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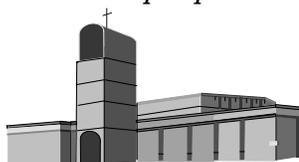
Worship Service:  
Sunday–9:30 am

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Rev. Thomas Harries  
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Rev. Andrew Wehling

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Mission  
*“To share God’s love in  
Jesus Christ by  
word and deed with all  
people.”*



## FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear friends in Christ at Immanuel,

It has been a joy serving you as pastor over the last several years, first through pulpit supply along with other pastors on Sunday mornings, then as your vacancy pastor the last seven months. After retiring from fulltime ministry almost five years ago, the Lord gave me the opportunity to shepherd yet another flock of his church in you as a congregation. I know the path through your vacancy hasn’t always been easy, but the Lord of the church has now blessed you with a faithful and seasoned shepherd in Pastor Andrew Wehling. I pray and am confident that the Lord has great blessings in store for you and him in your partnership for the sake of the Gospel.

While it has been fulfilling and joyful for me to serve you as your pastor the last several years, Diane and I have also had the blessing of becoming part of yet another family of believers in you. Thank you for receiving us so warmly and graciously and for supporting Diane and me through her health crisis. While we will miss being with you every Sunday, it is our intent to join you in worship periodically. After all, we now know Hwy 10 from Lenexa to Lawrence very well! We also invite any of you to visit us at our Lenexa home at any time. We’re only 40 minutes away!

In closing, I share with you the sentiments St. Paul shared with a congregation at Philippi long ago: “I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:3-6

Your servant and brother in Christ,  
Pastor Tom Harries



April 13, 2022

**Mission: To Share God’s love in Jesus Christ by Word and Deed to all people.**

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Kristel Lewis at 6:36 pm.

Attendees by Zoom: Kristel Lewis, Mark Crabtree, Tim Hetzler, Sara Deterding, Amy Wilson, Barb Riley, Pat McCandless, Pastor Tom Harries.

Guest: Pastor Andrew Wehling

Absent: Brandon Sack

Opening Devotion/Prayer was given by Pr. Harries.

Consent Agenda was moved and accepted by Tim Hetzler, and seconded by Sara Deterding. Agenda accepted.

- No items were removed from the agenda
- Minutes were approved via email
- Tim Hetzler submitted treasurer’s report via email
- Statistics report as submitted via email
- ILC Services- Property and Grounds submitted by Tim Hetzler
- Church Calendar – responsible party reminder to send updates to Office Manager

Review of reports

**Board of Spiritual Affairs**

- o Mark Crabtree reported that Holy week includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services. Easter will have two services 8:30 and 11:00 am with youth breakfast.
- o Elders are discussing returning to weekly communion after Easter Sunday.

**Board of Educational Ministries**

- o Confirmation will be held May 8.
- o Youth will serve the traditional Easter breakfast between services.
- o Mark reported that the Campus Ministries will probably discontinue activities after May 8, ‘Stop day,’ but are considering some social events.

**Board of Outreach**

- o No report.

Special Reports

**Seat-Filler-for-Administrative-Duties**

- o Mark Crabtree reported that Leslie has transitioned to her laptop. Discussion of copier lease and new phone system is in progress.

- o Bulletin size and pages are being discussed with pros and cons on using the Lutheran Hymnal instead of printing hymns in the bulletin.

**Pastor Harries report**

- o Officiated at funeral for Edith Bogart.
- o Palm Sunday was well attended.

Old Business

- o Sharon Leggott and Margaret Peterson are new LINK coordinators. Serving went well on April 12.
- o Lay delegates for Kansas District Convention are Dudley Karstensen and Pastor Wehling; Caryn Scott will be alternate.
- o Pastor Wehling’s Installation service: Pastors Harries/Wehling are preparing the service. Amy Wilson is overseeing reception. Kristel is overseeing meal needs for Wehling family/friends. Thank yous will be in the program and Kristel will have paperwork to sign for the official call document.

New Business

**Approve allocation of housing allowance for Pastor Wehling**

- o Pat McCandless moved and seconded by Tim Hetzler.
  - *Resolved, that Immanuel Lutheran Church, as a standing resolution to remain in force and effect until such time as amended or revoked, hereby authorizes and establishes a housing allowance for Reverend Andrew Wehling for the duration of service in an amount each year equal to 60 percent of that person’s annual compensation. The gross salary as per the salary guidelines is before any benefits or allowances are added.*

Motion was passed.

**Motion for Ash Wednesday offering**

- o A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Sara that Ash Wednesday offerings be given to the Kansas District to support scholarships for current and future church workers. Motion passed

**Administrative assistant week- April 27**

- o Amy will handle.

**Appoint Financial Review Committee**

- o Kristel will check with Chuck Peterson to find out more information. A list of names was brainstormed for members to ask to be on the committee.

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**April 2022 Council Minutes , continued from page 2**

- o Amy mentioned that it does not have to be someone with a financial background, just someone not involved in the position of treasurer

**Usher for Easter Sunday /late service**

- o Kristel will contact several people to see if they can help

**Ministry/Group list**

- o Kristel provided via email a separate list of ministry groups and leaders.

**Pastor Wehling update**

- o Pastor Wehling discussed the Policy Governance. He has visited with other pastors and recommends we wait 6 to 12 months then revisit how we want to move forward. The Council agreed.
- o He would like to improve and have a good relationship with Pastor Kilgo and congregation at Redeemer, Lawrence.
- o It was reported that Pastor Kilgo has replaced Pr. Bruss as our circuit visitor.
- o Pastor's movers will arrive in Lawrence on April 21. Pastor and Miriam will return to Liberal on April 23. He will begin in office at Immanuel on Thursday, May 5. The installation will be on May 8.
- o Other questions were answered in regard to:
  - Sunday worship schedule at present time
  - Immanuel will have one day VBS on August 21
  - Thanksgiving Service
  - Children's Christmas Program
  - Christmas Eve
  - Christmas Day
  - New Year's Eve
  - New Year Day

**Closing prayer** - Pastor Harries closed with a prayer. Mark moved the meeting adjourn at 8:00 pm, Amy seconded, and the motion passed.

*Next month's council meeting will be held Wednesday May 11 at 6:30 pm in person at Immanuel*

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Riley

Council Secretary

**Announcements**

**MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS** The youth are excited to sell potted flowers again for Mother's Day this year! The youth will be decorating 6-inch clay pots and planting flowers in them. They will be selling these for \$10 each with the proceeds going to the youth group. These will make a great gift for your mom, grandma, aunt, neighbor, friend, or yourself! They will be taking pre-orders for these and collecting money when you pick up your flowers on Mother's Day. They will have a few extras, but to ensure that you get one, please pre-order! To order yours, please email Tiffany McCandless at [ilyouthcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:ilyouthcoordinator@gmail.com) or call/text her at 785-218-9944. Order your one-of-a-kind gift today!

**LAST CALL FOR GERMANY TRIP** There still is a little time to join with the 25 people who are registered for the Germany Tour next September 3-12, 2022. This colorful and inspirational tour includes visiting sites of Luther and the Reformation along with many other cultural and historical sites of Germany. The tour concludes with the world famous Passion Play in Oberammergau. Tickets for the play are still available but becoming limited so time is of the essence. Brochures of the tour are available in the narthex or contact tour host, Pastor Tom Harries, at 913-888-4772.

**CONFIRMATION** Instruction is concluding for this school year for our middle school students, having learned so much under the leadership of Pastor Heine.

Three young men will be confirmed **on Sunday, May 8, during our church service:** Oliver Dwyer, Ethan Lahm, and Isaac Mosier. Please be in prayer for these three and plan to attend church on Confirmation Sunday to support them in this next step of their faith.



**SAVE THE DATE for Pastor Wehling's Installation** service at Immanuel Lutheran on the afternoon of **May 8, at 2:30 pm**. We hope that you can plan to spend some time on your Mother's Day with your church family as we welcome our new pastor.

## A LETTER FROM OUR NEW PASTOR

Hello, Immanuel Lutheran Church!

So, where do we start?

I've been asking that question a lot lately. Packing and moving a home and office includes a great deal of pondering where to begin. The task is complicated and overwhelming, with things to do everywhere you look. Where to start? Thankfully, we did begin and the task is largely completed. Miriam and I are grateful to so many of you who helped us in various ways with this move.

But the question is before us again as we begin ministry together with you at Immanuel. Where do we start? What is our first priority at Immanuel? What needs attention first? There are quite a few options because churches are complicated organizations. There are people to get to know and budgets to review and constitutions to update. There are worship services and Bible classes and council meetings. The list is quite long. Where do we begin?

For Lutherans, the place to begin is at the center – the center of our Christian faith and life together, the center of our theology. Everything we do revolves around the center. When properly centered, we can accomplish much that blesses both the Church and world. But if our center is off, the Church becomes wobbly and confused.

So, what is the central teaching of the Christian faith? It has to do with a right relationship with God. It answers the questions, “Am I right with God?” and, “How do I *know* that I am right with God?” The Lutheran reformers answered these questions this way in Article IV of the Augsburg Confession: “Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ’s sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ’s sake.”

In other words, justification before God – being right with God – is a gift from God. It is received by God’s grace through faith in Christ – faith in what Jesus did for us when He suffered and died for our sins and rose again in victory over death and hell. We don’t trust in ourselves for salvation, but in Jesus and what He has done for us. Because of Jesus, your sins are paid for and forgiven. Because of Jesus, you are made right with God. Because of Jesus, you have new and eternal life. That’s the center of our Christian faith and life. That’s the place to begin.

We are made right with God freely by His grace, through faith in Christ. This is our center. This is the teaching that everything else revolves around. This is where we start.

So, here we go, together.

The Lord be with you!

*Pastor Wehling*



<u>Income and Expenses</u>		March 2022	<u>Offerings: general fund designated</u>	
General Offerings	\$ 18,957		\$ 408	\$ 775
Building Use	\$ 360		\$ 6,175	\$ 1,058
from Other Accounts	\$ 1,672		\$ 3,805	\$ 100
Total General Receipts	\$ 20,629		<u>\$ 8,209</u>	<u>\$ 501</u>
Total General Expenses	\$ 22,159		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,957</b>
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (1,530)			

Charles Maples	1	Eve Herschell	9	Luke Lewis	18
Alison Young	1	Stephanie Pfannenstiel	11	Rosalee Neibarger	18
Delisa Drewes	1	Lew Llewellyn	11	Kristie Rock	19
Myers Lund	3	Stella Mosier	12	Isaac Mosier	21
Angus Lund	3	Tyler Deterding	12	Brent Wiese	21
Vernon Bartels	3	Lynn Krusemark	12	Eric Wittman	24
Mark Crabtree	4	Jaycie Thaemert	13	Marissa Pope	26
Brian Stapleton	6	Laurie Powell	14	Maxine Brody	28
Jack Landgrebe	6	Maria Pope	14	Sheri Crabtree	28
Vicki Kubota	7	Anne Ferguson	14	Dudley Karstensen	29
Jennica Mosier	8	Kyle Deterding	16	Diane Miller	29
		Matt Llewellyn	17		



Patrick and Debra McCandless	2
Beth and Bill Ackelmire	14
Brian and Stephanie Stapleton	20

**Parochial Report April**  
Death: Edith Bogart

**Officers of the Congregation 2022**

**Kristel Lewis** President  
**Pat McCandless** Vice President

**Barb Riley** Secretary  
**Tim Hetzler** Treasurer

**Board Chairs**

Amy Wilson ————— ILC Services  
Brandon Sack ————— Outreach  
Sara Deterding / Beth Dwyer ————— Education  
Mark Crabtree ————— Spiritual Affairs

**Organizations**

Azure Sack ————— Cradle Roll  
LWML Committee —————  
————— Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Marvin Bredehoft ————— Men of Immanuel  
Mark Crabtree ————— Head Elder;  
Joel Thaemert, Paul Hiller, Marty Couchman,  
Dudley Karstensen ————— Elders

**Caleb Wehling** (son of Pastor Andrew and Miriam) will serve a vicarage at St. John Lutheran Church in Mansfield, Texas. He and his wife, Alicia will begin service there shortly after Caleb completes his second year at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. May God bless them both with a great learning experience!



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## FOR YOUR CALENDAR IN MAY 2022 @ Immanuel Lutheran Church

### **Regular meetings:**

#### Every MONDAY

5:30–8 pm—Basketball Practice—AC

#### Every THURSDAY

9:30 am—Women's Thursday Bible Study—Rm 205

#### Every SATURDAY

8:30 am—Men's Bible Study—Zoom

9 am—Basketball Practice—AC

#### Every SUNDAY

8:30 am—Sunday School, all grades and Adult Bible Study—classrooms/AC **\*except on May 8.**

9:30 am—Worship Service—Sanctuary/AC/Zoom

#### **Communion on 2nd and 4th Sundays**

11:00 am—Handbell Practice—Sanctuary

6:30 pm—Campus Ministry Meal and Bible Study—AC

\* Will break for summer after “stop day”

### **Special Meetings in May:**

**1 May, SUN** MITE BOX SUNDAY/RED WAGON SUNDAY

**8 May, SUN— Mother's Day**

9:30 am — **Confirmation**

2:30 pm — **Pastor Wehling's Installation**

<b>11 May, WED</b>	6:30 pm— Council Meeting— ILC
<b>12 May, THU</b>	1:00 pm —LWR Quilting—Lower Level
<b>15 May, FRI</b>	<b>Messenger articles Due for June</b>
<b>18 May, WED</b>	7 pm— Elders—Zoom
<b>19 May, THU</b>	7 pm— Close Knit Friends—Rm 105
<b>26 May, THU</b>	1 pm — LWR Quilting—Lower Level
<b>30 May, MON</b>	Memorial Day— Church office closed

Join us for the installation of  
**Reverend Andrew Wehling**

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Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
2:30 pm

Reception to follow in activity center