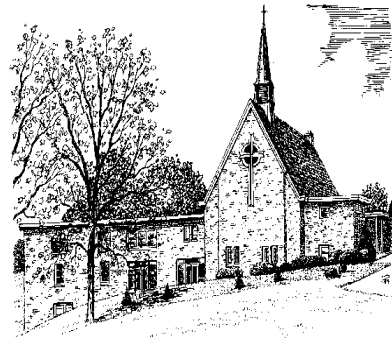


# The King's Business

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## The Pastor's Page

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod just finished one of our most unpleasant and certainly one of my least favorite triennial events: the election of a new synodical president. It will be followed in a few weeks by the equally distasteful five days of the synodical convention in Phoenix, AZ. An event which I have the privilege to attend as our circuit delegate. And since the tone of voice isn't readily conveyed in writing, I'll clarify that I say the word "privilege" with equal parts honesty and sarcasm.

It really is a privilege, after all, and I fully acknowledge that. I'm not sure exactly how many combined members are in the churches of our circuit, but according to LCMS bylaws, it's somewhere between 1,500 and 10,000. That's a lot of people to represent and I take it seriously.

At the same time, I despise synodical politics. But perhaps not for the reason you might think. It's not that I find synodical politics boring or tedious or pointless. It's that I actually find them very interesting... in the worst possible way. Because so often they are a reflection of the Church's most sinful aspects.

And it's the old Adam in me that is drawn to them. It's the part of me that enjoys gossip and mudslinging and slander. It's the part of me that enjoys breaking the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment and in seeing others doing it as well. As James 3:10 tells us, *"From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so."*

Yet, it happens. It happened in the presidential election that just finished. There were five candidates on the ballot, but the election was really between only two of them: our incumbent president, Rev. Dr.

Matthew Harrison, and a well-regarded professor from Concordia Seminary – St Louis, Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann.

Both men are exceptional pastors and theologians. I have been more than satisfied with the leadership President Harrison has provided over the last 13 years. I had Professor Biermann as an instructor at the seminary and know him to have a brilliant mind. Both men are firmly rooted in the Bible and the Lutheran Confessions. The election was a difficult choice only because they were both excellent candidates.

And yet, despite that, social media was rife with gossip, mudslinging, and slander. Conversations were filled with needless bickering, personal attacks, and suspicion. These two faithful Lutheran pastors have an immense amount in common, but based on the discussions, you'd think they were at opposite extremes of the theological spectrum. We're a polarized culture accustomed to polarized politics and that polarization seeps into even the Church's decision-making.

Which is, I think what really bothers me about synodical politics. We are not a secular institution. We are not guided by secular politics, secular culture, or secular priorities. We are the Church. We are the bride of Christ. We are the children of God. We are the sheep of the Good Shepherd. We are the kingdom of heaven. We are Christians, baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. But the moment you ask us to vote about something, suddenly all we care about is... winning.

So if, over the next few weeks, you hear me groan a bit as I talk about the upcoming synodical

convention, or if I return from Phoenix and breath a heavy sigh at what transpired, please know I'm not doing it out of contempt for the process or my role in it. Decisions need to be made. Leaders need to be chosen. This is a good and Godly thing for the Church to do. Something that's been done since Matthias was first chosen to serve as an apostle, the deacons were first chosen to feed the poor, and the Gospel was first preached to Gentiles.

No, my groaning and my sighing are simply that of a man longing for the day when sin won't sully our conversations. When the old Adam will be drowned and die, once and for all. When the Lamb on the throne will be the only leader we will ever need. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

And until then, pray for the Church. Pray for our synod. Pray for President Harrison, who was reelected. Pray for me and for all the delegates gathering in Phoenix. Pray that all of us would have the wisdom and self-discipline to put aside sinful, worldly behaviors. Pray that we would act like the body of Christ that we are for the good of the Church and the proclamation of the Gospel.

God's richest blessings to you this month,  
Pastor Ketelsen

*Does the Church Office have current contact information for you and your family members? If you have a new address or phone information, please contact the Church Office at by email at [Immanuel.Boonville@gmail.com](mailto:Immanuel.Boonville@gmail.com) or at 660-882-2208, Option 1 with your current information. Thank you.*

Copies of sermons are available. If you missed a service, or just want to reflect on one, copies are available at [ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church](http://ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church), our church website. You can also find hard copies in the red folder in the church Narthex. Please help yourself, and feel free to share with friends or shut-ins.

### Office Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Preschool Teacher Assistant: Trina Derendinger

Kindergarten Teachers: Stefani Ketelsen

Glenda Gerhardt

Office Manager: Patty Mangels

Custodian: Cora Linneman, Tiffany Bowers

Production/Distribution of Newsletter: Patty Mangels

Sunday Service - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.

Fellowship Time - Fifth Sundays 10:15 a.m. as announced

Lord's Supper - 9:00 a.m. - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays & Festivals

Midweek Services - 6:30 pm on Wednesdays during Advent & Lent

### Kindergarten

All Day Kindergarten

(Pre-registration required)

### Preschool

3-5 year olds

Mon-Wed-Fri, 8-11am & 12-3pm (4 & 5 year olds)

Tues-Thurs, 8-11am & 12-3pm (3 year olds)

(Pre-registration required)

## BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School: for age 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade is meeting in the Sunday School Room. They are on break for the summer.

Youth Class for junior and senior high is not meeting at this time.

Adult Bible Study: meets Sunday Mornings at 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the large classroom on the main floor. They are on break for the summer.

Bibles and Bar-B-Q Men's Bible Discussion Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Thursday Morning Breakfast Bible Study: meets on Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. at 87 Diner. Please join us for food, fellowship, and study.

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**June 16, 2026**

**Call to Order:** President Gene Cummins called the meeting to order.

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Ketelsen opened the meeting with prayer.

**Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda:** With no amendments offered, the agenda is accepted without dissent.

**Approve Council Minutes of March 17, 2026 and Congregational Assembly Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2026:** Gaven Linneman motions to approve the minutes; Gayle Linneman seconds and the motion carries.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Ketelsen presents a verbal report:

- The new member class has almost finished, and we will be receiving two new members.
- Preparations are being made for the youth confirmation class to begin in late summer with 5-6 participants.
- Pastor is working out of his office again following the water leak.
- The downstairs custodial staff are working extra hours to clean up after the water leaks. No further leaks have been detected so far.
- The funeral for Tom Moore will take place within the next week.

### Reports of Officers:

- a. **President's Report:** No report.
- b. **Vice President's Report:** No report.
- c. **Secretary's Report:** No report.
- d. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kim Toellner is not present but written financial reports are provided and reviewed. Kim asks all board chairs to review the general ledger accounts for their respective boards and report any changes necessary.
- e. **Elder's Report:** Chair Craig Meyer presents verbal report:
  - i. There will be a wedding in July.
  - ii. Pastor will be going to Phoenix in July for the Synod convention.
  - iii. The children's sermon has been suspended for the summer.

iv. Jason Linneman and Kyle Thacher were welcomed as new elders at the June meeting.

v. The collection for the Baby Box has concluded and the military collection is under way.

f. **Board of Property:** Chair Adam Templemire presents a verbal report:

i. The outdoor brick sign repair is complete. Half of the payment has been made.

ii. The gutter work is complete with cleaning and gutter guard installation.

iii. The basement door has been tightened to prevent water leaks.

iv. The ice maker company has been contacted to repair/replace the unit since it is under warranty.

v. Specialized Mechanical has not provided a written quote for boiler repair as requested. Craig will follow up with his contact there.

vi. The bathroom remodel/construction is progressing on schedule.

vii. A quote of \$4800 was obtained for landscaping on the front and west side.

viii. The concrete cross above the altar has been sealed and the altar has remained dry.

g. **Board of Christian Education/LYF:** Chair Jasmine Campbell gives a verbal report:

i. Painting of the Sunday School room is almost complete. Assistance is still needed for moving some furniture.

ii. Work will be complete by vacation bible school.

h. **School Board:** Chair Gayle Linneman left the meeting prior to her report. Pastor reports the school rooms are being organized and cleaned.

i. **Board of Stewardship/Outreach:** Chair Gaven Linneman left the meeting prior to his report.

Craig motions to approve the board reports. Billy Mac Wells seconds the motion, and it carries.

### Unfinished Business:

a. **Update on property issues:** This topic was discussed during the Property Chair's report.



**TOP O' THE MORNING TO YA FROM EMERALD ISLE - OUR NEXT ADVENTURE FOR VBS.**

**July 27 – 31**

**5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

From the lush meadows of its countryside to the cobblestone streets of its cities, there is something to delight the senses everywhere we turn in Ireland. So journey with us to Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23. Every step along our path will teach us about the Good Shepherd and how he cares for his sheep. Like David discovered throughout his life, first as a shepherd and later as a king, we'll discover important truths such as:

I can be a child of God and have the Lord as my shepherd

I need the Lord to lead me on the right path through his Word.

I can turn to the Lord for comfort when I'm feeling anxious or afraid.

I can have an attitude of gratitude in every situation.

I need to be on the lookout for God's goodness and mercy, my traveling companions through life.

The children will visit Emerald Isle Assembly, Flock Talk Time, Celtic Corner Crafts, Still Water Snacks, Green Meadow Games and Top O' The Morning Missions, Music and Memory Verses and Emerald Isle Assembly to close the evening



**BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG**

Our mission offerings and donations during VBS are going to Lutheran Children and Family Services. Suggested donations are cash, diapers, and wipes. We are opening it up to our church family for the month of July.



The suggested donations in the month of July for the NHN Food Pantry is drink mixes, juice boxes, or canned meats (tuna, salmon, check, beef, pork, Vienna sausages). As always, any non-perishable canned

and boxed goods are welcome, as well as cash or C&R gift certificates. Food Pantry envelopes are available in the Narthex. **Please make checks to Neighbors Helping Neighbors.** Thank you for your generosity.

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS DISTRIBUTION**

Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.



**GET YOUR 2027 THRIVENT CALENDAR**

Each year, Thrivent creates a calendar featuring beautiful photos and inspiring reflections submitted by our members. The theme for the 2027 calendar is "God's Handiwork." Original photography will highlight glimpses of God's creativity and moments that inspire awe, gratitude, joy, or peace.

To receive a copy:

- If you received a calendar last year, you will automatically be sent one.
- If you are a new Thrivent client with membership, or if you didn't order a 2026 calendar, visit [thrivent.com/calendar](http://thrivent.com/calendar) and complete the order form by July 31, 2026.

Each client with membership may receive one calendar at no cost. All orders must be received by July 31, 2026, and calendars will be mailed in early October.

If you received a calendar last year, but don't want the 2027 or future calendars, you may opt out at [thrivent.com/calendar](http://thrivent.com/calendar). Another suggestion would be to get the calendar, then bring it to the church for someone else to enjoy.



**COOPER COUNTY SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX**

Thank you for your donation and support of Cooper County – Safe Haven Baby Box. We have raised the amount to put our box into the production stage. We hope to have it installed and operating by the end of the year – Valerie Gamel and Nikki Ueligger



2026 - JULY - 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
28 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Bible Study	29	30	7/1	7/2 7a Breakfast Bible Study	7/3	7/4 <i>Independence Day</i>
5 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Bible Study	6	7 7p Elders	8 6p Bibles & BBQ Men's Group	9 7a Breakfast Bible Study	10	11
12 9a Worship/With Wedding 10:15a Bible Study	13	14	15	16 7a Breakfast Bible Study	17 <i>Pastor to LCMS Convention in Phoenix</i>	18 2-5p Birthday Party in Fellowship Hall <i>Pastor at Convention</i>
19 9a Worship/HC 10:15a Bible Study <i>Pastor at Convention</i>	20 <i>Pastor at Convention</i>	21 <i>Pastor at Convention</i>	22 No Bibles & BBQ Men's Group <i>Pastor at Convention</i>	23 7a Breakfast Bible Study <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> <i>Pastor at Convention</i>	24	25
26 9a Worship 10:15a Bible Study	27 5:30-7:30p VBS	28 5:30-7:30p VBS	29 5:30-7:30p VBS	30 7a Breakfast Bible Study 5:30-7:30p VBS	31 5:30-7:30p VBS	8/1

Those Serving the Church				
Service:	Organists:	Readers:	Security Team	Acolyte
7/5	Tammy Poulsen	Penny Cain	Christian Stock	Will Thacher
7/12	Diane Cummins	Sharon Strough	Adam Templemire	Sam Thacher
7/19	Tammy Poulsen	Tim Derendinger	Louis Stock	Lane Toellner
7/26	Gladys Moore	Brad Toellner	Gary Naumann	Emi Ketelsen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Susan Templemire	Brandy Templemire	<b>Elder:</b> Tim Derendinger	

*This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.*

1 John 4:17

**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Date	Worship	Sunday School/Youth/ Adult Bible Class
4 / 2	50	Maundy Thursday
4 / 3	36	Good Friday
4 / 5	120	Easter Sunrise
4 / 5	12	Easter Festival
4/12	74	NA/NA/16
4/19	62	NA/NA/16
4/26	52	NA/NA/15
YTD Income with and Other Income as of 5/31/26		\$106,824.72
YTD Expenses as of 5/31/26		\$71,129.00

You are encouraged to take time to visit with, or send a card to, those members who are no longer able to attend regular church services. How wonderful it must be to know you are remembered, prayed for, and someone has taken some of their precious hours to visit with you. Addresses for the care facilities are shown below. The Church Office can help you with other addresses when requested.

**MEMBERS SHUT-IN OR IN NURSING HOME**

**Nursing Home:**

**Bristol Manor –**

Raeola Walker, 1290 W. Ashley Rd., Room 110, Boonville, MO 65233

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CHANGES**

**Transfer out:** None      **Transfer in:** None  
**Reaffirmed:** None      **Confirmed:** None  
**Baptism:** None      **Deceased:** William Thomas Moore

**2026-2027 Officers**

President – Gene Cummins  
 Vice President – Billy Wells  
 Secretary – Tammy Meyer  
 Treasurer – Kim Toellner  
 Chair of School Board – Gayle Linneman  
 Chair of Board of Property – Adam Templemire  
 Chair of Board of Stewardship/Outreach – Gaven Linneman  
 Elders:  
 Craig Meyer, Tim Derendinger, Jason Linneman, Kyle Thacher, and Louis Stock



**ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH**

- July 9** Rachel and Curtis Walk
- July 11** Tyler and Melissa Frederick
- July 22** Jordan and Emily Ayers

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH**

- July 3** Weston Fahrenbrink
- July 5** Sandy Stock
- July 7** Lori Linneman
- July 8** Sandra Lawson  
Frederick Lawson
- July 9** Shain Waibel
- July 10** Courtney Payne
- July 13** Mitchell Hubbard  
Amy Ivy
- July 14** Donald Meyer
- July 16** Amanda Huggins  
Shance Twenter  
Tret Loesing
- July 17** Brooklyn Franklin
- July 18** Marilyn Chenault
- July 19** Caleb Shay
- July 22** Angela Schrader
- July 23** Kimberly Toellner
- July 26** Wyatt Shay
- July 27** Ted Stock  
Adilynn Mathis
- July 31** Jeremiah French

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***Immanuel has another way to be part of virtual Sunday services!***

*We now have Zoom. Those who do not have access to Facebook can call a phone number, input a special code, and listen to the audio of the service LIVE on their phone.*

*Step 1: Call 1 (253) 215-8782 a little before 9:00 am  
 Step 2: Follow the prompt to input the Meeting ID: 9283696439*

*Step 3: Join "the meeting" and listen to the service LIVE*

*Please contact any members or friends who could make use of this service!*