

THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

MAY-JUNE, 2025



<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>
<i>May</i>		
4	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
11	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
18	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
25	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
<i>June</i>		
1	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
8	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
15	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
22	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
29	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion

From the Pastor's Pen ...

Dear saints of Immanuel,

An Invitation

Holy Week, the apex of the Church year, is nearly upon us. On Palm Sunday, Jesus rides into Jerusalem amid cries of “Hosanna!” ...*knowing* that on Good Friday the shouts from the crowds would be “Crucify!” He knew, and He rode in anyway. What love! And when He rose on Sunday, He went looking for those who had abandoned Him with forgiveness and life, *knowing*. What love!

But it's on “the night that He was betrayed” that I focus here. The night *different from all other nights*. The Passover. The Last Supper. This April 18 Thursday will be the fourteenth time I have preached about that night at Immanuel. As you might have noticed over the years, I have tried to be careful to make the gospel the predominant take-away in sermons on the Last Supper. There are so many gospel messages to explore: How Jesus invited the poor, blind, lame, crippled to His feast; the New Covenant; the Words of Institution as antidote for the Fall; the New Exodus; The Father remembers; Jesus fasts so we could feast; Real food, real drink, so many facets of the Gospel on what we call “Maundy Thursday.”

Yes, *Maundy Thursday*. *Maundy* is a word you only hear in Church circles, because it's an *old* word. Like the word *gospel* is an old word for “good news,” *Maundy* is an old word for “mandate,” as in *Commandment*. That comes right out of the text in John's gospel: “A new *commandment* I give to you, in order that you love one another, just as I loved you.” John 13:34 It's similar to how we call the Holy Communion the *Eucharist*, because it comes right out of the text, ... “and when He had *given thanks*” (*Eucharisto*). It's pretty amazing that a pastor could embrace the title *Maundy Thursday* with such liturgical zeal for so many years and yet be so spiritually dull as to not take the hint and preach on it.

My failure to do so has been visited back on me because of it.

So with repentance, on the fourteenth year, I will actually preach about the *Mandate* on *Maundy Thursday*. I am encouraged by God's word that this could be a truly transforming message for our congregation. Some day when I hand His flock over to another called servant of the Word, I need to know our congregation understands and embraces the one thing that Jesus wants.

Please meet me at His Table.

In Jesus' love,

+*Pastor*

From the Elders . . .

Easter greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus!

How would you respond after working diligently all night with nothing to show for it, and someone you did not know suggested you go back and try again? I am not sure I would be very willing to listen. After all, who is that person to give advice when he did not spend a fruitless night with me?

Peter, Thomas, and the Sons of Zebedee experienced that exact situation at the Sea of Tiberias. They had gone fishing and through the entire night caught nothing. As they were coming back to shore with empty nets, someone on the shore asked if they had anything to eat. When they said they had nothing, the "know-it-all" on the shore suggested they cast their nets on the right side of the boat. You know the rest of the story, they had so many fish that they could not pull it into the boat. (John 21:1-13)

I shudder to think about the number of times I may have had the Lord offer me advice like He did for the Apostles that day and shrugged it off as unwelcome, unsolicited advice. Oh, to have the mind of Disciples. How about you, how would you respond?

I pray that we **all** might adopt the mindset that the Disciples had that day. Maybe we will catch a net full of fish, too.

Blessings to you and yours.

In His service,



Doug Gootee,
For the Board of Elders



SOLE HOPE

UPDATE

The Sole Hope cutting party was postponed twice due to snow before finally getting to meet and get things done. God has plans for these little shoes and we need to be diligent in getting them to Africa.

Here is what Claire Flaherty said, "We are still cutting jeans! At this point we have 30 shoes cut, but we are not done.

We had a nice gathering of individuals to cut shoes for Sole Hope. We enjoyed lunch and then got to work.

Some people took additional jeans home to work on, so we do not have a final number, yet. We know we will need a minimum of \$1050 for the shoes cut thus far. I will update that number when we have completed the cutting.

Thank you for the donations you have contributed. We are excited by what we can do together.

In the service of our Lord,

Claire Flaherty

The next **Dine and Discuss** gathering will feature the following 4 stories with Christian themes: Come to Pastor and Karen's house on **May 10 at 4pm** having read the stories. Come with an appetite for good food and good discussion.

1. [The Scarlet Ibis](#), by James Hurst
2. [The Gardener](#), by Rudyard Kipling
3. [Master and Man](#), by Leo Tolstoy
4. [Parker's Back](#), by Flannery O'Connor. See the sign-up sheet for further descriptions and a handout. Contact Karen Colageo with questions.



Activities in May and June

Saturday, May 3rd – Church clean-up – starting at 8:00am –

Come help freshen up the church property! Coffee and Danishes are provided.



Saturday, May 10th – Book Club meeting –

Held at the Colageo home. Hope you are enjoying the short stories.

Sunday, May 18th – Potluck – After Church –

Bring any dish to share and stay for a time to enjoy each other's company.



Sunday, June 22nd – Start of Summer BBQ – After Church –



Meat will be provided. Bring a side dish to share. Come and celebrate the end of another school year and congratulate those members graduating from High School or College.

For the Summer – Starting Wednesday June 25th – The Breakfast Club –

Join those who want to go out for breakfast at IHOP in Bedford, NH at 9:00am. Each month during June, July and August we will explore a different breakfast place. The group that comes will decide on the location and date for July and August.



Be listening for announcements from Tom Tighe about Men's Breakfast Bible Study.

Outreach

Immanuel has always been good at helping those in Manchester, those in the state and those in the world. We give in all ways we can. Currently we have been collecting personal items for Families in Transition. Thank you to those who provided items. Many of us have found local and world organizations to assist. That is how some of the outreach we take part in started. Currently Immanuel assists the following local groups during the year:

Families in Transition, Liberty House, Caregivers and Makeover Ministry and we also provide shoes for Soul Hope.

Is there a group you like to help? Maybe you sort clothes or food items, or you drive those in need to appointments. Are you helping at a soup kitchen? I would like to know who you help. Perhaps we at Immanuel can assist a group you like to help.

Email deborah.holman@live.com let me know a group that you assist with who could use our help.

In honor of our veterans, Immanuel will be collecting items for Liberty House in May and June. Liberty House can use Food, Clothing, Toiletries, Camping Gear, Bus Passes and Gas Cards. Thank you for helping!



130th Anniversary of Immanuel

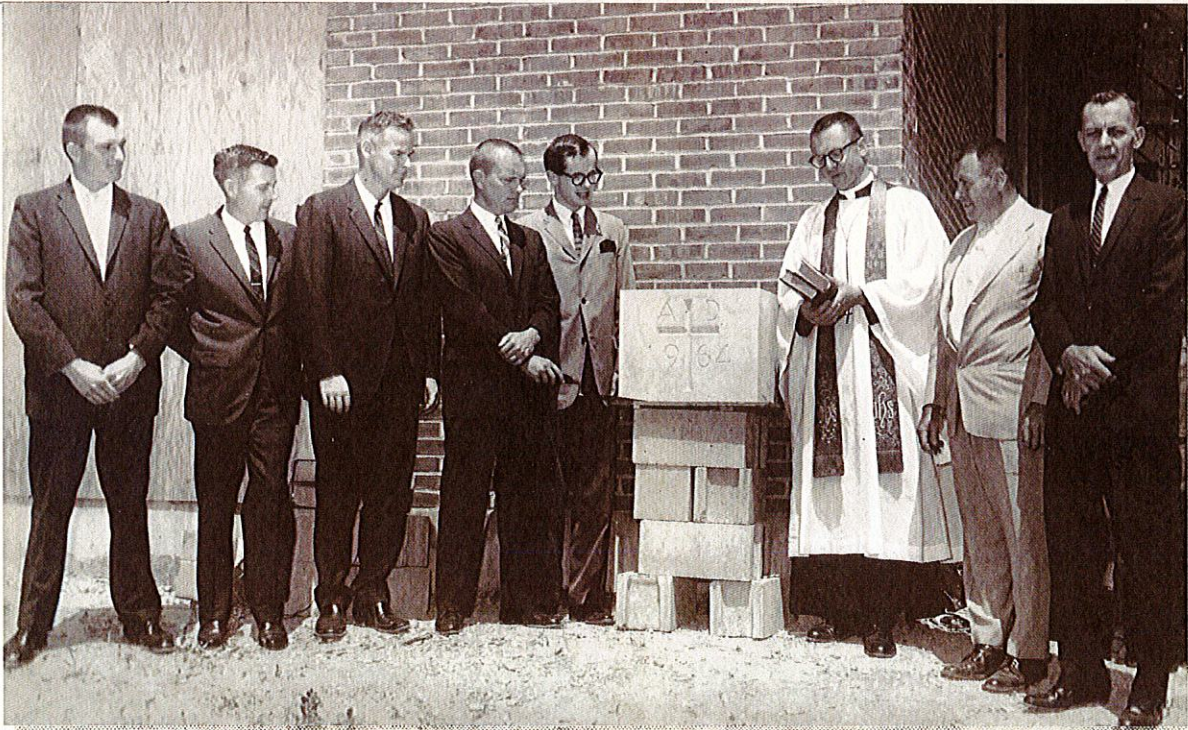
June 24, 1895 – 2025

and

the 60th Anniversary of the Cornerstone at Weston Road

On Sunday, June 27, 1965, Immanuel laid the cornerstone of the Weston Road church building, which was completed in September 1965.

MANCHESTER (N. H.) UNION LEADER — Monday, June 28, 1965



NEW IMMANUEL LUTHERAN church at the corner of Huse and Weston Roads was the scene Sunday morning of a cornerstone laying service. The church is expected to be completed in about a month. Principals at the service are pictured, left to right, Lawrence

Jache, Donald Mosley, Edward Hoek and Chairman Laurence Partan of the building committee, Architect John Benson, representing Andrew C. Isaak, AIA, Rev. Robert Klemm, pastor; Contractor Remi Fortin and Walter Theiss of the building committee. (McQuillen Photo)

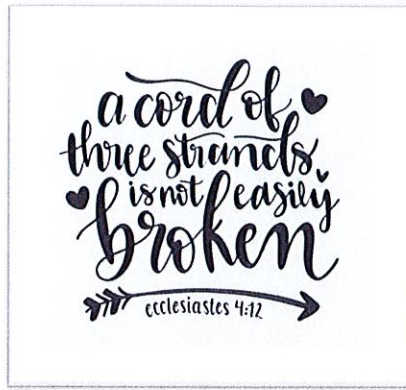
ARTICLES PLACED IN CORNERSTONE

The Holy Scriptures, The Lutheran Hymnal, The Augsburg Confession, Luther's Small Catechism, Constitution of the Congregation, Membership Directory and Historical Material, Roll of Building Fund Contributors, The Lutheran Witness and The Lutheran Witness Reporter, The Lutheran Annual, The Union Leader, Various tracts and coins. The Handbook of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



This color photograph shows the scaffolding on the east side of the church.

-- submitted by Gail Cherochak, unofficial Immanuel historian



Happy Birthday!

- May
- 3 James Hull
- 4 Luke Reid
- 8 Rosann Helwig
- 8 Rosemarie Kehoe
- 13 Joel Applegate
- 17 Joshua Barry
- 19 Nick Sanderson
- 24 Lawrence Jache

Wedding Anniversaries

- May
- 14 Helgard and Marina Kirsch
- 22 Dick and Eleanor Campbell
- 26 Dan and Betty Muecke
- 28 David and Stephanie Sanderson

Baptismal Birthdays

- May
- 3 Jennifer Kazakis
- 4 Doug Gootee
- 7 Rosemarie Kehoe
- 22 Steve Holman
- 28 Cynthia Grenier



- June
- 1 Carolyn Martin
- 2 Timothy Sanderson
- 4 Rev. Dr. Wm. Bergquist
- 5 John Coburn
- 10 Madison Stanton
- 17 Ryden Meyer
- 19 Adrian Robinson
- 20 Richard Malaby
- 26 Elizabeth Laughlin
- 29 Josiah Stanton

- June
- 2 Tim and Cindy Ouellette
- 14 Daniel and Marcia Blakeman
- 15 Daniel and Christine Kazakis
- 23 Hunter and April Phelps
- 30 John and Susan Coburn

- June
- 13 Brenda Melendy
- 16 Lawrence Jache
- 16 Jim Hull



God's Servants in May and June

Date	Ushers	Greeter	Lector	Communion Assistant
4-May	Howard Helwig Rita Hennessy	Cynthia Grenier	Betty Muecke	Rev. Dan Muecke
11-May	Helgard Kirsch Marina Kirsch	Claire Flaherty	Marina Kirsch	Kent Freshour
18-May	Tom Tighe John Coburn	Robinsons	Susan Kamacho	Ed Flaherty
25-May	Clive Reide, Jr. Kent Freshour	Beth Rousselle	Rev. Dan Muecke	Doug Gootee
1-Jun	Dan Muecke Rita Hennessy	Christine Tighe	Clive Reide, Jr.	Tom Tighe
8-Jun	Helgard Kirsch Marina Kirsch	Beth Rousselle	Steve Holman	Dan Muecke
15-Jun	Howard Helwig Donna Houle	Clive Reide, Jr	Marina Kirsch	Ed Flaherty
22-Jun	Tom Tighe John Coburn	Robinsons	Angela Klingler	Kent Freshour
29-Jun	Clive Reide Jr. Rita Hennessy	Cynthia Grenier	Rev. Dan Muecke	Doug Gootee



Invitation to Divine Service at Immanuel

We celebrate a single Divine Service at 10am. We continue to offer audio recordings posted to the church's website after service.

Sunday – Divine Service with Holy Communion preceded by Bible Study and Refreshments.

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Breakfast and Sunday School. Sunday School breaks for Summer on June 16 and resumes in September 8.
- 10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

The area in the left rear of the sanctuary where the pews are marked with blue tape is reserved for people who are mindful of illness. If you sit in these pews, it is required that you wear a mask. All other areas of the church are mask optional.

The Divine Service is printed in the bulletin. Songs are sung from the hymnal.

Anyone new to Immanuel should read the Communion Statement:

We joyfully celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We believe that we receive Christ's body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. As we receive this sacrament, we also give public confession to our unity in the Christian faith. We therefore invite all communicant members of any congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to commune. Guests are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. As it was with the very first disciples of Jesus, our practice is to receive instruction in the Faith leading to Holy Communion. If you would like to join our instruction class, Pastor would love to instruct you.

Divine Service Recordings

Those who request it receive the weekly Sunday bulletin and announcements through e-mail to support their worship needs at home. Immanuel members may also participate in the service with the attached bulletin and MP3 audio file sent in an email to the entire congregation. Audio recordings of the sermons will continue to be posted on Immanuel's website. Pastor and our media team members attempt to post these recordings in a timely manner for your Sunday worship at home. We hope these recordings are a blessing to you.

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