

JULY 2021

Pastor Daren: Leaving You with Thoughts and Prayers

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

As many of you know, I recently became engaged to Anna, who is from Minot, North Dakota. She has three children, the youngest going into his junior year of High School. I am excited to join her and her kids, but sad to leave you, my last Sunday being July 11th. Ending with masking becoming optional, an outstanding 5-evening VBS experience with young families, and more in-person meetings, meals, and cups of coffee than I've had this entire year—I leave you knowing how wonderful you are as a community and am eager to see how you will move into your future together with God.

This past year has brought its challenges and opportunities as we have sought to be community amid Covid, With Praise in the Parking Lot services, outdoor worship not only brought people safely together but attracted the attention of those who walked, jogged, and drove by the lively worship. Live-streaming introduced the opportunity for online worshippers to watch a Sunday service together with inside worshippers and outside worshippers in the parking lot. Now, you can take part in worship whether you are traveling, are sick or homebound, or even moved to another state. With the upcoming renovation of the music program via a new organ and conversation about ways of enriching worship for various ages, the future is bright with possibilities.

As the Council for Immanuel and the Campus Ministry Board of the Lutheran-Episcopal Campus Ministry of Greeley meet in the first part of July, I pray that this joint relationship may continue and thrive. The health and potential are great in both communities, but together, the possibilities for providing ministry to the surrounding community are multiplied, particularly to the Glenmere Park neighborhood adjacent to the University of Northern Colorado. With the beautiful park next door visited by numerous people and a vibrant university setting, there will always be opportunities for outreach and service.

I share these thoughts knowing that God will guide you in these months and continue to bless you with strong leaders and a shared ministry with the pastors God will send. I wish you all the best and much love.

God bless you! Pastor Daren

Happy 4th of July

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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 worshiping 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 July

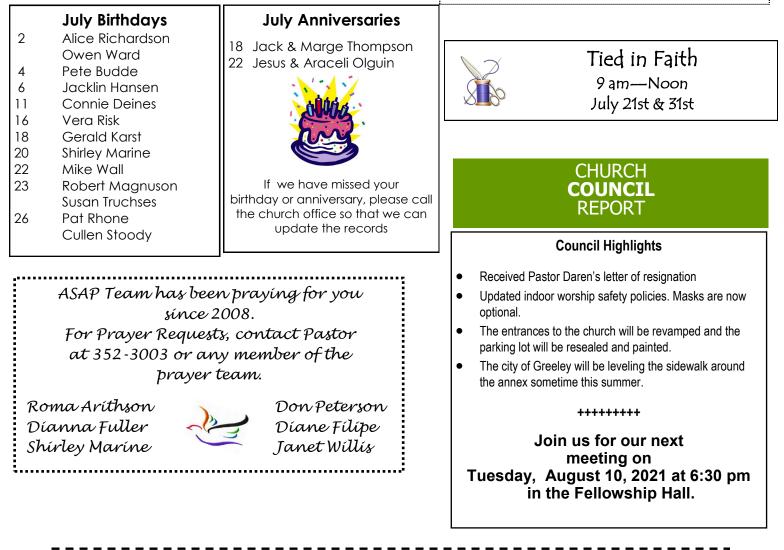
Please call the church office, 352-3003, for additional information



Sewing Group

Please join us...

Sewing dates for July are: Tuesday, July 6th



Our Immanuel Family

Ann Richardson went to be with Our Lord and Savior on Thursday, June 10, 2021. Services will be held at Immanuel at 2:00 pm on Friday, July 2, 2021. A reception will follow.

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





Stitched in Prayer – Given in Love

The ASAP team has been given a few completed prayer shawls that need a good home. If you know of someone who is in need of such a gift, please contact Janet Willis, 970-356-6046. If you would like to learn to make a prayer shawl, need yarn, or a prayer shawl in certain colors, please contact Susan Truchses, 970-356-5227.



Immanuel Organ Fund Still Seeking Donations

Wow! What a generous donation given to Immanuel that will enable us to purchase a new organ. The organ fund, however, will still be receiving your donations. These gifts will help implement the changes needed as we answer these and many more questions regarding Immanuel's future.

- What will worship at Immanuel look like in the next 5 to 10 years?
- What type of instrument will be needed to accommodate that vision?
- How can this investment reach out to the community?



- Tuesday, July 6 @ 6:30 pm- Zoom Exit Interview with the Bishop
- Tuesday, July 20 @ 6:30 pm- Meeting with Dan Bashor regarding Organ Options

If

you have any questions or concerns, contact any Council member.



Pool Day for Immanuel's Youth!

Date: Sunday, July 11, 2021 Time: 1:00-4:00pm Place: Family Fun Plex (1501 65th Avenue, Greeley) Pool admission, snacks & drinks will be provided. Your RSVP is required!

Contact Amy Herold at 970.978.0870 or herold_amy@hotmail.com

to reserve your spot.



Feeding the Students at Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry

Sunday, August 15, 2021: Katy Sickles will provide main dish! Need volunteers for side dishes & dessert!



Sunday, September 19, 2021: Meal will be provided by Diane Filipe! Sunday, October 17, 2021: Meal will be provided by The Herold Family! Sunday, November 21, 2021: Katy Sickles will provide main dish! Need volunteers for side dishes & dessert!

December 2021: Christmas Party/Break: Meal Not Needed If you can provide a meal, please contact Amy Herold at 970.978.0870 or email her at herold_amy@hotmail.com.

Well...WE DID IT! We ARMORED UP and had a FABULOUS time at Immanuel Lutheran's Vacation Bible School!

THANK YOU to EVERYONE that helped make this community outreach program a fun and memorable event! It was a HUGE SUCCESS!





Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His power. - Ephesians 6:10

Scrap Happy & Paper Crafts

Want to scrapbook, make cards, or work on other paper crafts? Join us Saturday, July 10, 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!

Scrap Happy & Paper Crafts - 2021 Schedule

Saturday, July 10, 2021 Saturday, August 7, 2021 Saturday, September 11, 2021 Saturday, October 2, 2021 November 6, 2021 December 4, 2021



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 and 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.

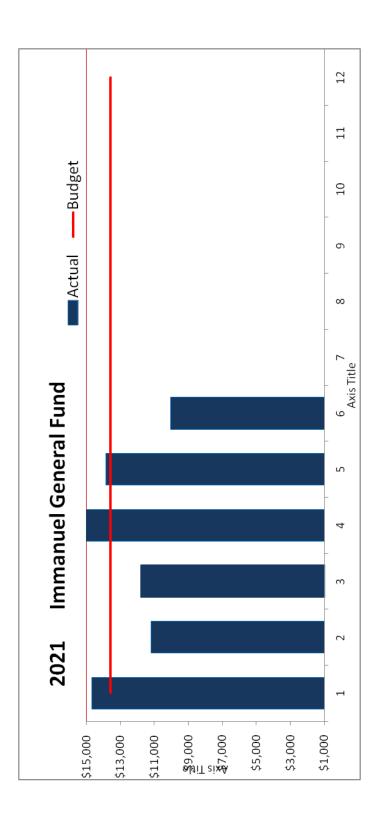
If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Julie Elmquist, Katy Sickles or Cindy Thompson.

Financials thru June 2021

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS

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Actual		\$11,205	\$11,821	\$16,339	\$13,853	\$10,029						
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Year to												
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18 9:30 am—Holy Communion	19 Common Sense Cleaning Church Building	20 6:30 pm-Meeting with Dan Bashor about organ options	21 Tied in Faith 9-Noon	22	23	24
<i>2.5</i> 9:30 am—Holy Communion	26	27	28	29	30	31 Tied in Faith 9-Noon

Thanks to our Volunteers! July 2021

July 4:	
Greeter:	Janet Willis
Ushers Indoor:	Juan Cruz, Cheryl Clausen
Ushers Outdoor:	Tim Adams & Shirley Marine
Assisting Minister:	Julie Elmquist
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson
Tellers:	Marvin & Connie Deines
July 11:	
Greeter:	Vera Sylvester
Ushers Indoor:	Katy Sickles, Vera Sylvester
Ushers Outdoor:	Matt & Molly Ward
Assisting Minister:	Janet Willis
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson
Tellers:	Vera Sylvester & Brenda Turnwall
July 18:	,
Greeter:	Julie Elmquist
Ushers Indoor:	Ron & Cindy Thompson
Ushers Outdoor:	John Johnson & Sally Stewart
Assisting Minister:	Marcia Hutton
Communion Setup:	Cindy Thompson
Tellers:	Linda Sample, Vera Sylvester
July 25:	• • •
Greeter:	Julie Elmquist
Ushers Indoor:	Cheryl Clausen
Ushers Outdoor:	Tim Ádams & Shirley Marine
Assisting Minister:	
Communion Setup:	
Tellers:	Clarence Carlson & Janet Crespin

CONTACT INFORMATION

Secretary: Office Hours: M, T, ⁻	Denise Pollard Stricker Fh 8:30 am to 1:00 pm W 8:30 am to 12:00 pm F 9:00 am to 11:00 am	970-352-3003
Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Daren Erisman	760-814-5171
Executive Council:	Lelyn Larson Janet Crespin Janet Willis	970-371-0307 970-397-5104 970-356-6046
Treasurer: Financial Secretary:	Connie Deines Bob Morse	970-378-1475 303-359-5919

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

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Return Service Requested

