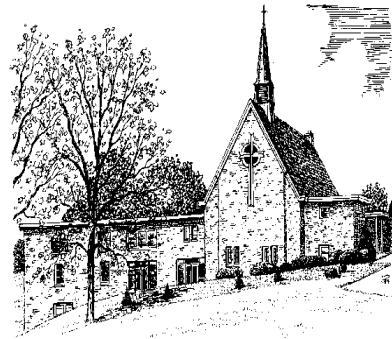


# The King's Business

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## The Pastor's Page

What is your favorite chapter of scripture? Not just your favorite verse, but your favorite chapter. We don't normally talk about favorite chapters, probably because they're not as easy to memorize as individual verses. But there's some value in thinking about the Bible in terms of lengthier sections of text. Portions that tell an entire story or make a complete theological statement.

Think about it for a second. Maybe Genesis 1 and the story of creation? Perhaps Psalm 23 or 51, with their beautiful poetry about God's care and forgiveness. John 3:16 is a beloved verse, but John 3 as a whole is a pretty amazing description of baptismal grace and God's salvation.

For me, one of my favorites is 1 Corinthians 15. It may not be the first thing that comes to your mind. But in this season of Lent, as we approach Holy Week and Easter at the end of the month, I encourage you to take a look at it. Because I'm not sure you'll find a better explanation of the resurrection than this chapter.

Does Jesus' resurrection really need explanation? Well, it certainly did for the church in Corinth. St Paul suggests in verse 12 that there were some in the church there that denied it had ever happened.

Despite the fact that his crucifixion, death, and resurrection was witnessed by Cephas (aka St Peter) and the twelve disciples. That he appeared to more than 500 witnesses in the 40 days after Easter. And that even Paul himself had seen him alive on the road to Damascus. Denying the resurrection of Jesus was a pretty foolish thing to do in the face of such overwhelming evidence.

But what really frustrates Paul is that these people who deny the resurrection don't seem to think it matters. They think that they can still be Christians even if Christ is still dead and buried. That there is a version of Christianity where the resurrection is unimportant to our faith. And according to Paul, that's just plain stupid.

Because if Christ is still dead, then everything we believe is pointless. If Christ is still dead, then he was a liar who misled all of his disciples. If Christ is still dead then we're not putting our faith in the incarnate Son of God. No, we're putting our faith in an ordinary, sinful, mortal human being. Someone who can't do anything for us, no matter what we believe. Because, after all, he's dead now. If Christ is still dead, then the entire world should pity us as pathetic fools worshiping a powerless false god.

Of course, Christ isn't still dead. And because he's not dead, his resurrection is now the foundation of everything we believe. His resurrection proves that he was telling the truth about himself: he truly is the Son of God.

And because he's the Son of God, his resurrection proves that he has the power to forgive sins. His resurrection proves that he has the authority to judge the living and the dead. Most of all, his resurrection proves that he has the power to raise us from the dead.

Which was yet another aspect of the resurrection that the Corinthians needed to have explained... and perhaps we do too. Because the Corinthians wondered what exactly the resurrection of the dead would look like. And I can understand why. After all, we have an awful lot of supernatural folklore in our own day to confuse us: zombies, vampires, Frankenstein's monsters, and the like.

That's obviously not what the resurrection of the dead will look like. And St Paul assures us that your resurrection will look like Jesus' resurrection. You will die in a mortal body and you will rise in an immortal body. You will die a man of dust, you will rise a man of heaven. You will die in sin, you will rise sinless and glorified.

For in Christ, death is not defeat. No, in Christ, death is victory. Victory that Jesus won by rising from the

dead. Victory that he gives to us by raising us from the dead. Death is swallowed up in complete victory.

And that victory gives us purpose. It gives purpose to our Christian faith. It gives purpose to our church. It gives purpose to our very lives. Our labor is not in vain. Our faith is not pointless. Everything we do now matters because it will not end in death. Everything we do is simply leading to more life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- Pastor Ketelsen

### BIBLE STUDY

**Sunday School:** for age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade is meeting in the Sunday School Room.

**Youth Class** for junior and senior high meets in the youth room in the sub-basement.

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

**Tuesday Ladies Bible Class** meets on Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. in the large classroom on the main floor.

**Bibles and Bar-B-Q Men's Bible Discussion Group** meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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



Remember to “spring forward” and turn your clocks ahead as Daylight Saving Time begins on March 10<sup>th</sup>!

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.

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**Sunday Service** - 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday School** – 10:15 a.m.

**Fellowship Time** - Fifth Sundays 9:15 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)

**Copies of sermons are available.** If you missed a service, or just loved one immensely, copies are available on our church website, [ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church](http://ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church). 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 and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

*<sup>19</sup> And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:19*

**CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY MEETING****February 18, 2024**

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

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Ketelsen opened us in prayer asking for guidance as we make decisions regarding the Lord's work.

There were no new members presented.

**Approval of Agenda/Amendment of Agenda:** Tim Derendinger asked that an addition be made to the Agenda to include a discussion of the activities or projects for the year. Motion to approve the Amended Agenda was made by Gary Naumann and seconded by Earl Mangels. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Terry Ehlers moved the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Jason Linneman. Passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Ketelsen discussed the Lenten Services are going to be based on a program that he and Louis Stock and Craig Meyer attended, Ambassadors of Reconciliation. The series was introduced on Ash Wednesday.

New Member Confirmation class is underway and should be finished before the end of Lent. Confirmation Class is going well.

**Report of Officers**

**President:** nothing

**Vice President:** Nothing

**Secretary:** Absent – Minutes were presented previously.

**Treasurer:** Kim Toellner presented the financial report of Immanuel Lutheran Church and Immanuel Lutheran School. There were several discussions regarding the reports and the status of finances. These are still a work in progress with Serck's office still getting the reporting in the manner we are familiar with.

**Elders' Report** Craig Meyer presented the minutes from the last meeting. Diane Cummins asked what the "Shine Event" was that was mentioned in the Minutes. Further discussion follows under Stewardship.

**Board of Property:** Billy Mac Wells presented he has received a proposal from Scott Electric for some wiring projects to include adding a separate switch for the Sanctuary lighting that will allow the side aisle lights to remain lit at all times. Craig Meyer stated the Elders have discussed those lights should remain lit at all times. They

will also replace the timer on the west entrance as well as a light socket. The plumbing issue was discussed regarding the water flow decrease when toilets are flushed. This remains under investigation. It was also discussed the playground fence is in need of help. The northern fence is falling to the outside. A workday may be needed to fix this and other items around the grounds. Craig Meyer mentioned he wants to have a workday on the next Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> to power wash and disinfect the Fellowship Hall Tables and Chairs. These have not been thoroughly cleaned since purchase.

**Board of Christian Education:** Andrea Thacher stated Sunday School currently has been running with 5 kids. Andrea also brought attention to the fact there will be a replacement teacher needed next year. Sunday School program will be organizing the Easter Egg Hunt associated with the Easter Breakfast.

**School Board:** Christian Stock was absent. Glenda discussed Enrollment for next year is starting. She should have a good idea of the numbers for next year by the May Assembly Meeting. She also stated they have been fighting several rounds of illness, as many have. Glenda announced the Preschool and Kindergarten will be singing on Palm Sunday.

**Board of Stewardship/Outreach:** Terry Ehlers presented several items for the report. They currently have the Lenten Evening Dinner sign-up sheet available for the meals before the Wednesday evening services. The "Shine Event" was discussed. This is an opportunity for the entire church to come together for special community service oriented activity. This will take place April 12 – 21, 2024. This is an opportunity for congregations to "Let their Light Shine" in their community. Craig Meyer will work with Terry Ehlers and Gene Cummins to find an opportunity in the Boonville community that we could work with.

Terry Ehlers encouraged everyone to visit the MO.lcms.org website as there are several great topics of interest. There will be a District Youth Gathering March 5/6. The National Youth Gathering will be in 2025 held in New Orleans. They continue to support the Food Pantry with distributions on Tuesdays. There were 9 Prayer Requests in January and 6 thus far in February. There are currently 24 members on the Prayer Chain and can always use more. The District website has several different resources available for free.

Gary Naumann moved to accept the Board Reports as presented, Seconded by Earl Mangels. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Update on Electronic Sign: After the price tag came in so high with the other proposal, a secondary proposal was reviewed which would have an Active Area of 4'2" x 7'10". This is by the same company, Impact Signs of Sedalia. The price tag on this came in approximately \$23,000, not including any electrical work which was previously estimated at \$6,000.
2. Other discussion around the sign discussion. Stefani Ketelsen mentioned there are several opportunities using Social Media, specifically Facebook Advertising. Maybe we devote some resources towards Facebook Advertising. The possibility of utilizing the Bill Board by Walmart was mentioned also. Pastor Ketelsen also discussed the possibility of doing some "Branding" for Immanuel Lutheran Church. This could give some "identity" in our marketing separate from the Lutheran Church Logo.

**New Business:**

1. Gene Cummins presented a request to purchase a new Nativity Scene as the current one is several years old and has been repaired several times to be able to stay upright. A proposal from MyNativity.com was presented to purchase an entire set or parts of the set. Just the Nativity could be purchase for \$1,095 or the entire set including Mary & Joseph, Shepherds, Wisemen, Angels, and Animals is on sale for \$3,000 (normally \$3,495). Craig Meyer motioned that the entire set be purchased, seconded by Kim Toellner. Motion Passed. Pastor will announce we are purchasing this and ask if anyone in the congregation would want to donate to reduce some of the costs. The same company also does an Easter Set that is \$1,500 – just FYI.
2. Review of the Year: Gene went through the list of many of the accomplishments this past year including: the parking lot sealing / striping, elevator update with phone line replacement, updated the service contract on elevator, separated the church & school bank accounts, replaced the clear window covers on the sanctuary covering the stained glass, fixed a broken window portion, replaced the water fountain downstairs to be more accessible to the students and filling water bottles, Installed new phone and security system, Many of the greater lot trees were trimmed to raise the canopy, among many others.
3. Gene presented that we currently have CD's with LCEF earning 2.65% that are maturing and will be renewing at a higher rate. We have other new Thrivent CD's that are paying 5.0%.
4. A discussion of the upcoming year's activities began.
  - a. The Shine Event was discussed. Possibly helping Neighbor Helping Neighbors.
  - b. Tim Derendinger mentioned that he was looking at making a significant investment in Evangelism that will be beneficial in the community. He asked about the Harvest House and if there were something that could be done to help bring that back and help the homeless in Boonville. Discussion of the issues that were related to the Harvest House followed. Further discussion and consideration of opportunities should be kept in mind.
  - c. A possibility of a desire to help create a local Lutheran High School as a follow up to the Lone Elm Elementary School. There are several possibilities of facilitating classes could work as there are several resources for homeschooling that could work within a structure.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, Terri Ehlers motioned to adjourn, seconded by Diane Cummins. Motion carried.

**Closing Prayer:** Gene Cummins closed the meeting asking all to join in the Lord's Prayer.

Twenty-four members and one guest were in attendance, including the following: Gene Cummins, Diane Cummins, Georgia Davis, Larry Davis, Gary Naumann, Kimberly Toellner, Andrea Thacher, Craig Meyer, Norman Lenger, Pat Lenger, Don Meyer, Brenda Wells, Billy Mac Wells, Wanda Derendinger, Tim Derendinger, Glenda Gerhardt, Pastor Josh Ketelsen, Stefani Ketelsen, Luanna Carpenter, Ray Schrader, Terry Ehlers, Gayle Linneman, Jason Linneman, Earl Mangels, Patty Mangels (Guest)

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig Meyer

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

We had a fun February. We had a Valentine's Day Party. Our parents came and partied with us. We played with the parachute and balloons. We played outside a lot. We were happy to ride the trikes, go down the slides, swing and run and play. We thanked God for the weather!!

We started the new year learning stories from the New Testament. We learned about Jesus calming a storm, Feeding 5,000 people, The Lord's Prayer and Jesus Rides into Jerusalem.

Pastor is talking to us about the Creed. We learned about the Prodigal Son (the forgiveness of sins), The Flood (eternal life) and then we will start on The Lord's Prayer).

We are working on our alphabet and numbers. We are learning their sounds. We are learning to write our names. We went on a SAFARI where we looked for wild animals (we used our binoculars and safari hats). We are working on Ocean animals and their sounds (some are very loud).

WE LOVE SCHOOL and ALL OUR FRIENDS!!

### Upcoming March Events:

#### **NO SCHOOL**

**Wed., March 6-Mon. March 11**

Teacher's Conference  
Tan-Tar-A

#### **Children Sing for Church**

**Sunday, March 24**  
9 a.m.

#### **Easter Parties**

**Monday, March 25**  
**Tuesday, March 26**  
10 a.m.

#### **NO SCHOOL**

(Easter Break)

**Wed, March 27-Mon. April 1**

#### **NO SCHOOL**

(Election Day)

**Tuesday, April 2**

## KEEPING UP WITH KINDERGARTEN

Once the snow of January cleared out, it became business as usual for February. We look forward to the warmer days of March with the chance of longer outdoor time.

We are closing in on the last quarter of the school year. The race is on to prepare these students for first grade. They are growing before our eyes. Soon they will be off on their first grade adventure.

Thank you for everyone's continued support. This program is so special. We give these children not only an academic foundation, but a spiritual one as well. The seed is being planted by our Lord through us. Watching it grow is such a blessing.

In HIS Service,  
The Kindergarten Team

## STEWARDSHIP/OUTREACH BOARD

The Missouri District Youth Gathering is Friday, April 5 – 7, 2024. Registration closes March 25. See Pastor Ketelsen if you are interested or need more information.

The National Youth Gathering (for ages 14-19) in New Orleans, LA, will be Saturday, July 19, 2025 to Wednesday, July 23, 2025. Planning needs to begin now if you are interested in attending.

SHINE! Missouri District Servant Event will be Friday, April 12 to Sunday, April 21, 2024. If you have any ideas about service projects, let Terry Ehlers, Craig Meyers, or Gene Cummins know. To learn more about SHINE!, go to <https://mo.lcms.org/shine>

Neighbors Helping Neighbors has several different ways you can help. Ask any committee member for more information about how you can help.

There were 9 prayer requests in January. For February, there have been 6 prayer requests.







The suggested donations in the month of March for the NHN Food Pantry is cash donations for Easter meals. As always, any non-perishable canned and boxed goods are welcome. 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, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

\*Please note that the distribution dates for 2024 have changed. Beginning in January, the distribution will be on the first Tuesday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and the second and third Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.



#### IMMANUEL PRAYER WARRIORS

In keeping up with technology, a number of years ago our prayer chain started using text messages instead of phone calls making it a much simpler process. Anyone not receiving text messages could still request a phone call.

This is an outreach mission of our congregation. Over the past two years we have averaged over six prayer requests per month. The requests are for friends of our congregation as well as our own members. After a prayer request is received, acknowledgement is sent to the person, letting them know Immanuel members are holding them up in prayer to God.

Even with these numbers, we feel that the Prayer Chain could be utilized much more. Parents with children could use these prayer requests in their family devotion time to help teach the child to pray for others even if they don't personally know them. Jesus encourages us, after all, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14 ESV

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has

committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person has great power as it is working." James 5:13-16 ESV.

As James tells us, God wants us to pray for the sick and the suffering and He promises to hear us. He also gladly hears our prayers of thanksgiving for blessings we have received. The righteous person is one who prays "in faith". The Bible tells us, "So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17 ESV.

The Bible urges us to pray for all people. Praying for each other can bring us closer together in faith as a congregation. According to 1 Timothy 2:1 ESV, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all people."

We often feel we do not have the abilities or talents to serve in many of the positions in the church. WE CAN ALL PRAY!! In fact, we can pray about the ways we can serve our church better. As the well-known Serenity Prayer says, "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot church, the courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."

If you are not a member of our Prayer Chain, please consider becoming a member. Contact Pastor Ketelsen, Sharon Thoma (660-537-0398), or Pat Lenger (660-888-9739), to become a member to share with us in the opportunity to lift up the needs and cares of others in prayer.



#### ***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!*

# ZION LUTHERAN SCHOOL 10 POINT PITCH TOURNAMENT

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**EASTER LILIES:** The Altar Guild will be accepting donations for Easter Lilies **beginning March 3rd – March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Cost per plant is \$15.00. If you wish to

donate a lily(ies), **please** use the sign-up sheet which will be on the table in the narthex. Take an envelope that is provided, place your cash/check in it and place it in the offering plate when it is passed during the worship service. If paying by check, please make it payable to **Immanuel Lutheran Church. THANK YOU!** Your support is greatly appreciated!