

The Image

"The MISSION of Immanuel is to glorify God, build the Christian Church, foster Christian fellowship and concern, and join in the worldwide work of winning souls for Christ."



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – JUNE 2022



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Shortly after the close of the Apostolic Age—mid second century—a catechism for the Lord's Church was written. This short document, simply known as the *Didache* (pronounced did-a-kay, a Greek noun meaning "teaching") and much like our own Small Catechism, was a simple tool to teach the basics of the faith. It starts with startlingly simple yet powerful words: "There are two ways: one of life and one of death; and the difference between the two ways is great." This teaching remains true to this day. There remain for us two ways: one of life and one of death.

The church of our time and of our making is in a great struggle. It is not a struggle of the Church, but of the church—what we as a culture decide and choose as church. *The Church* is not ours; She belongs to God and was purchased for God by the blood of the Slaughtered Lamb—Christ our Lord. Jesus Christ promises that the very gates of Hell will not prevail against His Church—His Bride. The church—the one you and I create—however, is another matter. It is a life and death matter, not for the Church, but for you and me.

It is a sad thing. It is not that we don't sin or that we can snap our fingers and somehow stop sinning when the mantle of "Christian" is placed upon us. That's not possible. The problem is our acceptance of sin—our justification of our sin. The problem is our refusal to see it as the way of death. The problem is our refusal to stand fast for the Truth. It's one thing to struggle; it's quite another to embrace. So the path lies before us: struggle or embrace, life or death.

Think about it. So many churches (note the lower-case "c"), denominations, or confessions around us demand that the church accept our sin. So many want, as the church, to sanction living together outside marriage. So many want, as the church, to bless those who fornicate. So many want, as the church, to embrace—and even bless—same-sex marriage, transgenderism, and whatever the sexual fad *de jour* might be. So many remain

strangely silent about abortion. So many want to have church with anyone, regardless of what they believe and ignoring what the Church has confessed throughout the ages. They conveniently omit the Lord's command to "keep all things whatsoever I have commanded you." They argue over any, if not all, of these things as to why they should be accepted by the church. They vote to overrule the Word and by decree move destructive and deadly behavior from the "sin" column to the "everyone does it and our community embraces it so it must be good" column. Since when has doctrine been determined by democracy?¹ Would that would never be us!

Yes, that is what the world does around us. It embraces these things and demands we do too. We, however, are not of this world. We were bought and paid for by the Lamb—the Slaughtered Lamb. We don't belong to this world. We belong to Him—the One Who holds the keys of Death and Hades. It is time we at least *try* to live like the people that we are. We, as the church, are constantly under attack and in danger of succumbing to the allure of the world's comforts and the Father of Lies. We must recognize this and be on our guard—Satan's only goal is the devouring of our souls.

The world will hate us. It always has. Did it love the Lord? The world is the domain of Death. It holds the death of the unborn as a right(!), and the gross misuse of our bodies as a good! The world has and will hate us because we do not belong to it. We belong to Christ. We belong to life—a life that has yet to be fully manifest in us and fully lived by us. You and I cannot make peace with the world—that takes God. All we as individuals can do each day as His people is live by the way of life or live by the way of death.

The Church cannot die, but it may be that the mantle we have dropped will be placed on others' shoulders—only God knows. I pray we repent. It's time we leave the church of our devising and remember our birthright. It's time we remember what and who we became in the water of our Baptism—the Church. Know your life and forsake the way of death. Remember those who have come before. And remember what your life cost the Lord who loves you. Our second-century brothers and sisters knew this even in a world darker than ours seems to us. They knew of only two ways: the way of life and the way of death. My brothers and sisters, you are Christ's, and Christ is the Way and the Truth and the Life.

Stand for the way of Life!

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski Jr., Pastor

¹ For more on this fascinating topic of the influence democracy has had on the American Christian Church, see the important treatment of this issue by Nathan O. Hatch. His book *The Democratization of American Christianity* (1989, Yale University Press), stands as one of the best and most comprehensive examinations of this subject.

FROM THE ELDERS:

Please take the time to fill out an attendance card each week. The Synod uses our attendance numbers for various purposes, so accurate reporting is important. Thank You!



We are looking for volunteers to help mow the church property for this mowing season. If you are willing and able to assist, please contact the church office at 309-786-3391 or see Clayton Weisenborn or Rick Moeller.

VOTERS' MEETING

THERE WILL BE A VOTERS' MEETING ON JUNE 26, 2022 FOLLOWING THE CHURCH SERVICE. AN AGENDA WILL BE SENT OUT TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. THIS WILL INCLUDE THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR, BEGINNING IN AUGUST



We met Sunday, May 15th to discuss the direction in which we would like this ministry to go. Besides the food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas, there is a lot more that we can do – for our own congregation and for our neighbors! We discussed some ideas and hope to implement some new plans going forward. Please watch for more information and a date for the next meeting! If you have any questions, please contact Mel Vogel or Tammy Robinson.

Below are the total offering and expenses for the last three months.

We thank you for your continued generosity through this difficult time.

February Offerings - \$20,234.00 February Expenses - \$28,631.00 **

March Offerings - \$13,633 March Expenses - \$22,236.78**

April Offerings - \$12,148 April Expenses - \$15,471

*****Insurances for the year - \$9,950 Utility bills for February & March – were over \$5,000.***



We ask God for His blessing upon all our members, especially those who celebrate birthdays this month including:

June 3: Jay Cozadd (13), Julius Elder,
Shelley Moeller
June 6: Neil Burger, Stephanie Moeller
June 7: Kevin Millen
June 9: Samuel Ayers (9), Nathan Leeson
(15), Len Marquardt
June 11: Burnie Eckardt, Kathy Welch

June 22: Helen Vogel
June 24: Luray "Punky" Kendall
June 25: Amanda Hoss, Danielle Smith
June 26: Ruth Cheek, Malakai Gore (6)
June 27: Sephiroth Kuhn (15)
June 30: Anna Mau (6)



We ask God for His blessing upon all our members, especially those who celebrate anniversaries including:

Keith & Renee Hentrich - June 2, 2019
Rob & Erin Mau – June 9, 2012
Michael & Amanda DePaepe – June 10, 2017
Corbin & Elena Ayers – June 15, 2012
Rodger & Sandra Kramer – June 16, 1963
Tim & Lauren Corwin – June 20, 2015

Ben & Ashley Elder – June 21, 2014
John & Judith Klockau – June 22, 1974
David & Angie Mills – June 23, 2007
Len & Lucille Marquardt – June 25, 1954
Ron & Janet Mau – June 27, 1976

****NOTE – Birthdays and Anniversaries are listed to the best of our records. If you find a mistake or any missing information, please notify the office. Thank You!***

Membership Changes:

Additions - Orion James Stambaugh by Baptism and Rite of Confirmation, April 16, 2022; Jake David Nixon by Rite of Confirmation, May 1, 2022; Kylie Sierra Cortez by Rite of Confirmation, May 1, 2022; Kirsten Byerly by Baptism, May 8, 2022

Deletions - Cynthia (Cindy) Rigg – by death, December 30, 2021

Changes to current directory:

Address Changes:

Emily Bushá-Ruiz – 1614 Shady Glen, Davenport, Iowa 52807
Sara Miller – 5943 Oregon Dr., Bettendorf, Iowa 52722-8611
Irene Christofferson – 4106 – 29th Ave. Dr., Moline, IL 61265

Deletions:

Cindy Rigg



BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

“Chip in for your chance to win” – When you chip in to help area charities, you can win some great prizes. But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That’s because participating charities receive **100% of the donations** pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a **guaranteed 5% match**.

Here’s how it works – simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at 15623 Coaltown Rd., East Moline, IL 61244. To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA Tour Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.

PICK UP A BROCHURE CONTAINING THE PLEDGE SHEET IN THE NARTHEX. Or you can use this copy below.

CHAMPION LUTH. CH. 208

BIRD NUMBER _____

I pledge and promise to donate:

☐ \$ _____ one-time flat donation.
Please attach payment. **Make checks payable to Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation.**

☐ \$ _____
extra donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund
(Donations to the BFC Bonus Fund (AIC) help provide the maximum of 5% match for all participating charities.)

GUESS THE BIRDIES & WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2022 LEXUS RX 350!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.
Only 1 grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law.

BIRDIES SCORED (YEAR)

2,142 (2013)	1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)
2,040 (2014)	1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)
1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)	1,905 (2021)

PLEDGE INFORMATION (Please print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY / STATE _____

ZIP _____

PHONE OR EMAIL _____

JOHN DEERE

2022

Chip in for your chance to win

When you chip in to help area charities, you could win! But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That’s because participating charities receive **100% of the donations** pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is a **guaranteed 5% match**.

HERE’S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at **15623 Coaltown Rd., East Moline, IL 61244**.

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA Tour Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS AS YOUR RECEIPT

I pledge \$ _____ one-time donation

I guessed _____ birdies would be made

Payment was included with pledge

☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK NO. _____

Please make checks payable to
QUAD CITIES GOLF CLASSIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

GRAND PRIZE:
2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2022 LEXUS RX 350

LEXUS
SMART LEASE OF QUAD CITIES

One lucky supporter of the John Deere Classic’s Birdies for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2022 Lexus RX 350, courtesy of Smart Lexus of Quad Cities.

CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by **June 10, 2022**.
- Rules are available at www.birdiesforcharity.com.
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.



Immanuel Youth Group News – Rock Island Circuit Youth Group

June 2021

What book ends with the line “*When I stepped out into the bright sunlight from the darkness of the movie house, I had only two things on my mind, Paul Newman and a ride home*”? What did Jim Gaffigan look like as a teenager? These and other questions were answered at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Trivia night held [Saturday, May 14th](#).



Together with a fabulous Silent Auction and refreshments sold, we raised \$2,200.00! The money will be used to support our Youth Group as they travel to Bozeman Montana for this year’s Higher Things Conference.

Special thanks go out to Keith and Renee Hentrich for handling the questions and Emcee job; Carla and Myron Hazen and Laurie Astrowski for the silent Auction; Jack and Jane Copeland and Sarah Leeson for judging and helping me organize; Pastor Astrowski for helping with technology; Ron and Janet Mau for helping set up; a huge thanks to our Secretary Tammy for helping get the word out and with registration, and all the others who stepped in to help.

Let’s Do It Again!!

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Vogel

Shoe Drive♥



Concordia Geneseo Shoe Drive

BRING US YOUR SHOES!

Concordia Lutheran Church in Geneseo is raising funds for a Classical Lutheran school and is participating in fundraiser where there is nothing to buy or sell. All that is needed is your support and your old shoes. We are asking that members in churches in the Rock Island Circuit help support the school by collecting gently worn, used, and new shoes and bringing them to the shoe collection box placed at your church. At the end of the collection period, (June 18th) the shoes will be picked up and sent to developing countries to create job opportunities. Shoe drive fundraisers provide inventory to 4,000 micro-entrepreneurs who sell the shoes to support their families. Thank you for your help.

There is a donation box in the Narthex to place your donations in!

For more information please contact:

Lynn Klavon [309-507-2817](tel:309-507-2817) – or Diane Ouart [309-525-8558](tel:309-525-8558)



All adults and youth are invited to participate in any or all Bible studies offered at Immanuel. We are thankful we can gather together around God's Word. You are welcome to attend anytime.

- **Sunday morning Adult Bible class** – 8:00 am and 10:15 am in the Library or on Zoom.
- **Adult Bible study** – Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Library or on Zoom.
- **Intergenerational Studies:** 6 pm each Tuesday evening.
- **For the older youth**, there is a Youth Group meeting on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Meetings are held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rock Island. The first hour includes an opening, devotion and education time with Pastor Astrowski. He will be discussing Apologetics (learning how to defend our faith). The second hour includes activities and snacks with the Youth Leaders in the fellowship hall and gymnasium. On the **last Sunday** of each month, Pastor Astrowski will offer a special discussion time for parents during the second hour. He will review topics recently covered with the youth to prepare parents for additional discussion with their young adults.
- And of course for the younger ones, there is Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

CHURCH OFFICE INFORMATION



- Please call the office when someone is ill, hospitalized, or homebound (309-786-3391).

- Please use this email to contact the office: ilchurch@mchsi.com • Website address – www.immanuelri.org

- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Immanuel-Lutheran-Church-Rock-Island-IL-LCMS-179175395513226/> All Sunday services are 'Live' streamed at 9 am and posted to our church's YouTube channel (the link is available on the church's website).

Reminder... each time you enter the hospital, be sure to say you are a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island. According to the laws, the hospital needs to ask each time you come for a procedure. If you would like the pastor to know immediately, please have a family member or friend call the office and/or Pastor—otherwise we may not be aware of your hospitalization. Also, unless requested otherwise, members of the church will be prayed for using their first and last names.



LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter article – June 2022

Living Sacrifices

Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area then we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game that we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way.

This is why our Lord warns: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23) We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have.

And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us: “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1–2)

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that and think that we have done what God has required. Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us. Not one for the other but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God. And, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9–13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection. Through this, we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



Christ the King (Cristo Rey) Lutheran Church

1301-19th Street, East Moline, IL 61244

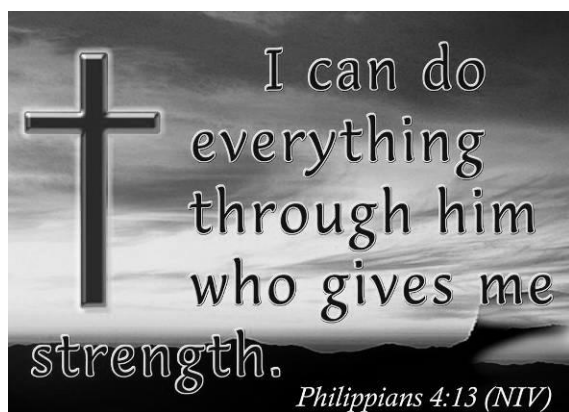
E-mail: cristorey-em@sbcglobal.net

Ph. (309) 738-6124

Rev. Pablo G. Domínguez



JUNE 2022



You can do it! I've heard this phrase many times. I'm sure you have, too. This story is about "doing something all by myself".

During my high school years, a classmate invited me to be part of a band. I didn't play any instrument. I was the second vocalist. We had practiced several times when another classmate, who was going to celebrate her "Quinceañera", invited us to play. A few months later, my brother died in a car accident. He had a guitar which my father then gave to me. So I started to play guitar, and I really enjoyed it. A friend taught me a little and in just a matter of days I was able to play and sing a song. Wonderful! I'm a Rock and

Roll star!

A cousin asked me if he could borrow the guitar, and I agreed. It was a big mistake because when the guitar came back to me months later, it was in very bad shape. It was basically destroyed and useless. I was so frustrated! I really loved that guitar because it had belonged to my deceased brother. My dreams to be a guitar player disappeared.

When I came to serve at the Hispanic Ministry in the Quad Cities, we started our Spanish worship services and Sunday school classes. I used recorded hymns on CD's. Later my sister gave me a Spanish hymnal book used in her church in Monterrey. This book came with chords, but I didn't know how to read it. At this time, we were still using CD's. About four years ago my wife told me that she had seen a commercial on TV about guitar lessons. This company would provide a guitar if you bought a five DVD course. Days later I saw the same commercial, and immediately ordered the DVDs. A few days later, the DVD course and the guitar arrived. I started to watch the first DVD. The teacher was so patient, and he said, "don't worry if your fingers hurt; that happens to all guitar players. Don't be discouraged". I have to admit that this was true. I spent 20 minutes to an hour practicing every day, seven days a week. I took the hymnal and started to play a hymn with easy chords, and after several days, I felt more confident, so I played others hymns. A final test was when I played one Sunday for Sunday school. I did it! Glory to God!

Since then, I have continued to play the guitar. I know I'm not a professional but "I can do it"! Do you know why I am able to do it? It's because of God's grace.

God inspires and enables us to do many things for His cause. Use your God given gifts! Use them in the church! Use them at work! Use them at school! Use them among your friends and neighbors! St. Paul said: **"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength"** Philippians 4:13

Next time, do not feel discouraged! God will give you the right words to speak! And when you speak or serve, do it all for God's glory! He will bless your efforts!



Quinceañera. Jasmin Lopez celebrated her Quinceañera with a special religious ceremony on April 16. Hispanics have lots of traditions and Quinceañeras are big ones. Are you wondering what this big event is all about?

A Quinceañera is basically a "Sweet Fifteen" party for Hispanic girls. This is usually a very big celebration that is centered around the birthday girl. Most girls wait their whole life for their Quinceañera. The parents along with the padrinos (godparents) purchase a dress, shoes, cake, decorations, DJ, and limo. They rent a hall and hire a caterer for the food and take care of whatever else is needed for the party.

For the most part most Quinceañeras are usually celebrated in the same way. The birthday girl is considered a queen for an evening and is accompanied by 14 other young ladies and young men that make up her "court". There are always 14 of them, one for each year, and she is the 15th one. At a certain time during the party the girl receives the first of many presents. She may receive a Bible, tiara, scepter, a cross, or a ring.

She is also given a doll, her last doll. Each member in the immediate family gives her a certain gift. The jewelry is given by a brother, sister, or perhaps a grandparent. The mother usually gives her daughter the last doll, and the father always gives his daughter the scepter and places the tiara on her head. It is at this time that he shows his daughter off and dances a waltz with her. The court usually stands around them doing a lesser dance of some sort until they finish.

This is the moment that the birthday girl is no longer a little girl but a young woman waiting to start her new life. She is to be considered ready for the world.

Enchilada Sale. On May 7 we had another enchilada sale sponsored by the ladies of CR. Once again it was accepted wonderfully by our faithful customers. They surely would have enjoyed a delicious meal. Proceeds will go towards the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML).

As we enter the months of summer and all that comes with them: sporting events, picnics, festivals and the like, let us not stray from worship, Bible study, the Lord's Supper and prayer. Let us encourage each other in remaining faithful to our Lord.

And THANK YOU for your prayers, gifts and financial support!



June 2022

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

3300 24th St. Rock Island, IL 61201-6212

Office Phone: (309) 786-3391

Website: Immanuelri.org

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 PM – Church Council Mtg. - Cafe	2 	3	4
5 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS 11:30 am Bd of Elders	6	7 9:30am Bible Study	8	9	10	11
12 8:00 Bible Study 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	13	14 9:30am Bible Study 	15	16	17	18 
19 8:00 Bible Study 9:00 am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Bible Study/SS	20	21 9:30am Bible Study	22	23	24	25
26 8:00am Bible Study 9:00am Worship w/HC 10:15 am Voter's Assembly - Cafeteria	27	28 9:30am Bible Study	29	30	For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10	



THE IMAGE is the monthly newsletter published for members and friends of Immanuel Lutheran Church, 3300 24th St., Rock Island, Illinois. Immanuel is a member of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Sunday Schedule

Bible Study at 8:00 AM
Worship Service with Holy Communion at 9:00 AM
Bible Study at 10:15 AM
Sunday School at 10:15 AM

We invite you to join us for worship and Bible Study and the fellowship of Christians who share in the joy of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Rev. Leonard A. Astrowski, Jr.
Organists: Christine Roth and Katherine Cobert

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Our Website: Immanuelri.org

Church Office Phone: 309-786-3391

Pastor Astrowski's Phone: 989-326-0199

Email addresses:

Pastor Astrowski: pastrowski@gmail.com

Church Office (Tammy): ilchurch@mchsi.com