



ImmanuelNews

The newsletter of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greeley, Colorado

SEPTEMBER 2021

“Behold, I make all things new.” –Rev. 21:3

Greetings from your Bridge Pastor! I’m glad that I’ve been called to be with you in this time of transition, as Immanuel and Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry begin discerning whom to call next to this Word and Sacrament pastoral ministry.

We’ve all been living through an extended season of change the last year and a half, and as the pandemic persists, so will the season. I want to acknowledge this reality and the struggles we’ve endured to make it this far, because it’s in that honesty that we find our true selves and our true need for God’s gracious love in our lives.

In this ongoing pandemic season, I find myself drawn to some of those lynchpin Biblical stories of God’s people dealing with struggle and change. The Exodus pops to mind, as does the Babylonian captivity. Moses and Miriam, Naomi and Ruth, Elijah and Elisha, Mary and Joseph, Paul and Peter—they all embarked on journeys that would change their lives forever. Though their stories each have different triumphs and tragedies, the constant presence and providence of God is the thread that runs through them all.

I’m drawn to the story of Naomi, who suffered multiple deaths in her family and was left with practically nothing. The one thing she still possessed, however, and the thing that would shape her life for years to come, was the love her daughter-in-law Ruth had for her. Ruth was determined that Naomi not journey alone into an uncertain and difficult future—Ruth would go with her, no matter what befell them both. Naomi’s faith, you’ll remember, was next to none, yet in the strength of Ruth’s devoted love, she pressed onward and returned to Israel, where they were able to find a new and prosperous life through Ruth’s marriage to Boaz.

Jesus brought God’s devoted love for the world with Him in His incarnation. Jesus also brought the message that God’s love is unchangeable, even during the most life-threatening changes.

I’m sure you’ve heard the old joke, “How many Lutherans does it take to change a light-bulb? Answer: None. Lutherans don’t believe in change.”

I confess that this joke sometimes cuts a little too close to my corn. But, here we are, together, in this season of change, discerning the Spirit’s guidance into God’s future. I look forward to getting to know you more, and you me, while we’re journeying together. I look forward to gathering as a group around the Old, Old Story and finding those Spirit-woven, connective threads to our stories. And may we feel the power of God’s devoted love for us as we travel into God’s new. The Lord is with us.

Peace,
Pr. Dan Hays



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Changes to Worship in September

Beginning Sunday, September 12, you will see changes made to our worship service. The Gathering Hymn and the reading of the Second Lesson will be added back into the service.

The Eucharistic Meal will be a bit different. The all-in-one juice and wafer cups will still be available in the pews, and a new way of continuous communion will also be an option. Wafers and wine/juice will be placed on a table near the end of the center aisle. Wafers will be in individual paper cups. Wine and juice will be in plastic cups widely spaced in the round communion trays.

Pastor Dan and the Assisting Minister will be at the table. Ushers will direct worshipers up the center aisle to the table. At Pastor Dan's direction/prompt ("This is the body of Christ – given for you"), take a paper cup with the wafer. At the direction/prompt of the Assisting Minister ("This is the blood of Christ – shed for you"), take a cup of wine or juice. Then place the empty paper and plastic cups in the receptacles provided and return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you choose to remain in the pew with the all-in-one cups, you may commune at your discretion and place the empty cup back in the pew tray as usual.

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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,
Melissa Hawkins, Janet Johnson

Welcome to Worship!
We are a “Church Together”

God calls us to be a church together as we find ourselves physically separated, but spiritually united as one community of God. Whether you are a visitor or longtime member, you are welcome to join us in worshipping Jesus Christ.

INSIDE, OUTSIDE, AND ONLINE WORSHIP

*Note that our guidelines will evolve over time as restrictions increase or decrease.
Thank you for your faithful flexibility as we worship our beloved Lord and Savior!*

INSIDE

- Masks are optional. Please consider others as you make your choice.
- Practice social-distancing. Pews are marked to maintain this distance. Ushers will help to seat you and your family if needed.
- Bulletins and offering plates are there for you on the table inside.
- Singing and speaking should be done as softly as possible. Only the worship leaders sing and speak out.
- Communion cups/wafers are already set up in the pews. Put the used cups back in the wooden holder when you are finished.
- Inside worship is inevitably different than before the pandemic, you may want to view it as a more reflective time enjoyed in a beautiful, sacred space where you can listen, share in communion, and attend to God.

OUTSIDE

- Safer than inside worship, outside worship is a way of worshipping more closely with others while staying safe in your own car.
- An usher will provide you with a bulletin, communion elements and an offering box.
- Tune your radio to FM 90.9 to join in worship.

ONLINE

- Online worship is the safest, most convenient worship experience. It is recommended for the most vulnerable. Services are both live-streamed and recorded for use at a later time.
- If you wish to celebrate communion, prepare ahead of time bread or cracker, as well as juice or wine.
- Go to www.immanlutheran.org on your computer, smartphone, tablet, etc. to view or print the bulletin before watching the service. You may also request to have a paper bulletin mailed to you each week.

Click on the link when you are ready to worship.





WELCA

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

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

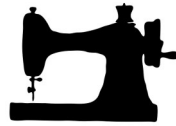
September Birthdays

- 4 Diane Filipe
- 8 Beverly Peterson
- 10 Stan Elmquist
- 12 Donna Barnhart
Marjorie 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 Bob & Sue 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 Randy & Marcia Carlson

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



Sewing Group

Please join us...

Sewing dates for September are:
Tuesday, Sept 7 & Thursday, Sept 16



Tied in Faith

9 am—Noon
September 15th & 25th

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

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Join us for our next
meeting on
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

*ASAP Team has been praying for
you since 2008.*

*For Prayer Requests, contact any member of
the prayer team.*

*Roma Arithson
Dianna Fuller
Shirley Marine*



*Don Peterson
Diane Filipe
Janet Willis*

Find Immanuel at its new website

www.immanuelgreeley.org

Check out our new look. Add it to your bookmarks.



This also includes email address changes:
office@immanuelgreeley.org
pastor@immanuelgreeley.org
Don't forget to make these
changes in your contacts!

If you are not finding information from the new
email address, check your spam folder, just in case.



Thank you every one for all the prayers,
cards and concern throughout August.
My sister is coping as well as can be ex-
pected and we are all still trying to pro-
cess everything. We know your prayers
have gotten us through.
Blessings,
janet

Our Immanuel Family

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



Wishing all the youth of Immanuel a wonderful school year!



“The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you’ll go!”
– Dr. Seuss



Work hard. Be kind. Change the world!

THANK YOU! ♡ THANK YOU! ♡ THANK YOU!

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church VBS,

“We wish to inform you that the Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. “Coats for Kids” fund recently received a donation in your honor. Thank you for your gift of \$178.02. This donation helps support the charitable works of our Order and connect you with the life-changing difference we make in communities around the corner and around the world. Please know that everyone here at the Knights of Columbus appreciates your commitment and your caring ways – we realize that people like you are the driving force behind all the good we are able to accomplish in this world. We are grateful for this gift, and we thank you for being an inspiration for such a wonderful and important act of charity.”



Way to go Knights of North Castle!
Vacation Bible School at Immanuel Lutheran Church – 2021

Sincerely, Ronald F. Schwartz
Supreme Treasurer

Important Youth Meeting on Rally Day Sunday!

September 12, 2021, 9:30am
Immanuel Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall

Juice & Donuts will be served!
We will be discussing plans for the year & brainstorming
fun ideas for our NEW & IMPROVED Youth Room! Hope you can attend!



Feeding Pastor Dan & Students at Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry

Sunday, September 19, 2021: THANK YOU Diane Filipe!
Sunday, October 17, 2021: THANK YOU Herold Family!
Sunday, November 21, 2021: THANK YOU Katy Sickles, Ward Family & Pat Rhone!
December 2021: Christmas Party/Break: Meal Not Needed
If you would like to help in 2022, please contact Amy Herold at 970.978.0870 or email
her at herold_amy@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU!



Scrap Happy & Paper Crafts

Want to scrapbook, make cards, or work on other paper crafts?
Join us **Saturday, September 11, 2021** to work on your paper projects!
Location: Immanuel Lutheran Church – Fellowship Hall
Hours: 10:00am – 4:00pm Cost: FREE
Bring your lunch, a water bottle, a snack to share, and your craft supplies.
Your RSVP to herold_amy@hotmail.com is appreciated.
Hope to see you there!



The ladies of the church will be having a garage sale on Friday September 17th and Saturday September 18th from 8:00am to 2:00pm. We need volunteers to price, setup, and work the sale. Anyone is welcome to help! No clothing, computers, TVs will be accepted. Sale items can be dropped off at the church the week before the sale. Contact one of the co-coordinators listed below with questions.

Cheryl Clausen	970-978-0726
Janet Crespin	970-397-5104
Cindy Thompson	970-302-2969



Pastor Dan Hays is inviting you to a scheduled zoom meeting:
Fridays, starting September 10th from 9 am—10 am

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3623578168?pwd=bGVjdmdFM110YVhodEVxOjJlZjZlZz09>
Meeting ID: 362 357 8168
Passcode: logos

GIA Clothing Bank



Several Greeley-area churches are sponsors for and help operate the Greeley Interfaith Assn. Clothing Bank, located at 228 N. 9th Avenue in Greeley. The hours open are 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays (and some Saturdays).




The Clothing Bank accepts gently used items of clothing and then sells them to the public at a reasonable cost. Proceeds of the sales cover operating expenses and then go toward community scholarships.

Some Immanuel members have committed to being on duty on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month. The Clothing Bank is following CDC guidelines for COVID-19 (limiting the number of customers, etc.). Donations can be dropped off at the Clothing Bank during the hours of operation.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Julie Elmquist, Katy Sickles or Cindy Thompson.



2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Pastor Dan Office Hours: 9:30 am—Noon 1:00 pm-4:00 pm	3	4
5 9:30 am—Holy Communion	6 LABOR DAY Church Offices Closed	7 9:00 am-Sewing & Lunch	8  Tied in Faith 9-Noon	9 Common Sense Cleaning Church Building Pastor Dan Office Hours: 9:30 am—Noon 1:00 pm-4:00 pm	10	11 Scrap Happy & Paper Crafts 10 am—4 pm
12 10:30 am—Holy Communion	13	14 6:30 pm-Committees & Council	15	16 9:00 am-Sewing & Lunch Pastor Dan Office Hours: 9:30 am—Noon 1:00 pm-4:00 pm 7:00 pm-Hymn Selection	17	18  CHURCH GARAGE SALE 8:00 am 2:00 pm
19 10:30 am—Holy Communion	20 Common Sense Cleaning Church Building	21	22	23 Pastor Dan Office Hours: 9:30 am—Noon 1:00 pm-4:00 pm	24	25  Tied in Faith 9-Noon
26 10:30 am—Holy Communion	27	28	29	30 Pastor Dan Office Hours: 9:30 am—Noon 1:00 pm-4:00 pm		

Thanks to our Volunteers!

September 2021

September 5:

Greeter: Vera Sylvester
Ushers Indoor: Ron & Cindy Thompson
Ushers Outdoor: Katy Sickles
Assisting Minister: Julie Elmquist
Communion Setup: Cindy Thompson
Tellers: Marvin & Connie Deines

September 12:

Greeter: Vera Sylvester
Ushers Indoor: Cheryl Clausen, Juan Cruz
Ushers Outdoor: Tim Adams & Shirley Marine
Assisting Minister: Julie Elmquist
Communion Setup: Julie Elmquist
Tellers: Vera Sylvester & Brenda Turnwall

September 19:

Greeter: Julie Elmquist
Ushers Indoor: Katy Sickles, Vera Sylvester
Ushers Outdoor: Matt & Molly Ward
Assisting Minister: Marcia Hutton
Communion Setup: Cindy Thompson
Tellers: Linda Sample

September 26:

Greeter: Julie Elmquist
Ushers Indoor: Ron & Cindy Thompson
Ushers Outdoor: John Johnson & Sally Stewart
Assisting Minister: Cindy Budde
Communion Setup: Cindy Thompson
Tellers: Clarence Carlson & Janet Crespin

CONTACT INFORMATION

Bridge Pastor: Dan Hays 970-467-3700

Secretary: Denise Pollard Stricker 970-352-3003

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
Janet Crespin 970-397-5104
Janet Willis 970-356-6046

Treasurer: Connie Deines 970-378-1475

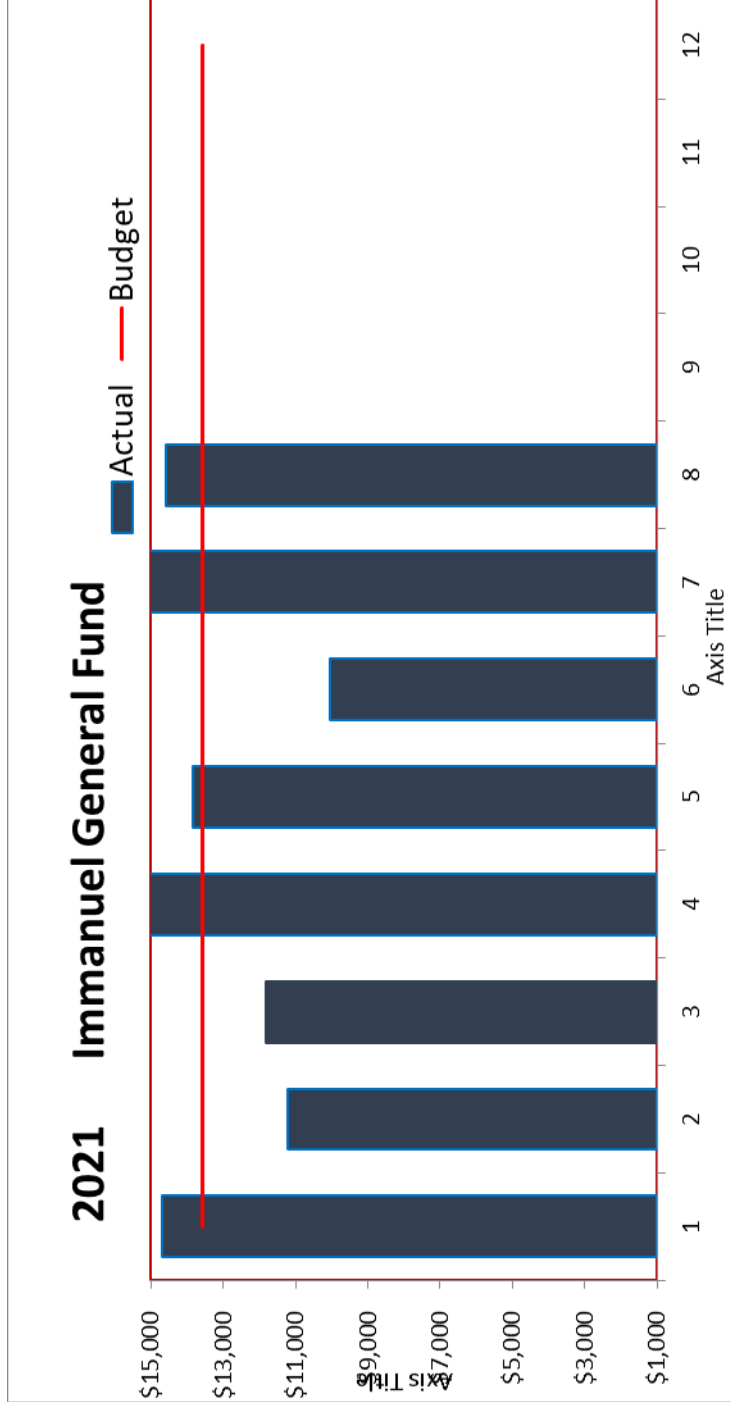
Financial Secretary: Bob Morse 303-359-5919

Financials thru Aug 2021

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Budget	13,579	13,579	13,579	13,579	13,579	13,579	13,579	13,579	13,579	13,579	13,579	13,579
Actual	\$14,675	\$11,205	\$11,821	\$16,339	\$13,853	\$10,029	\$16,116	\$14,584				
(Over) / Under	(1,096)	2,374	1,758	(2,760)	(274)	3,550	(2,537)	(1,005)	< Over			
Year to Date	(1,096)	1,278	3,036	276	2	3,552	1,015	10	< Under			



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@immanuelgreeley.org

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Return Service Requested

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