

# NEXUS June 2021



## Pastoral Reflections – ♥ Permit me a little nostalgia. ♥

Sometimes I read over past articles I've written for the Nexus. Recently we celebrated my son Joshua's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday. I found an article I wrote about him twenty-two years ago right after his second birthday. I'm re-posting this article, not only for nostalgia sake, but because it reminded me of some great truths.

Here is the article in its entirety from the June 1999 Nexus.

### “REMEMBERING AN EVENING WITH JOSHUA”

It was a “guys” evening. Joanne and my daughters went to Immanuel's “Girls Night Out,” so Joshua (my two-year old son) and I were going to have a “guys” evening. I expected it to be a time of fun, a time of bonding, a time of beginning to pass down to my boy the rites of “guy-ness.” I didn't expect to be schooled, especially by one who has only begun to learn. Who would have guessed that my boy would teach me deep lessons of the Christian faith?

It started at dinner. Joshua had a gourmet grilled cheese sandwich expertly prepared by Joanne before she embarked out. I dined on a scrumptious repast of left-over chicken pot pie. After Joshua man-handled his sandwich to all but four bites, I rewarded him with some cheddar cheese “gold fish” (he's wild about them!) As I scooped some on the tray of his high chair, he plopped some in his mouth. It was then Joshua grabbed my hand and hugged it close up to his cheek. My heart melted. (I was ready to buy him a racing bike!) My boy gave thanks to his daddy for not only supplying his “daily bread” but for adding some treats to spice up life. It then dawned on me that my heavenly Father does the same thing and that when I simply say “thanks,” He's all the more ready to give me even more gifts! See, He's an over-flowing, gift-giving God. That was lesson number one.

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# Pastoral Reflections cont'd...

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Lesson number two came when we were playing outside. We played a little catch, we wrote on the driveway with sidewalk chalk, we played in the sandbox and “we” went down the slide. Joshua just wanted to keep climbing up only so he would slide down. But here was the thing: Joshua never ventured down the slide unless he could fix his eyes on me and make sure I was at the bottom ready to catch him. I tried to get him to be independent and go it alone without me watching or helping. But Joshua would have none of that. He made sure he could see his papa and he made sure he was never out of my arms reach. Again I was struck with the notion that this is how we should live our lives: our eyes fixed on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2) and never trying to be out of reach of our heavenly Father (Isaiah 43:1-3a, 4a). Now I wanted to buy Joshua a sports car! See, he reminded me that we really can’t go it alone in life. Our enemies (the devil, the world and our own flesh) are stronger than we are and seek to destroy us. In His incredible love for us, Jesus came to earth and died on the cross to free us from our enemies’ power. Now He promises to be with us all our days “even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20) no matter where we climb or how far we slide.

The final lesson the evening came at bedtime. I read Joshua “Goodnight Moon” for the umpteenth time. We nuzzled in the recliner as we prayed together “Now I lay me down to sleep...” and “Our Father, who are in heaven...” and sang “Praise God from who all blessings flow...” He kissed me good night as I walked him to his room and held him tightly as I silently prayed. He easily put his head on the pillow, told me he loved me and soon was fast asleep, assured in the protection and promised future provision of his father (and mother too, of course). Again I was instructed by my lad how we should let go of worry and sleep soundly in the confidence that God our Father is in control (Matthew 6:25-34). This time I was ready to buy him a condo *with* a racing bike *and* a sports car!

See, Joshua Paul lives out what the Bible proclaims: gratitude for gifts given, confidence in the love and protection of the father, and a peaceful heart from the faith that he can rest his head because his papa is “holding down the fort.”

As we go into summer, may Joshua’s ways of life be yours. I’m praying I was a good enough student and learner that they will be mine. See, God our Father is in control. He’s in charge. He will not fail. The cross of His Son Jesus reminds us how far He will go in taking care of us.

I wish for you much confidence in God through Jesus.

I remain yours in Him,



Pastor Yonker

P.S. I still wish for you much confidence in God through Jesus 22 years later!!



“You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.”

These words from Nehemiah 9 are so amazing aren't they? The holy and eternal God is worshipped by the all the multitudes of heaven—all the angels around the throne of God worshipping our Savior Jesus. What a magnificent, glorious sight that must be. And here is something even more amazing, our God invites us to worship Him as well.

We who are filled with sin, we who have no right to stand before the righteous judge are invited into His presence—we are forgiven of all our sins—we are washed clean in the blood of Jesus—we are filled with His love, His light and His life—all of it is ours through Christ.

There is something so special about gathering together in person to worship our Savior. I have been blessed by the opportunities to worship virtually over these past many months of COVID but for me personally there is great joy in being in the Lord's house—surrounded by His people—receiving the precious gifts that Jesus gives us through His Word and His Supper.

A boy was getting his hair cut the other day and his barber was telling him about how much she enjoyed watching church from home—sitting in her pajamas, eating some breakfast, watching worship from the comfort of her living room couch—she was going on and on about how wonderful it was. The boy looked up at the barber and asked about how she receives the Lord's Supper and the barber couldn't respond—as wonderful as virtual worship is—it cannot replace being here in the Lord's house, receiving His blessed supper for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of the faith and the foretaste of heaven that it provides to us and for us.

We need each other, especially as we come out of this COVID crisis of the last year, we need to be close to each other, to be connected to one another, to experience life together as brothers and sisters in Christ and so I am hoping and praying that many more of you will return to church during the next few days. Come and experience the joy that is ours in hearing God's Word, in singing His praises, in rejoicing in His goodness and feasting at the Lord's Table.

Please note elsewhere in this Nexus as well as in our Constant Contact communications and the postcards you will be receiving our new worship schedule as well as other opportunities to be together as God's people here at Immanuel.

How amazing that we get to join with angels and archangels and all the multitudes of heaven in worshipping the Savior Jesus who laid down His life for us and our salvation? Join us for worship this weekend.

Peace and joy—Pastor Baerwolf

# NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Beginning June 19/20

Saturday Worship  
5:00 PM (*mask mandatory*)

Sunday Morning Worship  
8:00 AM  
10:30 AM



*“Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!*

*For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture,  
and the sheep of His hand.”*

*Psalms 95*

As we gather together for worship in person, we are excited to share a new worship schedule for our church beginning the weekend of June 19/20. We will gather on Saturday afternoon at 5:00 for a mask mandatory service and then again on Sunday morning at 8 and 10:30. You will need to register for the Saturday service but no longer is registration necessary for our Sunday morning worship times beginning on Sunday, June 20.

Capacity at our Saturday worship service will increase from 80 to 100 and there is no limit on attendance at our Sunday morning worship times. We will continue to offer the Lord’s Supper at our worship services using the communion sets that have been such a blessing to us during these COVID days. The pastors and Elders are evaluating the return to kneel down communion at our 8:00 worship service as we get closer to autumn and we would love to hear your thoughts on this topic as we try to determine when is the best time to make that necessary change. If you have any concerns or questions please talk to the pastors as we love hearing from you.

# JUNE 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>01</b> 1:30pm Sr. Bible Study	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b> 7:30am Men's Study 9:00am Feed My Lambs 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE †
						
<b>06</b> 8, 10 & 11:30am Worship REGISTER ONLINE †	<b>07</b> ☺ Vacation Bible School	<b>08</b> 1:30pm Sr. Bible Study 6:45 pm Ministry Meetings ☺ Vacation Bible School	<b>09</b> 9:00am Men's Study ☺ Vacation Bible School	<b>10</b> 1:00pm Dorcas ☺ Vacation Bible School	<b>11</b> ☺ Vacation Bible School	<b>12</b> 7:30am Men's Study 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE †
<b>13</b> 8, 10, 11:30am Worship REGISTER ONLINE  COMIN' Alive @ 10AM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 1:30pm Sr. Bible Study 7:00pm Trustees ★ ILYST	<b>16</b> 9:00am Men's Study ★ ILYST	<b>17</b> ★ ILYST	<b>18</b> ★ ILYST	<b>19</b> 7:30am Men's Study 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE †
<b>20</b> 8 & 10:30 Worship †	<b>21</b> ★ ILYST	<b>22</b> 1:30pm Sr. Bible Study ★ ILYST	<b>23</b> 9:00am Men's Study ★ ILYST	<b>24</b> ★ ILYST	<b>25</b> ★ ILYST Performance TBA	<b>26</b> 7:30am Men's Study 5:00pm Worship REGISTER ONLINE † ★ ILYST Performance TBA
<b>27</b> 8 & 10:30 Worship †	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 1:30pm Sr. Bible Study	<b>30</b> 9:00am Men's Study			

*“Drawing all people closer to the person of Jesus Christ”*

REV. WILLIAM YONKER, SENIOR PASTOR    REV. PHILLIP BAERWOLF, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

# MEMBER UPDATES

Each month we will publish a "GOLDEN YEARS" listing of members who have reached the milestone of 60 years of age or over. To all we say *HAPPY BIRTHDAY* & thank you, with God's help, for keeping Immanuel alive for these many years!

David Armintrout	6/26	Barb Landers	6/15
Jani Bixby	6/8	Chris Morales	6/27
Rev. Don Bojens	6/6	Greg Roerig	6/24
Marguerite Bronkala	6/21	Tom Russell	6/13
June Fruhauff	6/5	Ken Schultz	6/16
Ginny Goyer	6/25	Margie Sloat	6/9
Ron Jensen	6/18	Dennis Stanek	6/1
Henry Karolus	6/3	Carol Staudacher	6/26
William Kaske	6/25	Cathy Storm	6/16
Cliff Krueger	6/27	Sharon Zamp	6/9

## CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH...

Ann & Jamie Bartelt	6/17	Lois & Jim Juengling	6/25	Phil & Mikan Sheldon	6/21
Ken & Cathy Becker	6/29	Tom & Andrea Krauss	6/9	Randy & Rosie Smith	6/3
John & Jane Besch	6/13	Cliff & Paula Krueger	6/22	Alan & Jennifer Tamburrino	6/27
Nate & Amy Bluhm	6/3	Don & Mary Lichthardt	6/20	Jared & Kelli Trebes	6/12
Mark & Diana Boettger	6/12	Al & Chris Navarro	6/14	Steve & Lorna Trebes	6/30
Jill & Steve DeAtley	6/15	Jenna & Eric Nelsen	6/15	Joe & Claudette Wagner	6/23
Bill & Kay Gade	6/11	Robert & Karen Pears	6/15	Jack & Susan Wallace	6/9
Robert & Barb Gamble	6/23	Fred & Nancy Reimers	6/28	Chris & Cheryl Wendt	6/18
Bob & Jennifer Green	6/23	Ken & Sheila Schuring	6/12	Rev. Bill & Joanne Yonker	6/2
Chad & Megan Jensen	6/27	Jill & John Shaw	6/8		



HOLY BAPTISM

Kayden Leo Nelsen May 5, 2021 August James Belcher May 15, 2021



### Sunday

Digging into Scripture w/Pastor Meissner  
9:00-9:45AM

### Tuesday

Sr. Bible Study w/Tim Bishop 1:30PM

### Wednesday

Men's Study w/Pastor Bojens 9:00AM

### Saturday

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
7:00AM



Summer Youth theatre  
**Immanuel Lutheran**  
 CHURCH AND SCHOOL

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Location:** Immanuel Lutheran School and Church Campus
- Dates:** Weekdays: June 15 – June 26  
 Hours: 9am-12pm (1/2 day campers)      9am-3pm (full day campers)
- Performances:** Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> (Times & Format TBA)
- Ages & Tuition:** **1/2 Day Camp** – Students entering grades PK4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
 First Child: \$140      Second Child: \$120  
**Full Day Camp** – Students entering grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
 First Child: \$225      Second Child: \$205.00
- Deposit:** A \$50.00 deposit is due by April 11<sup>th</sup>. A discount of 5% can be applied to total tuition if paid in full by April 11<sup>th</sup>. Tuition aid is available.
- Show Tickets:** **Tickets are \$10 each**
- Admittance:** Children will be admitted by date of registration received, paid deposit and acceptance by the ILSYT Board

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Entering Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entering Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

	Name	Phone
Email: _____		

T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Small, Youth Medium, Youth Large, Adult Small, Adult Medium, Adult Large

Tuition amount for my child(ren) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit or Payment Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return registration and payment to **Immanuel Lutheran School Office:**  
**5 South Van Buren Street East Dundee, IL 60118**  
 Checks should be made out to Immanuel Lutheran Summer Youth Theater

I'd like to help by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions? Please call Courtney Dougherty direct: 847-428-1010 ext. 264**



# SCHOOL NEWS

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The 2020-21 school year has come to an end, and what a year it has been! We thank God for all the blessings He has given to us as our students show all the signs of another successful year even through the pandemic. Thank you, Immanuel Lutheran Church, for making a difference in the lives of our students! Blessings on your summer!

Twenty students graduated on May 20<sup>th</sup> following a very unusual year! God is good! Congratulations to Isabella, Sophia, Eric, Andrew, Christian, Hayden D., Lawson, Hannah, Avery, Gavin, Charlotte, Katherine, Braedyn, Elizabeth, Grace, Matthew, Ethan, Stefanos, Reese, Hayden R. May God continue to bless you as you move forward in your education!

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## SAVE THE DATES!

August 19 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School †

August 21 – Go Fish Family 5K/Kids ‘Color Run’

August 22 – Installation / Back to School Blessing †



Child Care this summer is offered by our Extended Care staff to assist families with summer child care needs.  
Call Torie Kamp at 847-428-1010



## Kids Summer Art Camp



**Dates: July 12- 16** Cost: \$100 (\$20/day)

Younger Kids Session: 9-11am for kids grade 1-4

Older Kids Session: 1-3 pm for kids grade 5-teen

Where: **NEW LOCATION! Luther Hall in Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Please email me: [cindymeier@mac.com](mailto:cindymeier@mac.com) with your child’s name, parent’s name, email address, phone number, any allergies as a daily snack may be provided.

We may also take a break outside.

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♥ Immanuel Lutheran Dorcas Society ♥  
**MONTHLY NEWS & UPDATES**

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Calling all Dorcas Society members and all other women with a servant's heart...

Join our meeting on June 10, 2021 @ 1:00 pm in Luther Hall C. We will begin with a devotion, then have election of officers, review our constitution and purpose, and discuss upcoming plans. Bring your ideas and a smile! 😊

Questions? Call Lynn Kreutzer at 847-736-9117 or email [Lynk7855@yahoo.com](mailto:Lynk7855@yahoo.com)



*Join Feed My Lambs June 12th!*



## FEED MY LAMBS

HAVE FUN COOKING WITH  
US ON SATURDAY,  
JUNE 12TH  
9-11AM

Click the link below to sign up, or  
to see our list of needs to  
make a donation.

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D44AFAC28A3F49-DONATIONS](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d44afac28a3f49-donations)

## FEED MY LAMBS

ARE YOU INTERESTED  
IN HELPING?

We are currently looking for volunteers  
to help deliver and serve food at the  
Wayside Homeless Ministry in Elgin on  
Mondays at noon starting in September.

We are also in need of volunteers to  
help wrap bagels and bread donated by  
Panera, and deliver it to local facilities  
on Fridays.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH  
EITHER OF THESE VITAL OUTREACH  
MINISTRIES, PLEASE CONTACT  
ALISON LYON (630) 709-6546 OR  
ALISON.B.LYON@GMAIL.COM  
FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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