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PRINTS OF PEACE

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A VIEW FROM THE PEW by Rachel Brophy

Love by Example

Another Easter has come and gone, and thanks to Jesus giving his life for me I am saved. Hallelujah! So, now what am I doing in response to this gift of salvation? Am I giving away all of my possessions to the poor to follow my Lord and Savior? Am I daily showing others the love God showed me by sacrificing his only perfect son for me?

The answer to these questions and so many more is – no. I am not. Easter has come and gone, and although I felt the joy and inspiration of the day, it takes very little to fall back into the same daily routine without giving the needs of God’s people much thought at all. It is much easier to concentrate on work, on the kids, on the laundry. These things need my attention too. But while I am folding my clean clothes, there are those who have none. While I am slaving away over supper, there are those who are hoping that today they get something to eat.

Am I an evil and uncaring person? Gosh, I certainly don’t like to think of myself that way, but when I see others in need do I drop everything to lend a hand, or do I turn a blind eye? We often tell children to “set a good example” for their younger sisters and brothers. God’s sacrifice of his son was the ultimate “example.” In doing so he said to us, “This is how much I love you.” This, however, is not where his message leaves off. God tells us to, “Love One Another.” First John 3:16 says, “We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. “

In these days that follow Easter, God calls us to live out our salvation in our days here on Earth. He calls for us to be an example to others who might have yet to learn of God’s love and grace. He does this by telling us that we must show each other the love that he showed us. In John 13:34-35 Jesus says, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. “

God did not put us on this Earth to “earn” our salvation. We are saved by grace alone. Simply believing that Jesus Christ died for us guarantees our spot in Heaven, but what if we hadn’t heard the good news about Jesus, then what? God put us on this Earth to share the good news of salvation through Jesus’ death on the cross. Actions speak louder than words, so what better way to spread the good news than by showing others the love that God shows us? God sets the example of what true love looks like, so that we can forever look to the cross and know what we should do next. But in case we need extra encouragement, we need to look no further than our Bible. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

John 15:12

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's VBS theme is **Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!**

For the second year in a row, Immanuel was chosen to host a FunShop training event for VBS. The workshop will be on May 2nd from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon in our fellowship hall. Last year's event was a huge success and an enormous amount of fun! Registration is \$20/person. Please come! If you are interested in helping with set-up and tear-down for the event, please contact Amy Bomgaars at 712-577-3902.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH K-6TH TEACHING SCHEDULE

Thank you so much for your willingness to teach Children's Church.

MAY 3, 2015

Judy Sloan, Tel. 898-5564 – K-3 - JOHN 14:6

Lana Dye, Tel. 490-0720 – 4-6 - JOHN 14:6

MAY 10, 2015 – *MOTHER'S DAY - ALL CHILDREN PRE-K-6TH WILL MAKE A MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT.*

[Last Sunday of regular teacher schedule. Kids are invited to join us for summer Children's Church, May 17-Sept. 6.]

SAVE THE DATE:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JULY 14-16, 5:30 P.M.-8:45 P.M. - All VBS leaders must attend training. Contact Amy Bomgaars for details.



RAGBRAI

The following was decided during the RAGBRAI Meeting: The menu will be: Smoked Pork Loin, Baked Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Corn, Dinner Rolls, Homemade Desserts. Cost: \$8. Time: 4:30-7:30 P.M. Date: Sat., July 18. Will only be doing the dinner, not a breakfast. Sign-up sheets will be passed later in May.

Thank you for your input and continued support!

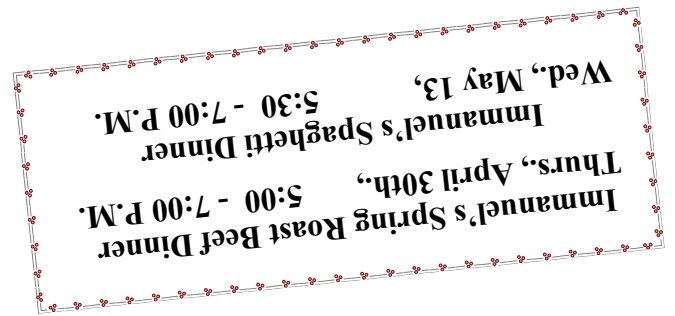
ON A MUSICAL NOTE...



I'd like to thank the Immanuel Choir for sharing the beautiful cantata with the congregation back on Palm Sunday! Your dedication and commitment to leading worship through song is amazing!!

A special thanks to Emily Hass for an excellent job of serving as accompanist for the *choir!*

And finally, a warm welcome to J.R. and Paula Reider as they join the praise team and provide new leadership in planning and playing for worship! Alison



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OUR SYMPATHY TO...

04/06/2015 Jon R. Wirth who died on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, in Sioux City. His Funeral Service was held at Morningside Chapel, Christy-Smith Funeral Home, Sioux City, on Monday, April 6th. Burial at a later date in Memorial Park Cemetery. Pastor Tess Panamarow, officiated.

04/10/2015 John Stroman who died on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, in Sioux City, Iowa. His Funeral Service was held at Meyer Brothers Colonial Chapel on April 10, 2015. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sioux City, Iowa. Pastor Tess Panamarow, officiated.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Outreach Committee is in need of Children's Bibles of all ages. If you can help donate, please contact Elaine Miller.

BASKETS OF PROMISE

Thank You to all who donated items for our "Basket of Promise" project. We were able to assemble 32 bundles of a towel, soap, comb, toothbrush and nail clipper. Thank You! The Outreach Committee

PARISH REPORT

FUNERALS:

04/06/2015 Jon R. Wirth
 04/10/2015 John Stroman

BAPTISMS:

03/07/2015 Benji Lee Hulett
 and Iris Marchae Hulett
 03/08/2015
 Leilani Alaine Espinoza
 04/04/2015
 Trinity Mae Claussen

FOOD FOR NEEDY

Please bring a can of pork and beans for the community food pantry. Please place in the basket in the Narthex. Thanks!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Alexas Varela	3	Avery Hass	10	Yvonne Langel	21
Carole Rasmussen	3	Patty Heagel	13	Aaron Bomgaars	23
JoAnn Lindgren	4	Debra Jordt	15	Daniel Harris	23
Kierra McKernan	8	Ben Arnburg	16	Steve Uhl	30
Jace Barner	8	Brian Schneider	19	Chase Tullis	31
Bruce Gustavson	9	Stacey Roupe	20	Samson O'Kane	31

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Brian and Rebbel Henningfeld	4	Jerry and Sharon Henningfeld	15
Adam and Stacey Roupe	14	Thomas and Rachel Brophy	19
		Rick and Steffanie DeBoer	26

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED...

...for Neva Anderson, Matt Mann, Andy Anderson, Brad and Jennifer Gamble and Family, Shandy Thompson, Shirley Hamilton, Pat Hammond, Vonnie Langel, Bruce Gustavson, Austan Roupe, Cheryl Laier, Jerry Wilde, Matt Oleson, Rachel Wright, Robert "Chuck" Newton, Kathie Hill, Betty Jaques, Douglas Coffield, Mary Ann Chesley, Dale Grondahl, Pat Ellis, Grace Walk, Laura Howard, Dee Sturgeon, Vickie Hilden, Beverly Harding, Mary Borgstahl, Deb Simon, Merry Stewart, Steve Jansen, Chuck Stewart, Suzanne Lundgren.

...those who are in sorrow— the families of Jon R. Wirth,
John Stromen and Ruth Kelly

...for those who are serving our country in the Armed Services-

Jason Arnburg -	Navy	(San Diego, California)
Sean Arnburg -	Army	(Colorado)
Connie Miller -	Air Guard	(Sioux City)
Jim Schneider -	Air Guard	(Sioux City)
Tim Sunderman -	Navy	(Virginia)
Andy McIntosh -	Navy	(Persian Gulf)
Eric Flynn		(Ranger in Georgia)

...for those in nursing homes and shut-ins -

Luann Davis	Dorothy Humphrey	Kathy Tiller
Betty Stewart	Roger Brown	

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Summary of March weekly offerings received:

March 1 \$1,739.00	March 15 \$2,051.00
March 8 \$1,736.00	March 22 \$2,047.36
	March 29 \$1,591.00

Operating Budget - Needed per week: \$2,766.40

Building Fund - Needed per week: \$ 400.00

ROGATION SUNDAY

Rogation celebrates God's good earth at the Worship Services. We pray for God's Blessing of water, soil and seed.



Bring your flower and vegetable seeds for blessing on Saturday, May 2nd, and Sunday, May 3rd. Rubber band your seed packets together along with your name on the packets.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

1. Property Committee will be setting up a box in the Narthex for comments, suggestions, and repair needs & ideas from the congregation. There will be forms available to fill out. We ask that the congregation use these forms and this box as soon as they are available to assist the Property Committee in streamlining the process of getting things done.

2. Several of our Committees need to have new Chairpeople. Per our Constitution, Committee Chairs can only serve for 3 consecutive years. Please contact Paula Damon if you are interested in joining the Christian Ed Committee. Please contact Sally Bjork if you are interested in joining the Finance Committee.

IMMANUEL'S MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

Have some free time on Saturday afternoon/evening? Jim and Paula Reider are starting to revamp the Saturday service, evolving into a new contemporary service that will begin in September. Rehearsals will be on Saturday afternoons before the 5:30 service. We're looking for folks who are able to commit to being a regular part of the group, but could also use a few 'pickup' musicians able to play at selected services/events. Need more information or wish to talk a bit first?

Call Jim at 402-508-6125 or
e-mail jrinnebraska@hotmail.com.

WOMEN'S CORNER

SPRING DINNER

Those who have signed up to bring desserts, please have them to church by 2:00 P.M. on Thursday so we can cut and prepare them for the dinner.

REMEMBER

THE CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

**JUNE 4th thru JUNE 6TH
WHILE DOING YOUR
SPRING CLEANING!**

The Church Rummage is scheduled for:

Thursday, June 4th, 3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.,

Friday, June 5th, 9:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

Saturday, June 6th, 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

If you are cleaning out your closets and garages this spring, please remember Immanuel's Rummage Sale. We accept **CLEAN and SLIGHTLY USED CLOTHING**, furniture, glassware, kitchen items, tools, bicycles, etc. Due to a small amount of storage space at church, we are asking you to not bring the items to the church until the week prior to the Rummage Sale, May 25 thru June 3rd.

Please, NO Computers or TV's.

Questions...contact Orline Herbst at 255-9646.

Thanks, Orline Herbst, Chair.

HOT DOG STAND

The June Hot Dog Stand will be June 4th, 5th, and 6th in conjunction with our Rummage Sale. The Hot Dogs Stands are:

Thursday, June 4th, 3:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Friday, June 5th, 10:00 A.M.-5:30 P.M.

Saturday, June 6th, 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.

There will be a sign-up sheet closer to the date where you can sign up for a time that best fits your schedule.

"Everyone's help makes light work for all."

As always, your help is very much appreciated!

VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE COFFEE ON SUNDAYS

May 3 Free Luncheon - Outreach Committee

May 10 Claussen's and Laurie Comer

May 17 Rosie Roman and Rod Martin

May 23 Tracy and Jerry Wilde

May 30 Vonda Henry and Jody House

ATTENTION WOMEN:

The Tri-Synodical Convention and Gathering will be June 19 - 20 at the Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge. Keynote speaker is Rev. Wybetta Bullock, assistant to Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Theme is **"Generations of Faith"**. If interested, please contact Linda McCrory at 233-1369.

LCW MEETING

The next LCW Meeting will be on Thursday, May 21st, at 6:30 P.M. We will be finalizing the Rummage Sale, Hot Dog Stands and deciding on a Lutheran World Relief Project. All women of, and friends of Immanuel, are encouraged to attend the women's meetings. We will need lots of volunteers for the events coming up!

A PEW THANK YOU'S

Did you notice the wooden pews?

Thank You to Tom and Sally Bjork, Michael Brandhagen and Dennis Carlson who carried the pews down from the balcony in the old Immanuel Lutheran Church at 5th and George.

A Historic Blessing in our midst!

Thank You!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Brian Damon who is graduating from Briar Cliff University. His future plans are
Artist/Art Curator.

Alexas Varela who is graduating from West High School. Her future plans are to join the Navy.

Mauricio Ramirez who is graduating from West High School. His plans are to attend the University of Iowa.

Tanner Smith who is graduating from West High School. His plans are to attend Western Iowa Tech.

Christopher Reynolds who is graduating from Lawton-Bronson High School.

Caylee Rann who is graduating from West High School.

Colby Hill who is graduating from West High School. Colby's plans are to attend Iowa State University.

Tara Custer who is graduating from West High School. Tara's plans are to attend Western Iowa Tech.

Ian Flores who is graduating from West High School. Ian's plans are to attend NE College, South Sioux City.



IMMANUEL CHURCH'S SPAGHETTI DINNER

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

MENU: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad, Desert and Beverage

Ages 5 and up: \$6.50; Ages 4 and younger: Free

*A BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL
MOTHERS AND THOSE WHO LOVE AS
MOTHERS DO!*



May 10, 2015