



The Gleaner

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Contact the office for your username and password.

Mission
Joyfully Christian.
Humbly Serving.
Boldly Loving.



Spring Clean-up Day is scheduled for
Wednesday, May 9th from 5-8pm.

Bring your gloves and rakes and help us to get
the building and grounds ready for summer!!
ALL help is welcome and appreciated.

(*The nursery will be staffed for the young children)



The Youth will hold their annual Rummage Sale
on Friday, June 15 & Saturday, June 16.
All proceeds will help defray their cost
to the National Gathering in Houston this summer.
Donations can be dropped off anytime between now and
June 13th in the first classroom on the left side of the
hallway!

A Letter from the Director of Faith Formation....

Hello all!

Michigan decided to give us an odd, and short, spring this year. This can make things a little more difficult and stressful as students and teachers are dealing with exams, moving home or starting summer jobs, we are all trying to get some spring cleaning done (please remember to donate to the youth rummage sale!), sports are starting, and church programs are finishing up (Worship on Wednesday and Jesus and Me).

So...I thought we all might need some comic relief. I have collected some church bulletin bloopers from around the internet (none are from Immanuel). Enjoy!

TGBTG,
Craig Torgerson

1. Don't let worry kill you - let the church help.
2. Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
3. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
4. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
5. The rosebud on the alter this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
6. This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
7. Tuesday at 4:00 PM there will be an ice c
8. Wednesday the ladies liturgy will meet. I accompanied by the pastor.
9. Thursday at 5:00 PM there will be a mee
"Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his study.
10. This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
11. The Associate minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday - "I upped my pledge - up yours!"
12. Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.
13. The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.
14. Pastor is on vacation. Massages can be given to Church secretary.
15. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Ministry with Each Other

Where do I drop off donations???

*Plastic grocery bags for CCN can be dropped into the baskets under the benches outside of the office.

Thank You!!!

Lawn-Mowing Volunteers Needed

We are looking for more people to become part of the church lawn-mowing team. If you are interested, please contact Paul Geisthardt at 989-954-0266.

May Birthdays

- 2 Rob Faleer
- Beth Mundwiler
- 3 Sam Riley
- 4 John Zolynsky
- Jan Kruska
- 7 Jennifer Gallaher
- 8 Michael Hetzman
- Asher Weber
- 9 Reggie Becker
- 10 Bert Krueger
- Kathy Marshall
- Tony Powell
- Ryan Wood
- 11 Leah Wicander
- 13 Matthew Strandskov
- 14 Julia Hoffman
- 16 Haylee Geisthardt
- Gabe Goodrich
- Dan Weber
- 19 Emily Zolynsky
- 20 Trudy Staples
- 22 Carson Mitchell
- 24 Justin Oswald
- Peggy Schuette
- 25 Michael Deaton
- 26 Amy Moore
- 27 Peggy Burke
- 29 George Dunn
- Ashley Shellenbarger
- 30 Ryan Ferguson
- Katie Caleca
- 31 Joe Caleca



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

There is a Need for Christian Care

Every day you see people who are hurting: those who have lost a job, have lost a loved one, have gone through a divorce, or are battling a life-threatening illness. Stephen Ministers are God's representatives who bring his love to those who are hurting. God is waiting to make a difference in their lives through you! If you want to find out more about how you can be involved in this one-to-one caregiving ministry, contact Gail Mitchell, Chris Schuster, Fred Schuster, or Pastor Dana. A new training class is starting soon.



Confirmation will be celebrated on
Sunday, May 20th.

(Ministry with Each Other, Continued)



The next VBS Volunteer Meeting will be next Saturday, May 12th from 8:30-11:30am at the church. All are welcome, we will be discussing the format for VBS, filling volunteer positions and working on some organization and decoration projects.

Please contact Claire Torgerson at 248.425.7346 by call or text or by email at claire.e.torgerson@gmail.com

Community Input: Praises and Pinches

To be a healthy, faithful community, Immanuel needs to be open with what we expect in all areas of life. If there is anything in our community life that brings joy or causes concern, please share any feelings and questions. Thank you for taking the time to communicate ways we are doing well in our ministry at Immanuel and the areas that need attention. Your Mutual Ministry Team needs your feedback. If you would like a personal response to your "praise" or "pinch," please be sure to sign this form at the bottom.

To discuss a concern directly with the Mutual Ministry Team or one of the Team members, please indicate below.

Praises: _____

Pinches: _____

Desired Outcome: _____

Is it OK to publish in Gleaner? ___ Yes ___ No (Name must be posted if you wish for this to appear in Gleaner.)

A specific question I would like answered: _____

Name _____

Ministry with the Community & World

May Volunteer Opportunities

**“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”
- Luke 6:38**

Here are some upcoming outreach opportunities for the members of Immanuel to get involved with our community.

Community Compassion Network Stationary Pantry

CCN is dedicated to fighting hunger by providing supplemental food for Isabella County families and relies on grants, donations, and community support. The pantry is located at 1114 W. High Street. To volunteer <https://ccnfeeds.org/volunteer-1/>

Isabella Community Soup Kitchen

To volunteer with the soup kitchen, call the office at 772-7392 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Stop in anytime at 621 S. Adams St, Mt. Pleasant to fill out a volunteer information form.

Red Cross Blood Drives

May 2, Krapohl Ford 12-5:45pm

May 3, Mt. Pleasant High School, 12-5:45pm

May 9, Isabella County Medical Care Facility, 12-5:45pm

May 15, Sacred Heart, 12-5:45pm

May 17, Shepherd High School, 8:30am-1:45pm

May 18, Morey Courts, 12-5:45pm

May 21, Beal City High School, 12-5:45pm

If you have any ideas for other ways members of Immanuel Lutheran Church can get involved in serving our local community, please contact Jennifer Digmann at 989-775-8475 or Paul Kruska at 989-828-5103.



Ministry with the Community & World



Dear members and staff of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, thank you for the generous gift to the Isabella County Non-Profit Service Center Fund. Your gift will allow access to much needed assistance and resources to members of our community.

It is because of people like you and donations like this that we can continue to work on improving and impacting the lives of the people in our community. Thank you again for your kindness.

Sincerely,
Erin Smith-Gaken, Trustee

Immanuel Offers Electronic Giving

Immanuel Lutheran Church is pleased to offer an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

Visit our website, www.immanuelmp.com click on the money sign (\$) and sign up! Please contact the church office if you have questions. **IMMANUEL NOW ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS!!**

May Worship Helpers

Cantors (9:00)

- 6 Amy Powell
- 13 Lacey Connor
- 20 John Lorand
- 27 (10:00) Kathy Gallaher

Counters

- 6 Chuck McCollom & Cindy Torgerson
- 13 Jacque Jackson & John Lorand
- 20 Jodie Mitchell-Beach & Harry Plouff
- 27 John Emmons & John Warriner

Altar Guild

- 6 Kathy Gatten & Billie Plouff
- 13 Sandy Warriner & Denise Little
- 20 Pat Podoll & Ann Ferguson
- 27 Sarah Gilbert & Bonnie Berthold

Projector (9:00)

- 6 Gabe Goodrich
- 13 Deb LaBlance
- 20 Amy Powell
- 27 (10:00) Kip Ferguson

Projector (11:00)

- 6 Aubyrn Anderson
- 13 Dana Mielke
- 20 Ted Tuma

Ushers (9:00)

(lists not available at time of printing)

Ushers (11:00)

(lists not available at time of printing)

Greeters (9:00 & 11:00)

(lists not available at time of printing)

Assisting Ministers

- 6 (9:00) Chris Schuster
(11:00) Natalie Douglas
- 13 (9:00) Dan Eversole
(11:00) Jodie Mitchell-Beach
- 20 (9:00) Dan Digmann
(11:00) Cheryl Geisthardt
- 27 (10:00) Linda Wicander

Lawn Mowing

- 3 Paul Kruska & Bill Jensen
- 10 The Geisthardt family
- 17 Harry Plouff & Ed Berthold
- 24 The Powell family
- 31 Steve Podolsky & Gabe Goodrich

The Noisy Offering

The noisy offering on
May 27
will be given to
Immanuel Village.

A collection jar is located in the
Narthex throughout the month
for your convenience.



On Sunday, May 27th, we will
switch to ONE weekly service
on Sundays at 10am.

This worship schedule will be
in effect through Labor Day.

Please be sure to mark your
calendars!