

July Pastor's Letter:

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Hello Dear Church,

I hope this letter finds you well. For the pastor's letter this month I wanted to hold up some exciting events in the coming months to get on your radar. I pray that this season of growth is a life-giving one. I am grateful for you and your partnership in ministry. Please join us for:

Joint worship at the river. June 30th 10:30am at Sportman's Park in Red Lake Falls. We will have music, worship, Communion, smash burgers and potluck. Please bring a chair if you can.

Vacation Bible School. July 7th to the 11th at Bethany. Open to students up to 6th grade. Please contact me, Kale or Cindy Arlt to get signed up. Helpers are needed as well. And prayers! Our theme this year is Christmas in July.

National Youth Gathering. 12 students and 4 adults from across all 3 of our congregations will be attending the Gathering in New Orleans the week of July 15th. This will be my first time worshipping with 20k+ and taking part in a national gathering. I am a little nervous but am so excited for our youth. I want to thank you for your support.

Pastor and family will be visiting Holden Village in August. Have you ever thought about a trip to Holden? We are going to check it out. My hope is that this will lead into more wilderness experiences together as a church.

Fall Adult Education. We have the Synod Road Trip coming to Immanuel on September 12th. Also we are taking part in "Soul Shine" in TRF to develop skills to help with mental illness. And I am leading a class on visitation and healing prayer. This will all kick off monthly adult education opportunities. Please speak with me or our SAM Allen if you have adult ed inspirations.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Jonathan



2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
New Orleans JULY 16-20, 2024



MYLE

Multicultural Youth Leadership Event of the ELCA
JULY 13-16, 2024





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An ELCA Gathering of Youth with Disabilities
JULY 13-16, 2024

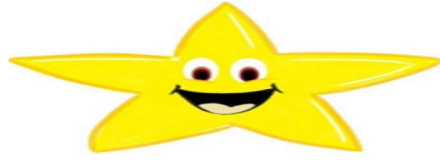
Young Adult Gathering

A new ELCA Gathering for Young Adults
JULY 16-20, 2024

 fb.com/youthgathering

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 elca.org/gathering



Dear Parents:

Join us as we travel back in time to discover the events surrounding the birth of Jesus.

Christmas is such a busy time of year! There's the hustle and bustle of decorating and preparing for the holidays, shopping for friends and family, going to parties and church events, school programs and travel arrangements. Many years it seems Christmas has come and gone before we are really ready for it, and before we have time to really reflect on the holiday season. It is hard to remember that Christmas is the time we remember the giving of the ultimate gift...the gift of God's Son!

This VBS season we wish to focus on the true meaning of Christmas and bring it back to the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Join us this VBS year to meet Zachariah, Mary, Joseph and Anna as they share the events of the birth of Jesus.

All youth aged 4 years old through 6th grade are invited to attend.

July 7-11th from 6-8:15 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church in Red Lake Falls

The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. with a family friendly meal (\$4/day covers supper and snack). PLEASE reach out if there are food allergies to be aware of.

Activities are from 6-8:15 p.m. In lieu of offering this year, we will be collecting materials for our mission partners. Items being collected are new or gently used books, and socks and underwear. More information to come.

	<u>Menu</u>	<u>Theme</u>
Sunday	Taco in a Bag	<i>God wants us to be PATIENT</i>
Monday	Hot Dog	<i>God wants us to be OBEDIENT</i>
Tuesday	Sloppy Joe's	<i>God wants us to TRUST him</i>
Wednesday	Spaghetti	<i>God wants us to REJOICE</i>
Thursday	Pancakes/Leftovers	<i>God wants us to GIVE</i>

Please call 253-2589 or use the link <https://forms.gle/yqdkQczc1HHsdrNA> to register your children for this faithful adventure!

Sincerely,

Cindy Arlt, A Christmas Celebration VBS Director



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EBENEZER TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 5/01/24	\$6,956.31
INCOME:	
Offerings	\$2,988.00
Bethany	<u>1,212.50</u>
Total Income	\$4,200.50
EXPENSES:	
Pastor Salary	\$1,201.00
Pastor Housing	250.00
Pastor Mileage	175.00
Pension	255.25
Immanuel	218.17
Electricity	188.00
Penn Co Treasurer	<u>4.37</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,398.79
 Ending Balance 5/31/24	 \$8,758.02

Gelene Lundeen, Treasurer



<i>Jaxen Grove</i>	<i>July 1</i>
<i>Michele Longtin</i>	<i>July 4</i>
<i>Stephanie Koehler</i>	<i>July 6</i>
<i>Jan Johanning</i>	<i>July 6</i>
<i>Theo Klamm</i>	<i>July 7</i>
<i>Emily Brustad</i>	<i>July 8</i>
<i>Irene Roisland</i>	<i>July 9</i>
<i>Kevin Bray</i>	<i>July 10</i>
<i>Jack Dodson</i>	<i>July 11</i>
<i>Greg Harstad</i>	<i>July 13</i>
<i>Brittany Bray</i>	<i>July 18</i>
<i>Troy Ferguson</i>	<i>July 20</i>
<i>Hope Lundeen</i>	<i>July 24</i>
<i>Wes Magnell</i>	<i>July 24</i>
<i>Molly Haugen</i>	<i>July 25</i>
<i>Nancy Bray</i>	<i>July 28</i>
<i>Kelly Dodson</i>	<i>July 29</i>
<i>Connie Hagen</i>	<i>July 30</i>

IMMANUEL TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance 5/1/24	\$4,608.12
INCOME:	
Offerings - Sunday's	\$2,078.00
Offerings - VANCO	1,210.00
Ebenezer	218.17
Foster Child	153.76
Bethany Lutheran	4,850.00
Garden Valley - Dividend	<u>153.76</u>
Total Income:	\$ 8,535.93
EXPENSES:	
Pastor Salary	\$3,927.30
Pastors Benefits	1,515.79
Ebenezer (Bethany Share)	1,212.50
Church Employees	708.00
Synod Assembly Registration	460.00
Office-Supplies	204.00
VANCO fee	17.39
World Vision – Foster Child	20.00
Church Utilities:	
Ottertail Power	68.56
City of Plummer (w/g/s)	91.00
Garden Valley	40.62
Red Lake Co Coop	184.69
Parsonage Utilities	
Ottertail Power	131.42
City of Plummer (w/g/s)	97.46
Garden Valley	<u>138.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 8,816.73
 Ending Balance 5/31/24	 \$ 4,327.32

Debbie DuChamp, Treasurer

Happy Anniversary to YOU!!



<i>Ron & Kathleen Juneau</i>	<i>July 2</i>
<i>Dylan & Alysa Porter</i>	<i>July 2</i>
<i>Greg & Kris Harstad</i>	<i>July 7</i>
<i>Don & Connie Hagen</i>	<i>July 11</i>
<i>Eldon & Karen Vigstol</i>	<i>July 12</i>
<i>Marlyn & Doloris Haugen</i>	<i>July 14</i>
<i>Don & Shar Fox</i>	<i>July 19</i>
<i>Vincent & Gelene Lundeen</i>	<i>July 24</i>

Electronic Giving

Immanuel offers electronic giving as a way to automate your church offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Electronic giving can be set up any way you choose. It could be a one-time offering or any number of times over the course of a year.

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

If you are interested in electronic giving please speak with Immanuel's financial secretary Cindy Arlt or you can contact her at carlt@gvtel.com

Immanuel Church Council

Immanuel Church Council met Sunday, June 9, 2024 after church.

Members present: Anne Traxler, Cindy Arlt, Debbie DuChamp, Pastor Jonathan, Isaac Eskeli, Bec Willett

Absent: Lisa Thompson, Andrea Eskeli, Mikayla Cervantes

Debbie DuChamp called the meeting to order.

Pastor Jonathan led us in prayer.

Secretary's report – Andrea absent

Debbie presented the Treasurer's report – General Fund 5-31-24 balance = \$ 4,327.32.

REPORTS:

Old Business:

Sidewalk Projects Update – Forms will be made when it quits raining, Kevin hauled out the old sidewalk.

New Business:

Joint Council in September.

Worship Schedule – July 21st – Pastor will be gone for the youth gathering, Jonathan will contact Alan to conduct the early service.

June 30th at 10:30 am Service in Red Lake Falls at the Sportsman's Park, Bethany will provide the food.

Pastor – Youth Gathering in New Orleans – Pastor will be gone July 15th through July 21st, kids going are Jack, Mya and Ava.

VBS Report given by Cindy. Synod Road Trip in September 12th Evening

Next council meeting will be August 11th at 6:00pm.

Motion to Adjourn by Anne, Second by Isaac

EBENEZER CHURCH COUNCIL

June 23, 2023

Present: April Lundeen, Monte Haugen, Vincent Lundeen, Leann Stolass, Harlan Lundeen, Greg Hilgeman, Hogan Lundeen, Gelene Lundeen(treasurer), Pastor Jon

Absent: Kevin Wilde

Pastor Jon opened the meeting with prayer

Hogan Lundeen read last meetings minutes. Leann made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Vincent seconded. Motion carried.

Gelene then gave the treasurers' report. She reported everything has been paid up to date and we are saving some money every month. Monte made a motion to approve the treasurers' report. Harlan seconded and motion passed.

Pastor Jon have his report. Two upcoming Sundays he will be gone. July 21st and August 4th. Shared he is excited for the joint service next week. Also shared that he helped out with a funeral at Zion on 6/22. Reported his Aunt in Texas is in a nursing home. She's doing well and he has talked on the phone with her. Ended with saying he now has a full-time helper for confirmation from Bethany.

No old business.

New Business: Ebenezer will join the services of other churches on July 21st as pastor will be gone. On August 4th, we would like it if Allen would fill in for our service at 10:30.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Harlan. Greg Hilgeman seconded and the motion passed.


Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Hogan Lundeen, secretary

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July 2024
Rejoice Newsletter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2024</h1>				<p><u>Ushers at Imm.</u> - Norm Brenna & Dean Koskela</p> <p><u>Ushers at Eben.</u> - Delmar Nesland</p>	<p>Adult Coffee Fellowship (*chairman) * Don Hagen, James Kelley & James Wright</p>	<p><u>Alter Committee at Imm.</u> - Arlene Froiland & Kelly Dodson</p> <p><u>Alter Committee at Eben.</u> - Beulah Vad</p>
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<p>9:00 am Worship at Immanuel w/HC 10:30 am Worship at Ebenezer w/HC 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School (5:30 - 8:15pm) 7:00 pm Worship at Bethany w/HC</p>	<p>Vacation Bible School 5:30 - 8:15 pm</p>	<p>Vacation Bible School 5:30 - 8:15 pm</p>	<p>Vacation Bible School 5:30 - 8:15 pm</p>	<p>Vacation Bible School 5:30 - 8:15 pm</p>		
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<p>9:00 am Worship at Ebenezer 10:30 am Worship at Bethany 7:00 pm Worship at Immanuel</p>		<p>2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA</p>	<p>2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA</p>	<p>2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA</p>	<p>2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA</p>	<p>2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA</p>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>9:00 am Worship at Immanuel w/HC Coffee Fellowship after Worship 10:30 am Worship at Bethany w/HC No Evening Worship</p>						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>9 am Worship at Ebenezer 10:30 am Worship at Bethany (SAM Allen) 10:30 am Worship at Immanuel (Pastor)</p>						
28	29	30	31			