
IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Lantern

...I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of the life." John 8:12



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Greetings from the Pastor

Summer is Coming!

Summer does not officially arrive until the twenty first of June, when children start to get out of school and family vacations can begin. However for many people summer begins as soon as the weather permits and for some it has already begun. That often means that Sunday attendance will shrink even further. The income flow to churches also declines, as some see there giving as an admission fee that is only paid when they attend.

Church services are not an entertainment event staged for us, but an obligation and an opportunity to return thanks to God whose mercies never cease. God does not go on vacation; his love for us is constant and abiding. Should not our love for God reflect the same devotion?

Opportunities to worship here at Immanuel exist in a simple half hour Saturday night service, and regular worship each Sunday. Yet in every town and village throughout America were ever you find yourself on Sunday there will be some group of Christians gathering, who would, I'm sure welcome you to join them.

Just as mortgages and utility bills continue when you are on vacation away from home the same is true here at your spiritual home. Therefore just as we remember in our prayers those who are away from home, please remember your home congregation when you are away.

Enjoy the summer, it like everything else is a gift from God.

Pastor McKinley

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Tues.~Thurs. 8AM~12 noon



JUNE SERVING SCHEDULE

DATE	LAY ASSISTANT	USHERS	ALTAR	ACOLYTES	LECTOR
3RD	Terry Stahlhut	Lana Hyer & Eva LaBrozzi	Donna Palzer	TBD	Sharon Rollier
10TH	Kris Calabro	Carole Hepp & Sharon Rollier	Donna Palzer	TBD	Kris Calabro
17TH	Todd Engle	Roberta McGilvery & Millie Martin	Donna Palzer	TBD	Todd Engle
24TH	Roberta McGilvery	Scott & Kim Brown	Donna Palzer	TBD	Roberta McGilvery

BIRTHDAYS

3rd ~ Brittany Calabro Turner
 4th ~ Jim Mechtel
 8th ~ Lisa McLain
 9th ~ Su Browne
 10th ~ Korie Grogan Harris
 13th ~ Joseph LaBrozzi
 14th ~ Annmarie Engle
 21st ~ Rachel & Mitchell Engle
 28th ~ Jackie Novatin
 28th ~ Donna Reigle (Santoli)



ANNIVERSARIES

4th ~ Johannes & Anita Paerg
 6th ~ Fred & Kathi Dyroff



PASTORAL CARE VISITORS NEEDED

Recently we have lost a few Homebound Communion or Eucharistic Ministers due to relocation or illness. We would like to recruit and train a team of pastoral visitors by maintaining contact and visitation with our increasing homebound and institutionalize members. If you desire to serve in this ministry, please contact

Pastor McKinley either after the church service or
 call him at: 201-281-6989

Wurffel Fund College Loan/Scholarship

Applications are available now in the church office.

These are due back no later than JUNE 15.

“GIVING”

Our **“Last Will and Testament”** is a document that we leave behind to instruct our heirs as to how we would like to divide our life’s wealth. How you divide your accumulated wealth should be your decision, but for many of us it is a hard document to produce because it requires us to deal with our own mortality. We must face the certainty that we will not live forever.

The uglier truth is that if we do not create **Last Will** of our choosing, our assets will be divided by convoluted regulations established by New Jersey under the control of court appointed administrators. In other words, if you do not create a **Will**, the State has created one for you. Under State mandate, not only will money and property be shared by our heirs, but the court will determine who will have control over minor children. Children regardless of their level of maturity can gain full control of an inheritance when they reach the age of 18.

A court appointed administrator can never know our heirs as we do. A court appointed administrator can never know our heartfelt desires for those we leave behind. Moreover, there are no provisions in court administered estates to provide for contributions to charity. Unless you create a **Will**, no charities of your choice can benefit from your life’s work. Have you considered naming your Lutheran church, or any other charity for the matter, to be included in your Will? Without a **Will**, a charitable contribution from your estate is impossible.

It is always good advice when considering any gift transaction to consult your tax advisor as to how that gifting strategy might affect your personal situation.

Thank you for support of your church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTICE RE: CONFIRMATION!

A previous article stated that confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday 2019 with all possible students being informed. The program requires 2 years of consistent attendance. Therefore there will be four students who will be confirmed on **Reformation Sunday October 28, 2018**. Those students will be Joseph Kling, Logan McClain, Alexandria Zumpano, and Raeann Patterson. The students will be meeting with pastor in September to fulfill their last requirement.

Janice Henry

A Time for Everything

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 NIV

- Vs. 1 ~ There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:
 Vs. 2~ a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
 Vs. 3 ~ a time to kill and time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
 Vs.4 ~ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
 Vs. 5 ~ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
 Vs. 6~ a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and time to throw away,
 Vs. 7 ~ a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
 Vs. 8 ~ a time to love and time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Summer tips:

Donation

Please do not forget your donations during the summer months. An easy way to do that, if you bank on line, is register the church as a bill and use your envelope number as an account number. Indicate when you would like it mailed, whether weekly or monthly include 20 Monterey Circle Lakewood NJ as the address and the bank will mail the donations accordingly. You never have to worry about envelopes and writing out checks again. If you do not bank on line make the donations for the month that you will be away and send it to the church. Remember the church goes on and needs your donations whether you are here or not. We need every "church family" member. to allow Immanuel to Continue.

Attendance:

You attendance in church is important not only to the church but to you and the family. Summer is especially hard for some, the kids are out of school, nobody wants to get up early, and Sunday may be the perfect beach Day. If Sunday is hard in the summer, try our Saturday Evening Service at 5:30p.m It is only 30 minutes and you can share the service experience with the kids.



Mother's Day



God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen!



Happy Father's Day!

Remember
Father's
Day
On
June 17th

Food Pantry

UPDATE:

PROJECT HOMEWORK:

Even though the school year is winding down, PROJECT HOMEWORK is gearing up! We will begin collecting school supplies from **June 1st through August 31st**. These supplies will be distributed to the children of families who belong to our food pantry throughout **August**. We will gladly accept any school supplies, or if you prefer, we can do the shopping for you.

Thank you for your support of **PROJECT HOMEWORK!**

*****Any questions please see Scott Brown*****



**Pantry Hours &
Dates
June 14th & 28th
10:00 AM to
12 noon**

THINKING AHEAD:

Christmas in July! Start looking for great or clearance deals for toys and games for our Christmas Gift give away for the food pantry clients!



Scott Brown

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