

I pray that each and every one of our people remain healthy and safe from COVID-19 until we can safely meet again.

Blessings to all.

Bob Brinkman
Treasurer

May Birthdays

5/3 Erica Franzen
5/5 Kimberly Wheeler
5/9 Matthew L. Manka
5/11 Barbara Olson
5/16 Kristin Crager
Charles Hulke

5/26 Brayden Bayes-Adams
5/28 Ashlin Kelly
5/29 Clayton Krause
5/31 David Schroeder



Happy May

What can we do to stay sane while keeping ourselves and others safe during the virus outbreak? I've noticed that a variety of unexpected "happy" moments have occurred during this changed social time. Perhaps one or more of these ideas will spark an idea that you in turn may share.

Activities to bring you and others happiness: Self-Care and Being Human

Cook and Bake- Now is your time to get in the kitchen and try new recipes. Learn how to do something new- bake bread, cookies, make a cobbler, or perhaps a world famous chili. Consider sharing with someone (keeping social distancing of course) Call ahead to say you're coming and drop it off at the doorstep) Maybe even with free delivery!

Read out Loud to someone- Either personally in your household or call a grandchild, friend, or parent. Share your favorite Bible Story, verse, poem, or parable or perhaps a different classic. Just read!

Think about what you're grateful for- Journal, writing down a few things you're grateful for each day; the rain, the dandelions, daffodils, friends and Immanuel's 150 years.

Sketch what you're thankful for if you enjoy drawing. Write someone you're thinking of a short note of appreciation. Let them know you care and appreciate them.

Create a happiness jar: Here is a link of how to do that:

<https://qz.com/859269/i-kept-a-happiness-jar-for-a-year-to-get-data-on-what-really-brings-me-joy/>

Call or write someone you haven't heard from recently or you care about. Reconnect let them know you're thinking of them.

Begin a Victory Garden and enjoy fresh vegetables all summer long.

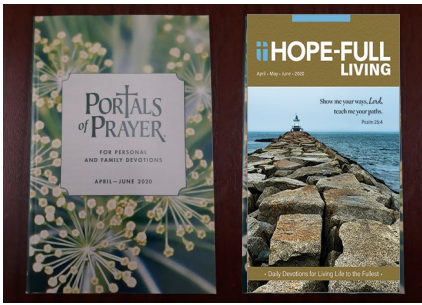
Take one evening a week to relax and watch a "Movie Classic".

Most of all- Remember that you're not alone. Your brothers and sisters in Christ are here and so is God always.

"Be strong. Be brave. Be fearless. You are never alone." - Joshua 1:9

Sally Hover

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Portals of Prayer/Hope-Full Living

Portals of Prayer has been a favorite devotional of generations of Concordia Publishing House readers, a timeless daily source of strength and comfort since 1937. In addition to

the *Portals of Prayer* quarterly print publication, CPH also offers it as a digital app. A new resource CPH is introducing this fall is the *Portals of Prayer Devotional Bible*, which weaves more than 700 devotions into the entire ESV translation of Scripture. Learn more at cph.org/portalsbible.

Hope-Full Living is a newer devotional booklet with daily devotions and especially written for older adults. Many who have used it report finding it very helpful.

The latest edition of *Portals of Prayer*,... also in large print and *Hope-Full Living* are available 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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Remember: Every little bit adds up!



**God grades on
the cross,
not the curve.**

Services and meetings are closed until further notice due to Covid-19. We are evaluating an opening date as recommendations come from the CDC.

May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Iglesia Apostolica Cristo La Roca (CTR)- Every Sunday 12-5 Every Tuesday 7-9 Every Friday 7-9				1	2 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
3 The Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5-7 p.m. Kids of Christ	4	5	6	7	8	9 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
10 The Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5-7 p.m. Kids of Christ	11	12	13	14	15	16 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
17 The Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5-7 p.m. Kids of Christ	18	19	20	21	22	23 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
24 The Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5-7 p.m. Kids of Christ	25	26	27	28	29	30 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
31 The Day of Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 5-7 p.m. Kids of Christ						