



ImmanuelNews

The newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greeley, Colorado

SEPTEMBER 2020

“Greetings from Pastor Daren“

Hi. I'm Pastor Daren. Although I've met many of you through the call process, I look forward to meeting folks I haven't met and getting to know everyone a little better through these coming months and years. This is something I love to do.

Before I was a Christian at twenty years of age, I was a greeter and even an usher. I had been attending a Lutheran church over some number of months with a friend and got swept up into a wonderful community about the size of Immanuel Lutheran. It was there that I learned about what it means to be “Christian” and stranger yet, “Lutheran!” I found by serving, worshipping and asking a lot of questions that this God is a persistent God who had been in my life the whole time—yet it was in the midst of God's community that I realized the truth of God's love for me.

To be honest, I still need to be reminded of such a truth. I still need to know that each day is a new possibility in Christ and a new day to share God's love for this world. As a pastor for over twenty years, I have been blessed to see God working in the lives of God's people through their work and relationships, and through difficult and joyful experiences. As we know too well, life can be unpredictable—not only as we deal with Covid-19, but also as we face circumstances surrounding relationships, raising kids, caring for aging parents, living alone and struggling to make sense of an often, crazy world.

I look forward to hearing your stories. I'd love to share a cup of coffee (or tea) and conversation. Perhaps we could meet outdoors in your back yard or some other space. My hope is to get to know each other better as we serve God together and serve this wonderful city.

It is a privilege to serve as your pastor and to journey together in a life of faith.

God bless you!

In Christ,
Pastor Daren

thank you!

Dear Family of God,

Thank you for the gift of the quilt and the beautiful “send-off” you had for me on August 2, 2020. As you all know, it has been a joyous time sharing ministry with you. God bless you all and as I wrap myself in that quilt I will remember each one of you and ask God to continue to bless you all.

+Pastor Tim

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IMPORTANT MESSAGE!!

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See you, weather permitting, at PLPL on September 13 at 9:30.

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EFTF –Endowment Foundation Trust Fund

The Endowment Foundation Trust Fund (EFTF) uses interest earned on the donations in the trust fund to support special needs and work of the church that is not covered by the church budget. If you have a special need in mind, please submit a request for fund disbursement. The EFTF Committee considers requests quarterly. Please see an EFTF Committee member if you have questions or pick up a request form from the EFTF mailbox in the church office.

Committee members: Cindy Thompson, Jacqui Larson, Bev Peterson,
Joan Chapman, Phyllis Johnson



WELCA

Love and Priscilla/Ruth Circle will not be meeting in September

Please call the church office, 352-3003, for additional information



Sewing Group

Please join us...

Sewing dates for September are:

Tuesday, September 1 & Thursday, September 17 at 9:00 am

September Birthdays

8 Beverly Peterson
 10 Stan Elmquist
 12 Donna Barnhart
 Marge Thompson
 13 Emily Clum
 14 Melanie Hoyland
 22 Abigail Herold
 25 Itsayana Olguin
 27 Eleanor Clum
 28 Jack Thompson
 30 Cherri Wall

September Anniversaries

2 Robert & Susan Morse
 6 Wayne & Julie Alm
 7 Mike & Cherri Wall
 12 Ron & Cindy Thompson
 20 Taran & Melissa Hawkins
 21 Buster & Toodie Iverson
 22 Tim Adams & Shirley Marine
 24 Randall & Marcia Carlson

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please call the church office so that we can update the records



Tied in Faith

Tied in Faith will be meeting on September 9th & 26th from 9 am- noon

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

⇒ Trees have been trimmed along 14th Avenue. One was removed at the corner of the Annex. The remaining four along the south side of the Annex have been trimmed. Property Committee.

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Join us for our next meeting in the Fellowship Hall Tuesday, September 15 2020 @ 6:30 pm via Zoom (contact Janet Willis if you would like to attend)



ASAP Team has been praying for you since 2008. For Prayer Requests, contact Pastor at 352-3003 or any member of the prayer team.

Roma Arithson
Dianna Fuller
Shirley Marine



Don Peterson
Diane Filipe
Janet Willis

Our Immanuel Family

Please notify the church office of births, deaths, marriages, address changes or other news and events.

YOUTH



ALIVE

Blessing Bags

**LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS & MONETARY GIFTS: SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2020!
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED & APPRECIATED!**

Items Still Needed:

- Disposable Water Bottles
- Snacks – Granola Bars, Crackers, etc.
- Hand Warmers
- Socks
- Travel-Sized Hand Sanitizer
- Packs of Gum
- A Toothbrush
- A Travel-Sized Toothpaste
- A \$5 Gift Card for Food (McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King, etc.)



God's Work
Our Hands

If you would like to help the youth with this meaningful project and bless someone in need when this pandemic is over, consider purchasing any of the items listed above when it is safe to shop. All items must be new and in original packaging. Financial donations will also be accepted to help purchase any remaining items. Be sure to earmark your monetary gifts with the words "Blessing Bags" in the memo line.

All purchased items and monetary gifts can be brought to church.

**We will distribute the bags when the weather is cooler
& those in need will truly need a blessing!**

We truly appreciate your support & prayers with this important service project.



**For with God nothing will
be impossible.**

Luke 1:37

Pastor Daren's Installation...

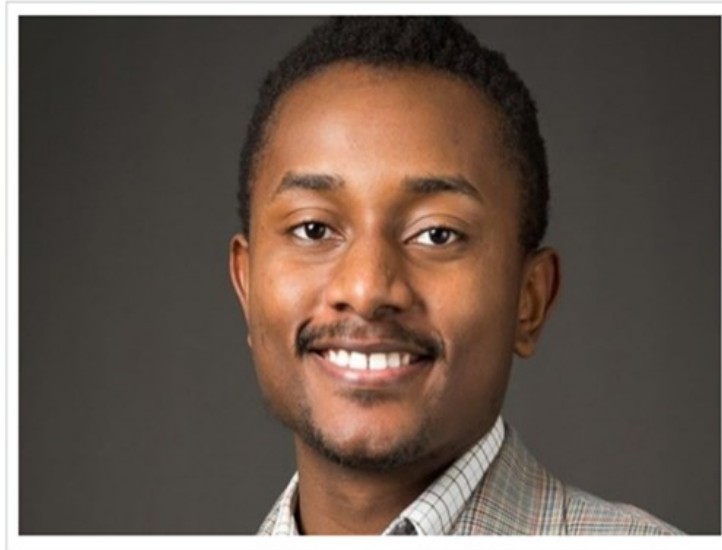
On the shady front lawn of the Annex, at 1:00 pm on August 16, Rev Dr Daren Erisman was installed as pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Rocky Mountain Synod Bishop Jim Gonias presided via Zoom. Other pastors, friends and family also "attended" via Zoom.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to Everyone who helped with wiring and zooming and taping and plugging and setting up for Pastor Daren's Installation Service. (including Pastor Daren himself) We need a group like that for worship every Sunday morning. If you would like to continue helping with the technical side of worship (taping, zoom, sound, etc.), call the church office to offer your time. No experience necessary, training will be provided.





Medical School Prep



Show your support by going to this link

[gf.me/u/ynzijn](https://www.gofundme.com/u/ynzijn)

Hello Family and Friends, I am raising money to help me buy an MCAT Prep course as well as application-related fees. Although the MCAT is expensive I believe this course will be crucial to my success. The funds raised will be aimed towards purchasing prep books, courses, application fees, MCAT exam and, Interview travel. Medical school has been a goal of mine since I first came to the United States. As a first-generation college and low-income student, more and more I see the importance of having a medical degree when it comes to battling racial health inequalities in the health care system and the education system. For example in present times minorities are dying at higher rates from CO-VID. We need better representation of minorities in our country. Thank you :)

Link below
[gf.me/u/ynp3mz](https://www.gofundme.com/u/ynp3mz)



UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN
COLORADO

Shukuru Rushanika
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Pre-med and biological sciences Major
Undergrad student

Shukuru...

My name is Shukuru Rushanika and my journey began in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, (DRC), Africa. My earliest memory of Africa is my mom having to decide between her kids because she could not afford to pay for the travel fee to take all of us with her to the refugee camp in Tanzania. This was my first stepping stone to a better future. My family spent six years in the Nduta refugee camp living on supplies provided by the UNICEF organization. Life in the camp was harsh and food was often not enough to sustain us.

In 2007 we received news that our family was chosen to immigrate to the United States of America. This delight came at a perfect time for my family as the hope of a better future became a reality. We arrived in Colorado Springs, Colorado where we were welcomed with open arms by the Lutheran church. The church helped first and foremost in accommodating our new living situation. This included fulfilling the basic needs for us such as school supplies, travel, and searching for jobs. After several months in Colorado Springs, we decided to move for work to Fort Morgan, Colorado, where both of my parents began working for the Swift plant while my siblings and I continued school. My sister and I were both in elementary school while my older brother continued middle school.

As we were young children, we had little difficulty integrating into our new lives; however, I could not say the same for my parents. I am still astonished at how hard they have worked to fit into their new way of life. While working, they both attended an adult refugee school that assisted them in learning English as well as other essentials. We moved again to our current location in Greeley, Colorado to look for other work opportunities. In Greeley, my father became a United States citizen after the 7 years required wait period. My parents have worked for the JBS meatpacking plant for many years and I can honestly say they did not miss a day of work until December 1, 2014, when my family experienced a tragedy that has had a huge impact, financially, mentally and spiritually.

After days of my father's peculiar disappearance, we received the news he was in a vegetative state from a head-on car collision. Not knowing whether the person who I looked up to would ever be able to remember me, let alone live, sent me into a depressive existential crisis. During this time, school became a low priority, so the success I initially had, began to fall apart. My grades fell drastically and I was almost ineligible to play the sport I loved. The feeling and worry of disappointing my teachers, friends, coaches, and family began to consume me. I knew I needed help to change this.



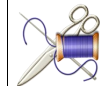
Luckily, I had the right people in my life at the time. With all the anxious time I spent at the hospital in Denver to be with my dad, I turned this negative event into a learning opportunity and began shadowing physicians at the hospital. In addition, my basketball coach and one of my teachers helped me cope and turn it into a period of growth. Through the mentorship of my coach and teacher, I was challenged to get back on track by studying after class and during lunch. As a result, I earned academic excellence and athletic recognition. Additionally, the compassionate, empathetic experiences I received from physicians at the hospital played a significant role in guiding my decision into the health field. I was intrigued by the joy they had when serving others in need. Their dedication and passion for everything they did has inspired me in all my endeavors and strive to continue my education in the medical field.

I am now attending the University of Northern Colorado and am working toward a medical specialty in oncology as well as research. I am hoping to raise money to help me prepare for the MCAT Prep course as well as application-related fees. Although the MCAT is expensive, I believe this course will be crucial to my success. The funds raised will be aimed toward purchasing prep books, courses, application fees, MCAT exam, and interview travel. As a first-generation college and low-income student, more and more I see the importance of having a medical degree when it comes to battling racial health inequalities in the health care system and the education system. For example in present times, minorities are dying at higher rates from the CoronaVirus. We need more representation of minorities in our country.

Any assistance will help and thank you.



2020

	1	2	3	4	5
	9:00 am-Men's Coffee@ Epic Egg, 3830 W 10th St 9:00 am-Sewing & Lunch				
6	7	9	10	11	12
Online Worship — Our Savior's Lutheran See page 3 for details	 9:00 am-Men's Coffee@ Epic Egg, 3830 W 10th St 9-Noon-Tied in Faith				
13	14	16	17	18	19
9:30 am-Holy Communion	9:00 am-Men's Coffee@ Epic Egg, 3830 W 10th St 6:30 pm-Committees & Council		9:00 am-Sewing & Lunch		
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27	28	30			
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Thanks to our Volunteers!

September 2020

Thank you Volunteers! Thank you everyone for being flexible during this time of COVID. You don't have to sign up, just offer to help any Sunday morning when you arrive at worship!

September 13

Ushers: Matt Ward
Communion Assistant: Janet Johnson
Tellers: Bev Peterson, Brenda Turnwall

September 20

Ushers: Roma Arithson, Joan Chapman, John Johnson
Communion Assistant: Amy Herold
Tellers: Linda Sample, Vera Sylvester

September 27

Ushers: Ron & Cindy Thompson, Cheryl Clausen, Jim Thomason
Communion Assistant: John Johnson
Tellers: Clarence Carlson, Janet Crespin

CONTACT INFORMATION

Secretary - Denise Pollard Stricker

Office Hours: M, T, Th 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
W 8:30 am to 12:00 pm
F 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Executive Council

Lelyn Larson 970-371-0307
Juan Cruz 970-371-3707
Janet Willis 970-356-6046

Treasurer: Connie Deines 970-378-1475

Financial Secretary: Bob Morse 303-378-1475

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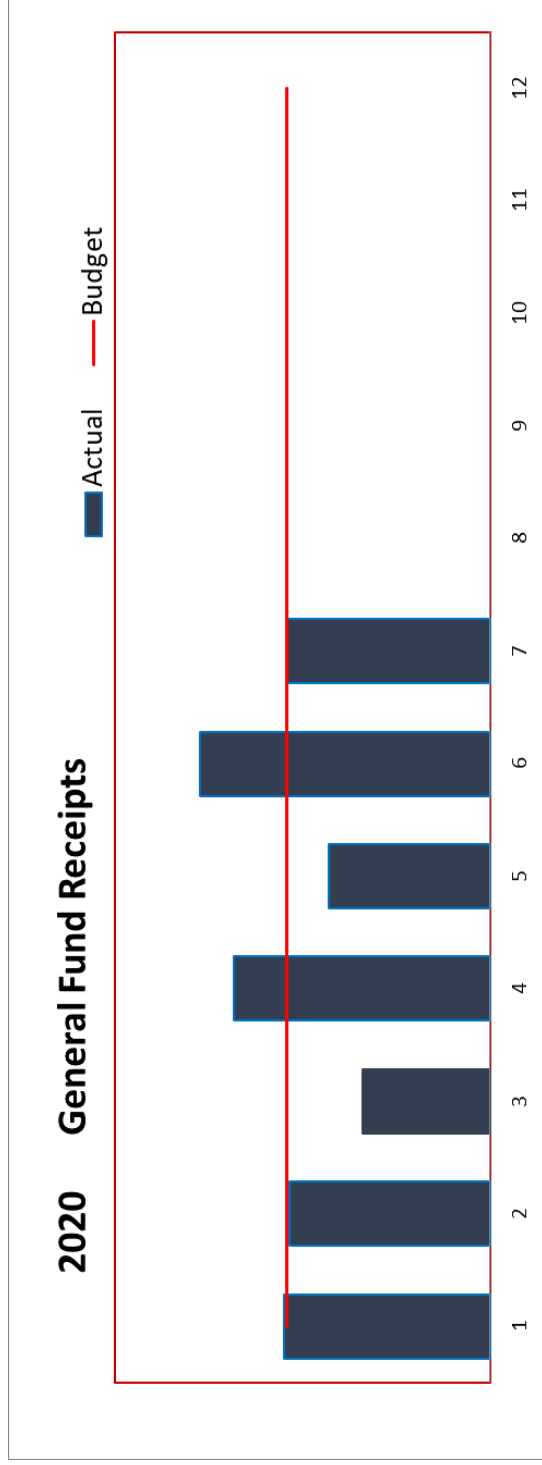
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Financials thru July 2020

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Budget	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537	13,537
Actual	\$13,705	\$13,312	\$8,458	\$17,055	\$10,745	\$19,312	\$13,533	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Over) / Short	(168)	225	5,079	(3,518)	2,792	(5,775)	4					
YTD (Over)	(1,360.96)											



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

PURPOSE STATEMENT

*IMMANUEL IS CALLED TO PROCLAIM THE
LIFE, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF
CHRIST; TO PROVIDE PLACES AND
OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND
FELLOWSHIP; AND TO BE THE SPIRIT OF
CHRIST IN THE WORLD.*

We welcome and encourage submissions for our newsletter. Please make all submissions in writing. We prefer that the material be submitted in electronic form, if possible. All material is subject to editing for content, clarity and style, as needed. The deadline for the newsletter is the **15th** of every month.

Please forward your submission by mail to 1865 14th Ave., Greeley, CO 80631, by fax to 970-352-7096, or by email to office@immanlutheran.org

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Return Service Requested

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