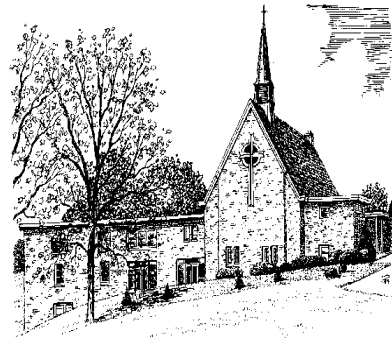


# The King's Business

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## The Pastor's Page

June 25<sup>th</sup> is an important date in Lutheran history. On that day in 1530, before the emperor of the Holy Roman Empire and the leading princes of Germany, the Lutheran reformers publicly presented what has become known as the Augsburg Confession. Nearly five hundred years later, it remains one of the clearest and most important statements of the Christian faith ever written.

The Reformation spread rapidly through Germany after Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses in 1517. Many churches and territories embraced his reforms. But the Pope strongly opposed these teachings and political pressure against the reformers was growing. Emperor Charles V summoned the princes and theologians to the city of Augsburg in hopes of pressuring the Lutherans to back down and so restore religious unity within the empire.

But the Lutherans came prepared to explain exactly what they believed. Since Luther himself had been declared an outlaw and couldn't safely travel to Augsburg, much of the work fell to his colleague Philip Melancthon. The result was the Augsburg Confession: twenty-eight articles presenting the chief teachings of the faith and the abuses that the reformers believed needed correction.

The document had several important goals. First, the reformers wanted to demonstrate that their teaching was firmly grounded in Holy Scripture. Again and again, the Augsburg Confession points back to the Word of God as the source and authority for all teaching. Whether discussing justification, the sacraments, repentance, or the ministry, the reformers argued that these doctrines came directly from the Bible itself. This was especially important because their opponents often accused them of being radicals or innovators. The Lutherans answered

by saying, in effect, "This is what the Scriptures teach. We cannot teach otherwise."

Second, the reformers wanted to show that their confession was not only Biblical but also genuinely catholic. The word "catholic" means "universal." The Lutheran reformers did not believe they were departing from the historic Christian faith. On the contrary, they believed they were preserving it. The Augsburg Confession frequently appeals to the Church Fathers and the ancient practice of the church to show continuity with historic Christianity. In their view, Rome had introduced teachings and practices that departed from the Gospel handed down through the centuries. The reformers were not rejecting the true catholic faith. They were seeking to restore it.

Third, the reformers understood the necessity of clearly confessing where they disagreed with the Pope and the Roman Church. And this was a tremendously risky thing to do. To stand publicly against the authority of Rome could lead to punishment or even death. Yet they could not in good conscience allow these errors to continue. Where Rome contradicted Scripture, especially concerning justification by grace through faith in Christ apart from works of the Law, the Lutherans believed silence would have been unfaithfulness to Christ Himself. The Augsburg Confession therefore became both a statement of faith and a courageous public witness.

That same need for faithful confession remains today. Christians still live in a world filled with confusion, false teaching, and pressure to remain silent about what God's Word says. Like the confessors at Augsburg, Christians are called to speak clearly about who Christ is, what He has done for sinners, and where salvation is found. We are called to confess the truth even when it is unpopular or costly.

Of course, we don't do this alone or by our own strength. The reformers themselves constantly emphasized that faith and steadfastness are gifts of God. The same Lord who strengthened the confessors at Augsburg continues to strengthen His church through His Word and Sacraments today. As we remember the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession this June, we give thanks not only for a historical document, but for the Gospel of Jesus Christ that it so faithfully proclaims.

God's 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.

### ***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!*

### ***Office Hours***

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

*Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*

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**Kindergarten Teachers:** Stefani Ketelsen

Glenda Gerhardt

**Office Manager:** Patty Mangels

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**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.

## CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

May 17, 2026

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

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

**Acceptance of New Assembly Members:** None

**Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda:** No amendments were added. Earl Mangels motioned to accept the agenda as presented; seconded by Christian Stock. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes from February 15, 2026 Congregational Assembly Meeting:** Jason Linneman motioned to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Larry Davis. Motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Ketelsen reported that the New Member Class is going well. The new members will be received into membership mid to late June. He also indicated he would be attending the Missouri Synod Convention in July. Preparations are underway for junior confirmation class in the fall.

### Reports of Officers:

- **President's Report:** None
- **Vice President's Report:** None
- **Secretary's Report:** None
- **Treasurer's Report:** Not present – no financial reports available at this time.
- **Board of Elders' Report:** Louis Stock presented the written report. He stated that the Board discussed and approved a bonus for Pastor's ten years of service to Immanuel. The bonus was approved through the Church Council.
- **Board of Property Report:** Adam Templemire, Board Chair, gave a verbal report and update on numerous projects currently ongoing:

1. **Roof Leak** – New screws and rubber seals will be installed on the roof of the educational wing where rainwater poured in during the last heavy rain. Gutters and downspouts were cleaned out as well as drainage pipes. Gutter guards will be installed to prevent clog buildup. Neville and Son Carpet Cleaning came after hours to clean up and dry up excess water with dehumidifiers and

fans. The cost for their services was \$4,600.

2. **Church Sign Update:** The masonry part of the church sign should begin the end of May. Lettering for the sign has not yet been ordered.

3. **Automatic Bleeder for heating system:** Adam is awaiting a second quote for this issue.

4. **Downstairs Restrooms Project:** Renovation of current restrooms and installation of new child restrooms will begin June 1.

- **Board of Christian Education/LYF:** Jasmine Campbell gave a verbal report. She requested help for removing a couple of old couches from one of the downstairs rooms. She is cleaning up these rooms so they can be used for Sunday School classrooms.
- **School Board:** In the absence of the chair, Gayle Linneman, Stefani Ketelsen gave the report. As of this date, ten (10) applications for the MWF Preschool class have been received with three (3) more applications possible. For the T-Th preschool class, six (6) applications have been received with one (1) pending. Kindergarten has one application with a potential of nine (9) more. Stefani also mentioned help is needed to move shelving units from the storage room.
- **Board of Stewardship and Outreach:** Jason Linneman reported for Gaven Linneman. Upcoming: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship in two weeks and the annual church picnic will be in September.

A motion to accept and approve all Board reports was made by Earl Mangels; seconded by Christian Stock. Motion passed.

**Unfinished Business:** Gene Cummins reported that to date \$14,910 has been deposited for the restroom renovations fundraiser. He extended thanks to all who have supported this project. He also noted that there are still outstanding pledges that can be made at any time.

### New Business:

- **School Budget for 2026-2027 School Year:** The budget was reviewed as presented. Gary Naumann motioned to approve the budget as presented; seconded by Christian Stock. The motion carried.

- **Election of Officers:** Since there was no contested office, Larry Davis made a motion that the slate of officers be accepted by acclamation. Gary Naumann gave the second. The motion carried. The newly elected officers are: President, Gene Cummins; Vice President, Billy Wells, Secretary, Tammy Meyer; School Board, Gayle Linneman; Board of Property, Adam Templemire; Board of Elders, Jason Linneman and Kyle Thacher.
- **Landscaping Around Church:** An anonymous donation of \$2,000 has been offered for new landscaping in and around the church property. Ideas and suggestions are needed as to what needs to be saved and what needs to be taken out.
- **Church Directory:** The last directory was done approximately nine (9) years ago. It is stated in the Church's By-Laws that this should be done every five (5) years. Pastor indicated he received a mailing from a company that still offers this service. Pat Lenger, Sharon Thoma, Brenda Wells and Christian Stock graciously volunteered to head up this committee and start the process.

**Announcements:** Terry Ehlers received a mailing from the LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces. Immanuel in the past has supported this ministry. Terry offered to match up to \$100 in donations.

**Adjournment:** Earl Mangels made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Larry Davis. The motion carried.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor asked all to join in praying the Lord's Prayer.

**Attendees:** Earl Mangels, Christian Stock, Billy Mac Wells, Louis Stock, Kyle Thacher, Brenda Wells, Randy Strough, Sharon Thoma, Don Meyer, Pat Lenger, Norm Lenger, Gary Naumann, Jason Linneman, Doris Linneman, Pastor Joshua Ketelsen, Karen Schnetzler, Julie Thacher, Sharon Strough, Diane Cummins, Gene Cummins, Georgia Davis, Larry Davis, Susan Templemire, Adam Templemire, Patty Mangels (guest)

Diane Cummins  
Acting Secretary

## KEEPING UP WITH KINDERGARTEN

Oh my dear little learners, come gather near,  
It's time for a poem to end our year.  
From the first day we met to this moment right now,  
Oh, look at the growth—I'm bursting with wow!

We built and we stacked, we created with glee,  
Tall towers and castles as grand as could be!  
Blocks tumbling down? No worries, my friend—  
You tried again from the beginning to the end.

We read funny stories and sounded out words,  
With giggles and wiggles and voices well-heard.  
You wrote all your letters, so proud and so neat,  
From wobbly first lines to sentences sweet!

We counted and sorted, we added with cheer,  
Numbers that once felt so big are now clear.  
From one to one hundred (and sometimes much more!),  
Math magic happened right behind our door.

We studied the rocks—so heavy, so small,  
And dreamed about space, the biggest of all!  
We traveled the world without leaving our room,  
From oceans so wide to deserts in bloom.

And oh, all the hugs—how could I forget?  
The best kind of learning hasn't been written yet.  
It's kindness and laughter and sharing and grace,  
The love that we built in our warm little space.

So here's to you, my bright shining crew,  
For all that you've learned and all that you'll do.  
And if you remember me, giggle don't mourn  
Your silly old teacher, **Mrs. Kettlecorn!**

Now off you will go, to first grade you'll soar,  
But you'll always be mine... my class evermore.

## STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH BOARD

The Missouri District *VOICE* reviewed the sixth year of SHINE!, our districtwide servant event. There were thousands who participated. Immanuel's report on our local SHINE! project was in the previous newsletter.

If you watched any baseball games the weekend of May 15-17, you may have noticed that MLB recognized Armed Forces weekend. Immanuel will be designating a Sunday to honor the Armed Forces and support LCMS military chaplains later this year. Read the minutes of the Congregational Assembly for information about what was discussed.

In the month of May there were 255 families provided food from Neighbors Helping Neighborhoods food pantry. Immanuel continues our outreach to the Boonslick area with our commitment to this program. Our food, money, grocery bags, and physical labor do not go unnoticed. We are committed because we want to help others, not because we have to help them. Take care and thanks to Immanuel for all you accomplish.

Our next community outreach will be our Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 27-31. Please plan on volunteering in some way as you are able.

Updated church magazines and newsletters are available on the table in the narthex. Please scan and return for other members to use.

There were seven prayer requests in April. May has had four prayer requests at this time.

**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



The suggested donations in the month of June for the NHN Food Pantry is small jars of peanut butter and jelly, snack crackers (Ritz or Club style), granola bars.

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, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.



**Heit's Point Lutheran Camp**

We invite you to Heit's Point Lutheran's Outdoor Festival - Sat, June 6 at 10:00 am - at the Ascension Haus! We are celebrating the summer - with a worship service, installing of the camp counselors, TLC Smokehouse lunch, Bingo FUNdraiser with camp tours and time in the lake! Please join us and bring a friend or three! We ask for your help in supporting your LCMS Summer Camp. Please RSVP to [info@heitspointlutheran.org](mailto:info@heitspointlutheran.org) or call 660-663-2363.



## THE GOSPEL IN MINIATURE

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life”  
(John 3:16 ESV).*

John 3:16 is not a slogan; it is the Gospel in its purest form. Notice first the subject: God. The movement begins not with our love, our decision, or our improvement, but with His love. “For God so loved the world ...” The Greek *houtōs* does not merely describe intensity but manner—God loved in this way: He gave. And what did He give? “His only Son”—*ton huion ton monogenē*. The eternal, begotten Son is handed over into flesh, into suffering, into death.

This is pure grace. As Professor Emeritus Dr. Robert Kolb has often emphasized, the Gospel always comes as divine initiative. We do not climb up to God; He descends to us. Martin Luther called this verse *the Gospel in miniature, declaring that it contains the whole Bible* (*Weimar Ausgabe 10/3:334*). Here is the Father giving, the Son given, and the Spirit creating faith through that proclaimed Word.

And this giving is not wishful thinking. It is Incarnational and Sacramental. The Son is given into death on the cross, where perishing is swallowed by His atoning blood. But the same Son is given still—in the preached Word, in Holy Baptism, where we are buried and raised with Him (Rom. 6), and at the Altar, where His Body and Blood are given “for you.” As Professor Emeritus Dr. David Scaer noted, the atonement is not a distant event; it is delivered personally through the Means of Grace.

“Whoever believes in him.” Faith (*pisteuōn*) is not a human achievement, but a Spirit-worked trust created by the Gospel itself. Faith clings to Christ alone. The alternative is stark: perish or eternal life. Law and Gospel stand clearly. Apart from Christ, perishing is real. In Christ, eternal life is certain.

John 3:16 does not flatter us; it saves us. It does not point inward; it points to the Son lifted up. And whoever believes—whoever is brought to trust this crucified and risen Lord—has eternal life now. Not maybe. Not someday. Has. Now but not yet.

The Father gave His Son. The Son gave His life. The Spirit gives you faith. And eternal life is yours.

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for loving us in this way: giving Your only Son for our salvation. Grant us steadfast faith through Your Word and Sacraments, that we may cling to Christ alone and rejoice in the eternal life He has won for us; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Your Servant in Christ,  
Rev. Richard S. Cody  
Fourth Vice President  
Missouri District



### Psalm 130

- <sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!  
<sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice!  
 Let your ears be attentive  
 to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
 O Lord, who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
 that you may be feared.  
<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
 and in his word I hope;  
<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
 more than watchmen for the morning,  
 more than watchmen for the morning.  
<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
 For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
 and with him is plentiful redemption.  
<sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel  
 from all his iniquities.



<sup>32</sup> *Be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one  
another, as God in Christ  
forgave you.*



## *Boonville High School*

*Logan Turk*

*Son of Amanda Naumann & William Turk  
Grandson of Gary Naumann and Melinda Bloom*

*Adilynn Mathis*

*Daughter of Jason & Suzanne Mathis  
Granddaughter of Ted & Sandy Stock*

*Rowen Stock*

*Daughter of Michael & Jodee Stock  
Granddaughter of Ted & Sandy Stock*

## *Sequoyah High School*

*Canton, Georgia*

*Jackson Davis Allen*

*Son of Jodi & Jeff Allen  
Grandson of Larry & Georgia Davis*

## *Hickory Creek High School*

*Hickory Creek, Texas*

*Karly Linneman*

*Daughter of Steven & the late Carol Linneman  
Granddaughter of Doris & the late VirdeLL Linneman and Mary & the late Jack Linneman*

## *Kansas State University*

*Bachelor of Science/Dietetics*

*Kyra Lynn Phillips Kneiss*

*Daughter of Tamica Phillips  
Granddaughter of Jackie Cockrell  
Great-niece of Teresa Windsor, Valerie Windsor, and Patty & Earl Mangels*

## *Texas A&M*

*Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering*

*Clayton Linneman*

*Son of Steven & the late Carol Linneman  
Grandson of Doris & the late VirdeLL Linneman and Mary & the late Jack Roth*

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