

Immanuel United Church of Christ
141 N. Service Rd. West
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**CHURCH WILL START
AT 9:00 AM BEGINNING ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 1**



IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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MAY 2020

MAY 2020			Mary Sue Sitton	Usher	
May 3	Beverley Willoughby	Greeter/Usher/Reader	Jackie Nierman	Guestbook/Usher	
	Brad Willoughby	Usher	May 24	Aaron Wilbur	Greeter/Usher
	Lois Meyer	Usher		David Cox	Reader
	Lee Fast	Guestbook/Usher		Christin Whitehead	Usher
May 10	Abby Roseman	Greeter/Usher	Alice Windmann	Usher	
	Mildred Groeper	Reader	Aimee Wilber	Guestbook/Usher	
	Whitney & John Schuenemeyer	Ushers	May 31	Roland Niemann	Greeter/Usher
	Betty Zuhone	Guestbook/Usher		Lee Fast	Reader/Usher
May 17	Paul Saunders	Greeter/Usher	Lavelle Requat	Usher	
	Sandra Saunders	Reader/Usher	Loretta Bierer	Guestbook/Usher	

JUNE NEWSLETTER NEWS ARTICLES DUE

MAY 15

COUNCIL MEETING - March 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order, and began with a prayer, by Pastor Jay Wiesner.

Council members present: Kelvin Lashley, Paul Saunders, Donna Jones, Roland Niemann, Roger Niernan, Beverley Willoughby, Abby Rosemann, Judy Engalage and Pastor Jay Wiesner.

Council members absent: Aaron Wilber.

Secretary Report: This report was read and a motion was made to approve the report by Abby Rosemann, and seconded by Judy Engalage. The motion passed.

Financial Secretary Report: This report was read and a motion was made to approve by Beverley Willoughby and seconded by Paul Saunders. The motion passed.

General Treasurer Report: The report was reviewed. Roland Niemann made a motion to approve the report and Abby Rosemann seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jay Wiesner reported on several topics:

- With schools closing, churches will also suspend confirmation classes for now.
- He will be calling members to check in on them in this unprecedented time.
- He has been in contact with George Jaeger's family- keep them in prayers.
- He has been in contact with Mary Ackmann- also keeping her in prayer.
- He will continue to prepare messages and update them on the Face Book page on Sundays and Mid-Week.

An upcoming baptism has been delayed temporarily.

This message is also from Pastor Jay Wiesner:

We have been forced to close the church due to the spread of the Corona virus until April 1st at the earliest. We will reassess our ability to gather together in worship and meet for other church activities at that time.

Until we are able to gather together again Pastor Jay will be posting devotionals on Wednesdays and Sundays to the church Face book page.

We are asking all of our church members to try to stay connected as much as possible through phone calls or Internet connections, but not to gather in groups during this time.

If anyone needs anything please contact Pastor Jay at (785 691 7418) and we will endeavor to make sure all of our congregation's needs are met.

We are holding each other close in this time of crisis, and we wish all of our membership health and warmth as

we meet this struggle together.

Stay safe and healthy and God-bless you all.

Blessings, ~ Pastor Jay

Committee Reports

Building & Grounds: Paul Saunders and Kelvin Lashley reported that they are still working on changing the light bulbs in the refrigerators and on fixing the leaking faucet in the kitchen.

Beverley Willoughby plans to contact Chris Saddler, our lawn service contractor, to see if his rates will stay the same.

The HVAC system contract proposal would be \$680 annually with a fall and spring check up. Kelvin and other council members expressed the desire to have the same technician come for service calls each time to provide consistency of service and communication. After some discussion, Judy Engalage moved that the council accept the proposal from Schroer Heating and Cooling as submitted. Beverley Willoughby seconded the motion. It passed.

Christian Workers: Judy Engalage reported that our attendance in February resulted in 238 people in attendance, with a weekly average of 60. The 2 Sundays in March had 50 and 55 people in attendance. The Midweek Lenten Services held so far had 17, 20, and 19 in attendance.

Evangelism & Stewardship: Abby Rosemann reported that she would be mailing all newsletters for people that typically picked up their copies at church. She also planned to include information about checking the Face Book page and signs at the front of the church. Abby planned to change the sign to reflect that the buildings were closed.

Memorial: Beverley Willoughby will be working on getting some chairs for the council room compatible with ones discussed in the past year. There has been no further contact with the contractor for the memorial project to repair and paint the Fellowship Hall upstairs hallway.

Roland Niemann reported that he had contacted the representative from Waldo and Elizabeth Krueger's estate and the church will be getting a donation from them soon.

Pastor Relations: No new concerns were brought up at this time.

Sub Committees

Christian Board: This group had planned a visit to the St. Louis Aquarium in March but this will be postponed.

Women's Fellowship: This group has no new information

Stewardship Moment

Deuteronomy 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you.

The person who can give only a small gift or amount of time shouldn't be embarrassed. God is more concerned about how a person gives from his or her resources. Let's be grateful in what we have and stretch our love and faith to others.

The past month and the months ahead have been and will be challenging for everyone. We have gone from gathering together in person to worship on Sundays in church to online services on Sundays during this pandemic. Just because worship has been temporarily canceled at church doesn't mean the church's ministry has been canceled, it continues. Church members' faithful, weekly givings make possible the continued ongoing ministry of Jesus, our church and the world. We should remain faithful in giving and continue investing in the church.

Ask God to show you ways that you can be a blessing and share your gifts.

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Pentecost Sunday is Sunday, May 31

The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday (7 weeks after Easter), commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31).

Let's all wear something red on Pentecost Sunday.

March minutes cont.

Evening Circle: This group has no new information at this time.

Men's' Club: The Men's Club held a successful Sausage Dinner. Roger Nierman reported that there were 216 meals served: 114 carry out dinners and 102 dinners served in the dining hall. He mentioned all the help from volunteers and thanked them. Gary and Cheryl Krueger from Wright City Meat Company donated the sausage which was also greatly appreciated. The profit from the dinner was \$1912.00.

Old Business: The council discussed insurance bids from Acquity and Guide One. Going to a new company would require an inspection of the premises and a quick response to any changes or clean outs suggested by the company. It was discussed that there is no insurance on Indian Camp Creek cemetery. Discussion was also had that it would fall under the liability of the church policy. After much more discussion, Judy Engelage made a motion to accept the annual bid from Acquity for \$13,579.00. Roger Nierman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business: The council then discussed how to proceed with the use of church buildings in the coming weeks and months. There was much discussion about what was safest and best for the needs of the congregation. Judy Engelage moved that we close the church buildings, to all use, for the next 2 weeks. Roger Nierman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Council members agreed to contact different groups to inform them of this decision. We will reassess this decision and determine the best way to move forward in 2 weeks.

These minutes have not been approved by the council.

Do want to mention, that I mailed all the newsletters for April. I hope that all received their newsletters and that I have a correct address for everyone. Please let me know if you did not receive one & I will see that you get a copy.

Thank you, Debbie Meyer

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

MAY 2020

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Roland & Sharon Niemann
9

Jerry & Abby Rosemann 23

William & Liz Flesch 29

Todd & Christie VanZuyen
30

Jason Kreuger 1

Aimee Rosen 1

Jill Mueller 2

Tanya Jones 2

Betty Zuhone 3

Paul Windmann 4

Liz Flesch 5

Jordan Birkner 7

Raymond Hollenbeck 8

Katelyn Thompson 9

Korey Gerdeman 10

Arthur Viehmann 11

Mildred Groeper 11

Donald Tomschin 12

Larry LaFave 12

Marvin Schubert 12

Andrew & Reese Greco 14

Kathy Hintze 14

Cara Ballard 17

Margaret Ramey 22

Mary Groeper 22

Kolton Martin 23

Douglas Rugh 24

Chad Thompson 27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Christian Board of Education Schedule for 2020

July 20-24 Bible School 5:30—7:00 pm

July 26 Warrenton Swimming Pool

Sept 13 Rally Day

Oct 25 Halloween Party at the Meyer Farm 3:00 pm

Dec 13 Christmas Program

2020 High School and College Graduates

On Sunday, June 7, we want to congratulate and express our love and support to this year's graduates. The graduates will be recognized during morning worship. Please send those names and school names to the email below, so it can appear in the bulletin and newsletter.

abbyrosemann@centurylink.net

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Vice President	Paul Saunders	636-290-6870
Secretary	Donna Jones	636-745-2954
Financial Secretary	Roland Niemann	636-745-2547
General Treasurer	Beverly Willoughby	636-384-6693
Christian Worker	Judy Engelage	636-463-2923
Evangelism/Stewardship	Abby Roseman	636-384-0071
Memorial	Roger Nierman	636-745-3096
Pastorial Relations	Aaron Wilber	636-579-2954

