

## June Pastor's Letter:

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope this letter finds you well, as we move into the summer season. With summer comes the church season of Pentecost. I need to find my green stole and embrace it. Of course, it all began with the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, marking the birth of the church and signifying a divine outpouring of God's love and power.

One of the most striking aspects of Pentecost is the gift of speaking in tongues. People from various nations heard the apostles proclaiming the wonders of God in their own languages. This miraculous event underscores a critical truth: God desires to communicate with each of us in a way that we can understand. To listen for God's voice in our own language, we must develop a heart of stillness and openness. Daily prayer, contemplation, and reading Scripture are essential practices. As we quiet our minds and open our hearts, we create space for the Spirit to speak to us in ways that resonate deeply with our unique circumstances and experiences.

Pentecost teaches us about the guidance and protection provided by the Holy Spirit. Just as the apostles were empowered and directed to spread the Good News, we too are guided by the Spirit in our daily lives. When we seek the Spirit's guidance through prayer and discernment, we can trust that we will be led along the paths of righteousness and safeguarded from harm. The Spirit's presence acts as a divine compass, steering us through life's uncertainties and challenges.

Additionally, the Holy Spirit brings new life. At Pentecost, the apostles were transformed from fearful followers into bold proclaimers of Christ's resurrection. This transformative power is available to us today. When we invite the Spirit into our hearts, we experience renewal and New Life. The Spirit breathes new life into our faith, enabling us to live with greater purpose, joy, and love.

As we continue to walk in faith, let us remember the gifts of Pentecost. Let us listen attentively for God's voice, seek the Spirit's guidance and protection, and embrace the new life the Spirit brings. May we be filled with the same fervor and courage as the apostles, sharing the love and grace of God with all those we encounter.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Jonathan

### 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](mailto:carlt@gvtel.com)

### EBENEZER TREASURER'S REPORT

*Balance 4/01/24* **\$7,001.42**

**INCOME:**

Offerings	\$1,615.00
Bethany	1,212.50
Red Lake Co Coop	<u>112.43</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,939.93</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Pastor Salary	\$1,308.00
Pastor Housing	250.00
Pastor Mileage	206.25
Pension	255.25
Immanuel	133.13
Electricity	175.00
Jonathan – Synod Conv Reg	69.21
Allen Bertilrud	250.00
Red Lake Co Coop	<u>338.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,984.84</b>

*Ending Balance 4/30/24* **\$6,956.51**

*Gelene Lundeen, Treasurer*

### IMMANUEL TREASURER'S REPORT

*Beginning Balance 3/31/24* **\$7,644.47**

**INCOME:**

Offerings - Sunday's	\$3,274.00
Offerings - VANCO	1,310.00
Ebenezer	133.13
Bethany	4,850.00
RLC Coop Dividend	264.26
Foster Child	26.00
Thrivent Grant	52.00
Offering – Clayton L – CD Interest	619.19
Sidewalk Project Donations	<u>1,090.00</u>
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 11,618.58</b>

**EXPENSES:**

Pastor Salary	\$3,927.30
Pastors Benefits	1,515.79
Church Employees	708.00
Ebenezer (Bethany Share)	1,212.50
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Synod Assembly Expense	138.00
Pastor Continuing Education	52.00
World Vision – Foster Child	20.00
VANCO Fee	19.42
Office-Stamps	26.24

Church Utilities:

Ottertail Power	101.28
City of Plummer (w/g/s)	91.00
Garden Valley Telephone	40.62

Parsonage Utilities

Ottertail Power	125.42
City of Plummer (w/g/s)	97.46
Garden Valley Telephone	138.00
UBM Savings	5,000.00
Sidewalk Donations to Redeemer	<u>1,090.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$14,654.93</b>

*Ending Balance 4/30/24* **\$ 4,608.12**

*Debbie DuChamp, Treasurer*

**Happy Anniversary to YOU!!**



**Troy & Nicole Ferguson**

**June 10**

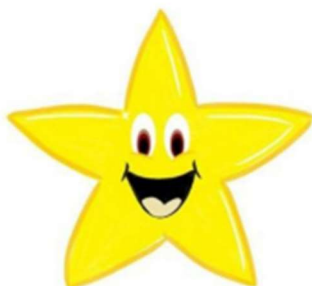
**Tom & Janette Braaten**

**June 15**

# A Christmas Celebration

Vacation Bible School

*There's nothing wrong with a Christmas song in summer!*



July 7 - 11, 2024

5:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Bethany Lutheran Church  
Red Lake Falls

Sign up today:  
<https://forms.gle/dF6Ln61zAn7vKmpAA>

July 7-11, 2024  
Sunday-Thursday

6:00 pm to 8:15 pm (Meal at 5:30 pm)  
Bethany Lutheran Church

Travel back in time to discover the events surrounding the birth of Jesus.

- Day 1: God wants us to be patient
- Day 2: God wants us to be obedient
- Day 3: God wants us to trust him
- Day 4: God wants us to rejoice
- Day 5: God wants us to give

Led by Director Cindy Artt

Did you know that our Synod has a person who offers, assistance with Legacy Giving? If you love your church and would like help setting up some sort of legacy, call Keith Pearson at 773-380-2483 or email him at [Keith.Pearson@ELCA.org](mailto:Keith.Pearson@ELCA.org)

He can help you look at wills, trusts, charitable gift annuities, qualified charitable distributions from your IRA and more.



# July 16-20, 2024

 **Happy Birthday to You!!** 

Kassandra Banasau	June 3
Allison Burns	June 7
Christopher Roisland	June 8
Savannah Stratton	June 12
Ross Haugen	June 14
Brendan Krueger	June 16
Jami Nunn	June 28

# June 2024

Alter Committee at Imm.-  
Shar Fox

Alter Committee at Eben.-  
Gelene Lundeen

Ushers at Imm.-  
Norman Brenna &  
Dean Koskela

Ushers at Eben. -  
Perry Lundeen Family

Adult Coffee Fellowship  
(\*chairman) \*Norman Brenna,  
Dean Koskela

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9:00 am Worship at Immanuel w/HC  
10:30 am Worship at Ebenezer w/HC  
7:00 pm Worship at Bethany w/HC

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9:00 am Worship at Ebenezer  
10:30 am Worship at Bethany  
**6:00 pm Immanuel Council Meeting**  
7:00 pm Worship at Immanuel

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9:00 am Worship at Immanuel w/HC  
**Coffee Fellowship after Worship**  
10:30 am Worship at Bethany w/HC  
**6:00 pm Bible Study at Ebenezer**  
7:00 pm Worship at Ebenezer w/HC



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9:00 am Worship at Ebenezer  
**10:00 am Ebenezer Council Meeting**  
10:30 am Worship at Bethany (SAM Allen)  
10:30 am Worship at Immanuel (Pastor)

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**Joint Service**  
10:30 am Worship at Bethany

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