

# IMMANUEL'S

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JUNE 2023

## WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS MONTH AT IMMANUEL

### CLASS OF 2023

**Ava Ashenfelter**

daughter of Barry Ashenfelter & Julie Chapman

**Owen Christensen**

son of Brian Christensen & Courtney Kuehn

**Ella Foltz**

daughter of Greg Foltz & Erin LaCombe

**Emma Hanson**

daughter of John & Katie Hanson

**Aveline Jacob**

daughter of Rob & Denise Jacob

**Naomi Jannke**

daughter of Jessica Jannke

**Alex Lueck**

son of Steve & Karey Lueck

**Karsen Patoka**

son of Tricia Braatz & John Luetzke

**Lexy Schneider**

daughter of Krista Schmidt & Todd Schneider

**Ashley Scholze**

daughter of Brad & Kelly Scholze

### NeMO: New Member Orientation Sunday, June 4 at 10:15am

NeMO is for EVERYONE - people who are interested in membership, active members of our congregation, and members who might be seeking a deeper connection!

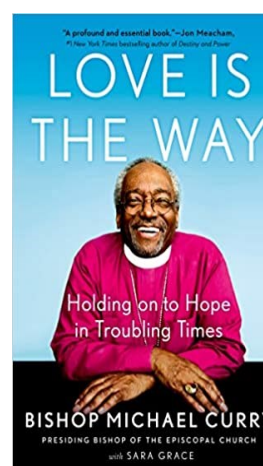
We will get to know you, meet fellow members and friends, share stories of our congregation and ministries, get a tour of the building we call home, and more as we focus on our mission & baptismal calling. Refreshments will be provided, and we promise it will be a fun time!

Questions? Contact Trevor Thom or the church office.

Join Pastor Carina and musician Sue Weihert for worship at The Grove, Marquardt, at 2 pm on Sunday, June 25.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP Tuesday, June 20 from 11-12

Support group for those who have experienced loss and grief, whether loss of a loved one or another type of loss, recent or from years ago. All are welcome.



Pastor Carina would like to invite you all to consider joining a book study of Bishop Michael Curry of the Episcopal Church *Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times.*

This will be a four-week study with fellowship time. Call the office to reserve a copy of the book.

We are planning to meet the following Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm. May 31 and June 7, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, June 14 and 21 at Immanuel in the youth room (2nd floor of education building). Light refreshments.

# SUMMER CELEBRATION



## Fun Events for All Ages!

**Third Wednesday of Summer Months from 5:30pm-7:30pm**

ALL AGES are invited as we gather for monthly summer events with activities and worship geared especially for children and families! We'll get together in the Multipurpose Room for a meal at 5:30pm before things kick-off at 6:00pm.

We'll explore scripture, sing, pray, learn, and play together!

Our time will wrap up with outdoor worship (weather permitting) from 7:00pm-7:30pm.

If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Trevor Thom.

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**Wednesday, June 21  
Celebrate Creation!**

God's love is like a seed.  
Will we be good soil so we  
can grow and share that  
love with the world?



**Wednesday, July 19  
Celebrate Jesus!**

Join us as we celebrate Jesus'  
birth, life & teaching, and his  
resurrection all in one night!



**Wednesday, August 16  
Celebrate Baptism!**

Wear something you feel  
comfortable getting wet in...  
because you know we can't  
celebrate the gift of baptism  
without WATER!



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## THE TIME HAS COME!

After 10 wonderful, fulfilling years of being the coordinator of the Personal Essentials Pantry, otherwise known as PEP, the time has come for me to turn over the coordinator's role to someone else.

My wish is that someone reading this will consider stepping up and into this role. It is a great 'job' for someone recently retired, as I was 10 years ago, and who is looking for somewhere to direct their energy. Rarely does it take more than 6 hours of time per week, with most of it needing to be available on Thursday afternoons when we are open from 1-3 and 4-6. A complete listing of things I now do on a sporadic basis is available in the church office.

I am still more than willing to help out PEP and continue guiding the new coordinator, if asked. Barb Eske also serves as a very capable assistant and takes over when I am not available, so the transition to a new coordinator will be easy. Its operation works very smoothly because we have awesome dependable volunteers who usually work twice a month for a 2 hour stint.

Won't you please consider helping me 'retire' once again and step up and into this role? It is a wonderful way to be involved in something, meeting and working with wonderful people, as well as supporting appreciative people who visit the pantry in need of a boost in life.

If you are not ready to assume that role, but have been looking for something to do for 2 hours on a Thursday afternoon, how about you consider offering your time to volunteer? Let Janis in the church office know and she will be sure that I get the message to be in touch will you. Otherwise call my cell at (920)988-1321, leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as I can or simply ask Barb or myself about it when you see us.

Kathy Schuett

### IMMANUEL'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesday,  
June 21st - 1:00pm



A midwife goes on trial for the death of a woman on whom she performed an emergency cesarean section in order to save the baby's life. This is the premise of **Midwives** by Chris Bahjulan, which will be the book for our discussion on June 21. Join us for what promises to be a timely and lively discussion at 1:00 on the 21st. We meet in the Youth Room at church. See you there!

*Thank  
you*

*Dear People of  
Immanuel!*

*Thank you so much for  
your gift to celebrate with me my  
graduation from seminary. I didn't think  
that this is the path I would be on but I am  
so excited for the next adventure ahead.  
Thank you for your support and prayers  
these last four years. I hope to visit you all  
soon! Blessings on your continued ministry!*

*Peace, Rita Argus*

## FAITH FORMATION by Ruth Mack

All the offering monies given by the Sunday School students again this year were designated for the ELCA's Good Gift animal program.

Just over \$1350 will be sent to the ELCA to purchase animals for families worldwide. Thanks also to the congregation for participating in the "Change for Better" Penny challenge; that event raised \$658.00 of the total.

The students voted on which animals to purchase: Chickens won at 40% of the vote, followed by goats with chickens, cow, piglet, and bees. That's 54 flocks of chickens! (6 goats with chickens 5 piglets, ½ a cow, 2 hives of bees).



## CONFIRMATION - May 21, 2023

Back row: Julienn Riedl, Teagen Stivarius, Charles Sukow, Austin Bartelt

Front row: Mimi Stivarius, Pastor Carina, Nayeli Calzada-Chairez

## Immanuel's 150th Anniversary

Mark your calendars NOW for **January 2025** when we will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our congregation.

Did you know . . . *The first school house (now part of where the education wing is) was 32' x 48', two stories plus basement. Cost of construction \$2,882.57. The lot cost \$400.00. The building was dedicated in 1885. Later that year a well was dug as water had to be "borrowed" from the neighbors. The fire escape was added in 1937. Sunday School classes were added in the early 1900s. The top floor was also used for meals, council meetings, church suppers and receptions.*

Watch for more fun facts in the coming months!



# MISSION WORK

## MONTHLY REPORTS April 2023

### Hometown Mission Fund

Beginning balance: 03/30/2023	\$ 375.79
Deposits	\$ 1,720.00
3 check(s) written	\$ 600.00
Service fees	\$ 2.36
Ending balance 04/30/2023	\$ 1,493.43

9 contacts made in April  
3 families received assistance

### Community Laundry

Beginning balance: 04/01/2023	\$ 1,508.94
PLUS: Deposits	\$ 159.05
PLUS: Interest	\$ 0.00
PLUS: Loose Cash Donations (not deposited)	\$ 22.00
MINUS Operating Cost	- \$ 561.00
Ending balance 04/30/2023	<u>\$ 1,128.99</u>
Bank Balance 04/30/2023	\$ 751.74
Loose Cash on Hand 04/30/2023	<u>\$ 377.25</u>
	<u>\$ 1,128.99</u>

161 families served in April (14 new families)  
119 washer loads - 155 dryer loads

### Personal Essentials Pantry

Beginning balance: 04/01/2023	\$ 9,397.01
April Deposits	\$ 20.00
April Purchases	\$ 945.04
Ending balance 04/30/2023	\$ 9,397.01



### SCHEDULE FOR JUNE . . .

- 1 Lake Mills Bank
- 8 Christ United Methodist
- 15 St. Mark's Lutheran Church
- 22 St. Bernard's Catholic Church
- 29 Cornerstone of Grace

### Bread & Roses - April Report

Beginning Balance 04/01/2023	\$ 4,161.86
April Deposit	\$ 0.00
April Expenses	\$ 126.62
Ending Balance 04/30/2023	\$ 4,035.24
Savings Balance: 04/30/2023	\$ 3,542.14
Guests Served: 04/01 - 04/30/2023	611

## Noisy Offering

Mission & Outreach will coordinate the Noisy Offering schedule. We will always (most usually) have the Noisy Offering on the 3rd weekend of each month. If your group is interested in having a weekend set aside please contact a member of the Mission & Outreach Committee.



**June 18-19**, our *Noisy Offering* will go towards our **Hometown Mission Fund**. This fund helps people with housing, prescriptions, gas, etc. There is always a need for this fund. **Start saving your change for this worthy project!**

## Membership Report - April 2023

### Worship Attendance:

	8:00 am	10:30 am	6:30 pm	9 am / Special	Total	Average	Info/Service
<b>2023</b>							
Apr. 2/3	168	105	17		290	97	Palm Sunday
Apr. 6			95	31	126	63	Maundy Thursday 11 am, 6:30 pm
Apr. 7			43	72	115	58	Good Friday 1:00pm & 6:30pm
Apr. 8				42	42	42	Easter Vigil 7:30 pm
Apr. 9/10	153	152			305	153	Easter Sunday 8, 10:30
Apr. 16/17	63	48	17		128	43	
Apr. 23/24	92	62	22		176	59	
Apr.30/1	81	72	21		174	58	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1356</b>		
<b>2022</b>							
Apr. 3/4	69	35	15		119	40	
Apr. 6			60				6th wk of Lent 6:30 (meet Pr. Carina)
Apr. 10/11	92	105	25		222	74	Palm Sunday
Apr. 14			102	40	142	71	Maundy Thursday 11 am, 6:30 pm
Apr. 15			85	75	160	80	Good Friday 1:00pm & 6:30pm
Apr. 16				42	42	42	Easter Vigil 7:43 pm
Apr. 17/18	149	166			315	158	Easter Sunday 8, 10:30
Apr.24/25	75	44	22		141	47	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>1141</b>		

### Baptisms:

Evelyn Rey Agar-Pratt, April 23, 2023

**Baptized:** 834\*

**Confirmed:** 697\*

\*These are the numbers that are available through our current membership software.

**Immanuel Ladies Lunch Bunch** - We hope to meet the 4th Tuesday of the month on June 27th at 11:30am. Look for more information later.

## W-ELCA & IMMANUEL'S CIRCLES

W-ELCA Board will meet on Wednesday, June 7 @ 10:00am

**Quilter's** are meeting in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am on:

Tuesday, June 6; Wednesday, June 14 and Thursday, June 22

### Bible Circles

Our Bible Circles continue to meet; you are welcome to visit or join either group.

Mary Circle will meet Tuesday, June 20th at 4:00pm in the Youth Room.

Sarah Circle will not meet in June.

## Treasurer's Report - April 2023

### Actual Weekly Income

	General	Debt Retirement	Building Offering	Mission Support	Other Budgetary Designated	Capital Campaign	Other Designated	Total
4/2	9,085.50	—	125.00	115.00	624.00	1,190.00	903.00	<b>12,042.50</b>
4/9	5,350.00	—	55.00	20.00	496.75	3,935.00	25.00	<b>9,881.75</b>
4/16	6,558.00	—	55.00	20.00	25.00	920.00	26.41	<b>7,604.41</b>
4/23	4,711.00	—	95.00	110.00	20.97	1,137.00	1,661.29	<b>7,735.26</b>
4/30	<b>Posted in May</b>							
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>25,704.50</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>330.00</b>	<b>265.00</b>	<b>1,166.72</b>	<b>7,182.00</b>	<b>2,615.70</b>	<b>37,263.92</b>
Year-to-Date GENERAL Budget Needs (Week #17)			<b>\$120,375.00</b>	Actual		<b>\$132,910.43</b>		
Year-to-Date CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Budget Needs (Month #4)			<b>\$100,000.00</b>	Actual		<b>\$82,031.00</b>		
Year-to-Date OTHER Designated Income				Actual		<b>\$8,490.67</b>		

**Loan Expenses:** Line of Credit: \$ 0.00

**Immanuel's Promise:** Loan Balance: \$1,213,218.18

(Interest paid in April: \$6,686.18 — Principle paid in April: \$0.00)

**Memorials:**

Sue Larson: PEP - \$20.00

Thomas Kwapil: Capital Campaign - \$550.00

Nancy Engelbrecht: Capital Campaign - \$50.00

John David: Capital Campaign - \$50.00

Janet Thom: Capital Campaign - \$25.00

**Honorarium:**

### GIVING REMINDER:

The opportunity continues for us to decrease the principal on our building loan through end of January 2024 before we begin a mortgage. Let's pay down the principal as much as possible together! This last month we paid only interest—let's work together to pay interest **AND** principal! Please consider giving to this effort now.

You can give online on our website, write a check, or use vanco or Venmo.

Thank you for your commitment to the present and future of Immanuel and the ministry we do for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE



1 Judy Draeger	15 Caleb Grochowske	23 Brette Szalanski
1 Rebecca Hoffman	15 Kinsley Hrobsky	23 Cassidy Wesemann
2 Julie Rennhack	16 Haley Korth	25 Aron Ayala
3 Kinley Conant	16 Margaret Straub	25 Roger Bohlman
3 Rick Schuett	16 Kara White	25 Tim Jensen
3 John Zastrow	18 Braeden Nemitz	25 Krista Pichette
4 Ellen Conant	18 Cole Nemitz	26 Alyssa Gahlman
4 Kalee Lafler	18 Aidan Scholze	26 Eric Nagel
5 Skylee Gehler	18 Linda Woldseth	27 Zach Adams
5 Dixie Reichert	19 Marta Boxell	27 Kayla Bellinge
6 Christian Burgardt	20 Madilyn Stivarius	27 Dianne Kennedy
6 Jerad Hrobsky	21 Todd Barta	27 Kiah Zechzer
6 Nicole Kueffer	21 Jenni Sommers	28 Laurie King
6 Ruthie Pugh	21 Josh Woldseth	28 Sarah Kottwitz
6 Ben Stivarius	22 Emily Krueger	28 Aiden Straub
7 Christine Koehler	22 Troy Socwell	28 Rita Zimmermann
8 Ashton Grosenick	23 Jan Gillmann	29 Jacob Crogan
8 Cindy Gruenwald	23 Lydia Klotz	
8 Korbyn Prust		
9 Erica Boeder		
9 Dawn Cantrall		
9 Jenifer Hedrick		
9 Bobby Lemke		
9 Kathy Miller		

## Wedding Anniversaries!

10 Logan Newhouse	1 Jean & Don Kwapil	17 Bob & Karin Scott
12 Lisa Johnson	2 Byron & Theresa Kluewer	18 Andy & Beth Boxell
12 Nathan Livingston	2 Rick & Kathy Schuett	18 Alyssa & Nick Gahlman
13 Julie Gaugert	4 Sandra & Mark VanBeem	18 Andy & Ashley Woodard
13 Savanna Grosenick	5 Richie & Katie Bartelt	21 Steve & Carol Schroeder
13 Josh Kueffer	6 Dallas & Elaine Grosenick	23 Lyn & David Hertel
13 Kayla Olson	7 Steve & Char Andracek	24 Jessica & Sam Chairez
13 Dave Woodard	10 Harry & Janice Ruehlow	24 Cary & Nancy Gillingham
14 Eagen Beck	10 Todd & Dione Zubke	24 Robert & Sarah Stocks
14 Dawn Dittmann	11 Jan & David Hoppe	25 Barry & Julie Chapman-Ashenfelter
14 Jens Hetzler	11 George & Linda Woldseth	25 Tom & Ann Lees
14 Linda Nehls	12 Steve & Barbara Polenski	26 Jens & Lynel Hetzler
	14 DeWayne & Anne Roberson	28 Bill & Pat Benzel
	15 Todd & Jayne Barta	28 Marilyn & Dennis Lange
	15 Mike & Jenifer Hedrick	28 Dave & Kathleen Steindorf
	15 John & Barbara Polenski	

*If your date is missing, please call the office.*

Ministers: All the people of Immanuel

Rev. Carina Schiltz, Pastor

Matt Stein, Director of Music Ministries

Janis Shackley, Office Manager

Dawn Westenber, Financial Secretary

Trevor Thom, Director of Congregational Life

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# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><b>4</b> <b>9:00a</b> Morning Worship w/Graduate Recognition w/Coffee Fellowship 10:15a NeMO in Youth Room</p>	<p><b>5</b> 5:15p Mission &amp; Outreach 6:30p Evening Worship</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:00a Quilter's</p>	<p><b>7</b> 10:00a W-ELCA 5:30p Pastor's Book Study @ St. Paul's Episcopal Church 6:00p Synod Council upstairs in Youth Room</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b> 9:00a Morning Worship 10:00a Meet w/Parents &amp; Students re: Youth Gathering</p>	<p><b>12</b> 5:00p Faith Formation 6:30p Evening Worship</p>	<p><b>13</b> 5:00p Food Pantry Conference Room</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9:00a Quilter's 5:00p Worship &amp; Music 5:30p Pastor's Book Study upstairs in Youth Room</p>	<p><b>15</b> No Sarah Circle</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 10:00a Youth Gathering talks w/other churches</p>
<p><b>18</b> 9:00a Morning Worship 10:15a Finance</p> <p><i>Noisy Offering for Hometown Mission</i></p>	<p><b>19</b> 6:30p Evening Worship</p>	<p><b>20</b> 11:00a Bereavement Support Group 4:00p Mary Circle Youth Room 6:00p Congregational Council - Youth Room</p>	<p><b>21</b> 1:00p Book Club in Youth Room 5:30p Pastor's Book Study upstairs in Youth Room 5:30-7:30p Summer Celebration Event</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:00a Quilter's</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>25</b> 9:00a Morning Worship</p> <p>2:00p Worship @ The Grove, Marquardt</p>	<p><b>26</b> 6:30p Evening Worship</p>	<p><b>27</b> 11:30a I.L.L.B.</p>	<p><b>28</b> 11:00a Staff Meeting</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	

# CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00pm Location: Youth Room**

**Present:** Brian Konz, Bob Boxell, Andrew Woodard, Sue Weihert, Ruth Mack, Sue Putra, DeWayne Roberson, Pr Carina Schiltz

**Absent:** Emily Lessner, Katie Bartelt, Ryan Lessner

The meeting was called to order by President Roberson at 6:04 p.m.

**Opening Devotion:** Pastor Carina shared 2 heartfelt thank you notes: Evelyn Agar-Pratt, Rita Argus.

The agenda was amended to move Dave Morstad's presentation to earlier on the agenda. The revised agenda was approved.

**Vision Victories** were shared including Mother's Day, Rachels Day, litany, coffee hours, 160 postcards signed and ready to mail

**Resource Library Project:** David Morstad appeared before the council to discuss a potential resource library project.

This falls under the Faith Formation committee. Presently 2 rooms exist, a library room, and a room across the hall which previously was furnished with couch/chair. The proposal is to repurpose the space to support family and education ministries. The materials now housed include many outdated books, etc.

Mr. Morstad shared a draft of a survey to be sent to the congregation. The survey includes questions regarding respondent's demographics, knowledge/use of library space as well as an opportunity to prioritize potential uses of the space. Potential uses include, but are not limited to: computer/internet access, children's materials, prayer/meditation materials, inclusion resources, take-home activities for families, parenting resources, faith-based resources, book exchange, conversation space.

There is no money currently budgeted for this project. Planning will require a substantial time commitment and must be mindful of congregational needs. Presently there is no air or heat in the space.

The council voiced support for the survey; Mr. Morstad was given permission to proceed with the survey process.

**Approval of Minutes:** The approval of April meeting minutes is deferred until the June meeting.

**Financial Report:** The April financial reports were accepted as printed. Motion: Sue Weihert, Second: Brian Konz Motion carried.

**Membership Report:** The May membership report was accepted. Motion: Ruth Mack second: Andrew Woodard

**Pastor's report:** A written report was received by council via email prior to the meeting. The council voiced recognition and approval of Pastor Carina's efforts.

**Committee Reports:** The Worship and Music, and the Mission and Outreach reports were accepted. Motion: Sue Weihert, Second: Ruth Mack Motion carried. Matt Stein was recognized as going "above and beyond" playing for community events, including services at The Grove.

### **Old Business:**

Restroom rails: The bid was accepted (\$2920) and the work is to be completed within 60 days by Maas Brothers. Four stalls will receive the installation of code-required bars.

Police Dept. walk through: Pastor Carina, DeWayne Roberson and Mark Putra participated. Recommendations include: Nightlocks®, 3M® Bulletproof security film, "Greeters" at unsecured doors, Unsupervised areas need attention, Security cameras (present cameras inoperable, WELCA may be interested in assisting.)

2022 Audit report: prepared by Kelly Braunschweig. Will be sent to two others for approval.

Staff Evaluations: Brian Konz met with one employee and will provide a written summary. Additional employees will be evaluated in near future.

Listening Report: A written report is not completed as of yet.

### **New Business:**

An open position on the Cemetery Committee exists due to the resignation of Rick Schuett. Rick is recognized for his service.

After discussion, Brian Konz is appointed by council to fill this position, until the next election to be held at the annual meeting. Mr. Konz indicated he would assist the committee in writing policies and procedures, aligned with those of the Endowment Fund. The Constitution dictates the committee will consist of Pastor, and minimum of 3 congregation members. Wanda Udovich and Dennis Daley presently serve on the committee.

Report from Properties meeting (05/11/2023): An open meeting was held, inviting all interested members to attend. Seven people attended.

Due to the aging of those who serve, council will pursue younger individuals with appropriate skills to join the committee. (this action is recommended by those currently serving in positions involved in maintaining properties.)

Those in attendance were asked to prioritize property concerns, albeit non-binding. A written maintenance schedule topped the list, followed by (in no particular order) restroom rails, snow/lawn concerns, security plan, fire protection plan, boiler issue, sanctuary roof, parking lot repair, solar power.

It was suggested the committee schedule regular meetings for the future. There is no limit in the size of the committee: interested members are welcome.

FEMA Webinar report: President Roberson participated in a FEMA webinar concerning federal grants up to \$50,000 available to non-profit entities for security purposes. The grants are competitive; written grants are first submitted to State of Wisconsin for review. The State forwards approved grants to the federal level, and FEMA approves/denies. The grant monies can be used for safety training, as well as for supplies such as window film, etc. Mark Putra has expressed interest in helping with the grant writing.

Parish Protection Plan: Pastor Carina reviewed the draft of the protection plan. The draft is a compilation of information from the South Central Synod of Wisconsin, the county governments and the school system. The council supported the plan, deeming it very thorough. Pastor Carina indicated areas of the plan still require further refinement.

Thrivent Annuity/Mission Investment accounts: Two accounts currently exist which are earning minimal returns.

Andrew Woodward reviewed the accounts, indicating the Thrivent Annuity has a value of \$49,687 and the Mission Investment is valued at \$8219.36. The finance committee is recommending the accounts be closed.

A motion was made to close out the Thrivent Annuity and Mission Investment accounts for the values determined at the time of the processing and to transfer the collected funds to the building loan at the State Bank of Reeseville. Motion: Andrew Woodard Second: Ruth Mack. Motion carried. These funds will reduce the amount of the mortgage to be secured next year.

Calendar items were reviewed:	5/20/2023	Synod Assembly, Mt. Horeb
	5/21/2023	Confirmation
	5/28/2023	Change to Summer Schedule
	6/18/2023	Finance committee 10:15 a.m.
	6/20/2023	Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was concluded by praying of The Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion: Sue Weihert Second: Bob Boxell Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Sue Putra

**KEEP UP WITH IMMANUEL SERVICES IN ANY OF THE WAYS LISTED BELOW**

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Sundays at 4:00p

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# PASTOR HAS THE LAST WORD!

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Hello, disciples of Jesus Christ at Immanuel:

My husband Eric and I walk every day together if we can. Often he'll say something like, "The year is (a quarter/half/three-quarters) over!" And we will talk about what we have experienced so far this year. When I think about that in terms of Immanuel's life together, I'm very encouraged. Look at the adventures God calls us to!

Whether I'm in the office, around the church building, out in the community, or doing visits, there are so many hopeful things I see and can share with others.

The building is bustling every day of the week with various ministries and groups (minus Saturdays). I always have a fun or meaningful story to share with homebound folks about what has been going on at worship or in our ministries. We've tried some new things (listening team, worship on wheels, grief group, game night, upcoming summer celebration events). We've enjoyed music, worship, fellowship. I'm sure you would add something to the list!

What are you looking forward to for the next 6 months, Immanuel? Where is God calling us as a church?

Peace be with you!

Pastor Carina

## *How can I serve?*

*There are many tasks and moving parts that go into the operation of the church each day, week, month. One part of our life together is sharing our gifts (time and talents) in Immanuel's various ministry teams. On **July 30th**, there will be a special opportunity to learn about each of Immanuel's ministries more in depth during a Ministry Fair following Sunday morning worship. Each ministry team will have a creative display of what each team focuses on. Additionally, ministry team members will be available to discuss how we are sharing our gifts, and most importantly, ways you can serve! In good Lutheran fashion, the event will include ice cream and time for fellowship.*



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