# IMMANUE L<br/>INSIGHTS

People of God's grace. Building on the past. Growing in the present. Planning for the future--In Jesus Christ.



# Message from the Pastor

By Pastor Vicki Simon

We are called to act with justice We are called to love tenderly We are called to serve one another To walk humbly with God.

Dear Friends,

Twenty five years ago on July 9, 2000, the words of this song were the sung by all in the church as we processed into worship on my ordination day.

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Twenty five years later, I still return to this chorus when I consider my ministry in the church and in life and do my best, with the help of God, to live the lyrics.

Life as a minister is a grand adventure, filled with new people and ministry situations every day. I often joke that I am going to write a book called "Just One More Thing they Didn't Teach Me in Seminary," because none of my professors, as dedicated and experienced as they were, could ever predict the comedy, tragedy (there was no "pandemic" handbook, for instance) nor miraculous fairytales, that unfold in daily church life. It has been and continues to be the most incredible honor to bear witness to all of your faith stories, and see how our chapters unfold in each season of God's love!

As we begin this summer season it starts with a bang, literally, as we any who wish to join on the church lawn for Cedarburg's Independence Day parade!

Then things quiet down a bit, as we give our committees and council a rest. I pray we all have some summer restorative time!

The installation of the new church live streaming equipment has just been completed, so remember to take us with you wherever you go and to echo the chorus each and every day, living God's love!

Blessings in Christ, Pastor Vicki

# **Upcoming Events**



Join us for the annual Cedarburg July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. You'll have the best seat in the house on our front lawn. We will be selling refreshments, including Dippin' Dots, popcorn, and water. The parade starts at 10:00am. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a fun-filled day. Be sure to arrive early!

On Sunday, August 3, we will be moving our worship service outdoors. Join us at Cedar Creek Park where we will worship with our EPIC partner churches. This is a great opportunity for fellowship. There will be no service at Immanuel that morning.





Trinity Lutheran Church (N60 W6047 Columbia Road) is hosting a blook drive on Saturday, July 12 from 8:30am-12:30pm. To sign up for your lifesaving appointment, call 1-877-BE-A-HERO, contact Jill Klitz (262-377-6074, djklitz@milwpc.com) or reserve a spot online at tinyurl.com/tlcc71225.

# Volunteer Opportunities

We are blessed with so many amazing members who volunteer their time and talents. We know so many more of you have gifts to share as well. We are always in search of new volunteers to help with our weekly worship ministry needs. Please consider signing up to assist as an usher, communion assistant, greeter, or lector. If you prefer to be behind the scenes, we are also in need of assistance with communion set-up, power point operators, and providing coffee hour bakery items. It's easy and fun! Contact Tracy in the office or use the sign up genius link: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AA5A92FA3FBC07-55118557-weekly#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AA5A92FA3FBC07-55118557-weekly#/</a>

Ways to Give: Offering envelopes and cards with QR codes are found in the pews, in Memorial Hall, and in the office. On our website, click on "Giving Back" to donate via Vanco or Paypal.

# Ministry Highlights and Announcements



In conjunction with our EPIC worship service on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cedar Creek Park, our Immanuel youth will be collecting shoes for a very worthy organization. Samaritan's Feet distributes shoes throughout the United States and around the world to those in need. They believe that a new pair of shoes gives H.O.P.E. (health, opportunity, peace and education) to children, adults, and seniors. Please look through your closets and consider donating gently used or new sneakers to support this life-changing cause.



Hunger does not take a summer vacation. Donations of non-perishable food for Incarnation can always be left in the bins in the south hallway. Please ensure the items have not passed their expirations dates. Thank you for your generosity.

The Girls' and Guys' Breakfast Club will meet on July 1 at 8:00am at PJ Piper's. All are welcome!



#### MISSION QUILTERS UPDATE

The Quilters will not be meeting for the months of July and August. On September 15 and 16 we will return to our regular meeting schedule on the third Monday and Tuesday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m. upstairs in Fromm Hall.

At our last meeting days in June, the team completed a total of 13 regular size and 1 baby quilt. To celebrate our summer break, 10 members and helpers then enjoyed lunch together at the Bunkers Restaurant at Edgewater Golf Course in Grafton. A great time was had by all!

Please think of us as you visit rummage sales this summer. We can always use flat and fitted cotton and flannel sheets of all sizes, cotton fabric, sewing thread, and cotton crochet yarn. If you have any supplies you'd like to donate, just leave them in the downstairs entry way to the church and mark "For Mission Quilters". All items donated would be very much appreciated for our important ministry. Thank you! - Gerry Juedes



# Birthdays and Anniversaries



We wish you joy, love, and continued blessings in the year ahead.

#### **Birthdays**

7/01 Michael Dickmann 7/01 Missy Demczak 7/02 Tracy Johnson-Ohrmund 7/02 Emma Fridholm 7/03 Dennis Thusius 7/03 Ross Grenfell 7/03 Hudson Praefke 7/07 Emily Carpenter 7/07 Rick Kasten 7/13 Rachel Balde 7/13 Erich Natzke 7/13 Jennifer Tucholka 7/13 Miguel Lopez 7/14 Wesley Doyle 7/14 Mackenzie Neumann 7/15 Jace Murach 7/16 Ruth Theys

7/19 Sue Flanders
7/19 Coleen Steffen
7/20 Tyler Gallun
7/20 Maverick Gall
7/22 Blake Hoerchner
7/25 Gretel Anderson
7/25 Kayla Pitre
7/25 Owen Scibby
7/25 Zachary Peterson-Shimek
7/26 Nathan Bardwell
7/26 Jason Thusius
7/29 Tatum Gall
7/31 Everett Bonk
7/31 Mike Gundert

#### **Anniversaries**

Steve & Terry Proefrock	July 1, 2006
Robert & Lorraine Schmitz	July 4, 1959
Frank & Nancy Hauck	July 10, 1976
Paul & Denisa Demczak	July 18, 1992
David & Darla Valentine	July 20, 1968
Jason & Lauren Hoerchner	July 20, 2013
Bill & Gloria Bruce	3 ,
Lynn & Marilyn Carpenter	July 23, 1966
Walter & Judy Hohner	July 23, 1983
Michael & Sarah Gundert	July 25, 1959
Michael & Sarah Gundert	July 25, 2009

# What's Happening in our Community



Former music director at Faith Builders International Church in Milwaukee, Danny Gokey rose to fame after finishing third on the hit series, American Idol. His music is described as adult pop/contemporary Christian.



The Outreach for Hope Family Ride Run Walk is our largest annual fundraiser - a fun and meaningful way to support ELCA Lutheran congregations and ministries in neighborhoods of income insecurity. Prepare for a fun and exciting morning of biking, running, walking, volunteering, and enjoying fellowship at lunch.

Your donations, and those which you raise, make possible important grants to these ministries which provide resources for daily living. Join us to help ensure that our Synod remains a powerful presence of the Gospel in our communities. See you at the Ride Run Walk!

This year's event will take place on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Grace Lutheran Church in Grafton. Join in the fun for a worthy cause as a runner, walker, biker or cheerleader! For donation and registration information, check out their website at: https://ofhrrw.softr.app/

# **Prayers**

Please keep these brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers.

Surya	Kerry	Diane	Kay
Tom	Richard	Charlene	Payton
Sandy	Jerry	Vernon	Jeff
Bobbi	Scott	Adam	
Mark	Larry	Marty	
Pat	Santi	Chrissy	

<sup>&</sup>quot;Thank you is not enough to express my appreciation for the many gifts, cards, and well wishes I've been receiving since my retirement. I'm not in the immediate area now, but we can keep in touch via phone til I come back for visits to my Immanuel family."

#### From the Office



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Strawberry Fest parking. We truly appreciate your time and effort to make this a successful fundraising event.



Building Usage Reminders: All events should added to the master calendar in the office or by leaving an email message at office@immanuelcedarburg.org



Please remember to let the church office know if you move or if your contact information changes so you do not miss out on notifications.



Please check our website for updates to the monthly calendar at www.immanuelcedarburg.org



Our newsletter deadline is the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month. To ensure pertinent information is included, please send an email to office@immanuelcedarburg.org

<sup>&</sup>quot;Sometimes God closes doors because it's time to move forward. He knows you won't move unless your circumstances force you. Trust the transition, God's got you!" -- Sandy Arndt

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#### Connect with us at:



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Guys' & Gals' Breakfast at PJ Piper's 8:00am	2	3	4 Parade 10:00	5
6 9:30 Praise Service	7	8	9	10 Softball: 8:30 v Alliance Bible Church	11	12
9:30 Traditional Service	14	15 7:00pm Council Meeting	16	17 Softball: 6:30 v First Immanuel Senoirs	18	19
20 9:30 Praise Service	21	22	23	24 Softball: 7:30 v Crossway Church	25	26
27 9:30 Traditional Service	28	29	30	31 Softball: Bye		