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The Closing of the Immanuel Lutheran School Building

**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

Violin Prelude  
Welcome

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Address

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we gather today to officially close the Immanuel Lutheran School building. Let us be grateful for the use of this building, which was dedicated on October 26th, 1952 to the glory and honor of the Triune God and was constructed for the instruction of our children in God's holy Word. This building holds cherished memories, and we feel a sense of loss. However, we can be comforted in the truth that God continues to be at work among us in the proclamation of His Word and the right administration of His Sacraments. We draw near to our Lord on this day to receive strength and hope in the midst of our sadness.

Opening Praise: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Women's Ensemble  
Text and Tune: Rick Founds

Scripture Dialogue

P: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.** Ps. 84:10)

P: Jesus says: I am the door; whoever enters through Me will be saved.

**C: He will come in and go out, and find pasture.** (Jn. 10:9)

P: Strive to enter through the narrow door.

**C: For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.** (Lk. 13:24).

P: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

**C: For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.** (Matt. 7:7-8)

P: I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept My Word and have not denied My name.

**C: See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.** (Rev. 3:8)

P: Lord God, today we close the doors of this school building.

**C: But we thank You that You have opened the door of heaven to all believers.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day (spoken by Pastor)

Old Testament Reading ..... Isaiah 66:18-23

Epistle ..... Hebrews 12:4-24

Holy Gospel ..... Luke 13:22-30

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song of the Day: "There Is a Time for Everything" LSB #762

Text: Stephen Starke LSB #762

Tune: O Grosser Gott LSB #810

1)

There is a time for ev'rything, A time for all that life may bring:  
A time to plant, a time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep,  
A time to heal, a time to slay, A time to build where rubble lay,  
A time to die, a time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born.

2)

A time to hold, then be alone, A time to gather scattered stone,  
A time to break, a time to mend, A time to search and then to end,

A time to keep, then throw away, A time to speak, then nothing say,  
A time for war till hatreds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.

3)

Eternal Lord, Your wisdom sees And fathoms all life's tragedies;  
You know our grief, You hear our sighs - In mercy, dry our tear-stained  
eyes.

From evil times, You bring great good; Beneath the cross, we've safely  
stood.

Though dimly now life's path we trace, One day we shall see face to face.

4)

Before all time had yet begun, You, Father, planned to give Your Son;  
Lord Jesus Christ, with timeless grace, You have redeemed our timebound  
race;

O Holy Spirit, Paraclete, Your timely work in us complete;  
Blest Trinity, Your praise we sing - There is a time for everything!

Sermon: "One Door Closed, One Still Open"

Offering

"Seek Ye First" Tune: Karen Lafferty Women's Ensemble

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

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P: That we may be comforted, let us hear the Word of the Lord.

P: Moses said to the Lord: "If Your presence does not go with us, do not  
send us up from here. How will anyone know that You are pleased  
with me and with Your people unless You go with us?" The Lord  
replied, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (From  
Exodus 33)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: Let us pray. Lord God, we give thanks for revealing Your presence in  
Word and Sacrament and for the blessings bestowed on Your people  
in this place of Christian education. As we close this building, continue  
Your many mercies that we may ever be conscious of Your  
unchanging love, grow in faith, and finally be united with You in the  
glorious company of Your saints; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: This building, Immanuel Lutheran School, is closed in the name of the  
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one  
will; therefore grant to Your people that they may love what You  
command and desire what You promise, that among the manifold  
changes of this age our hearts may ever be fixed where true joys are  
to be found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace

**C: in the name of the Lord!**

Closing Song: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB #657

Text/Tune: Martin Luther

1)

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.  
On earth He has no equal.

2)

No strength of ours can match His might. We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

3)

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threatening to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.

4)

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

Silent Prayer  
Announcements  
Violin Postlude

### **DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK**

Today: 1PM-5PM Walter and Dorraine Banitt Birthday Party  
In the Fellowship Hall  
3:00PM Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Scott Fiege at  
St. Peter's, Belvidere  
6:00PM Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Scott Fiege at  
Bethany, Lake City  
Monday: Pastor on Vacation until August 30<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle: Ex. 19:1-6;  
1 Cor. 12:27-31a; Jn. 1:43-51  
Friday: 6:00PM Church Golfing Group – Gopher Hills  
Saturday: 9AM-5PM Stampin' with the Spirit  
4PM-7PM Bethany Block Party/Hog Roast  
Next Sunday: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
9:30AM Worship with Rev. Ronald Stehr  
5PM-8PM Ice Cream Social at Church (offered by Ladies  
Aid)

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

Today - Adam Bremer, Alex Simanski, Dean & Laurie Budensiek,  
Russell & Vera Carlson  
Monday - Marissa Augustin, Elyse Kliewer, Cole Gernentz,  
Lucas & Charissa Stumpf  
Tuesday - Dale Dicke, Ryan Kassen, Doug & Nita Callstrom,  
Myron & Ruth Alms  
Thursday - Jim & Sue Dicke  
Friday - Walter Banitt, Tally Stehr, Bruce & Jennifer Carlson  
Saturday - Neil Stemmann, Nick & Katie Kurtti

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Healing:** Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (still waiting for a transplant), Sara (Voth) Kroll, Brady McNamara (born three months prematurely), Joanne Meyr (recovering from cancer treatments on her leg), Ethan Stehr (recovering from surgery), Jim Dicke (recovering from knee surgery), and Travis Jares (Bonnie Kassen's nephew, healing from a neck fracture).

### **Life Quote – August 22**

“Let your children hear the basic teachings of the Christian faith from your lips. Field the questions regarding their relationship with Jesus Christ as they surface. Give them biblical answers. Who knows, these children you love may walk away from the faith, and this will be heartbreaking for you. Just remember God's promise: ‘My Word will not return void.’ It is not that you have failed if you have witnessed in your home by word and action that Jesus is your Lord. Where there is great concern is when our children venture out into a world filled with temptation and have not been taught what the Word of God has to say.” *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio program.* **“Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life.** [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

### **Catechism Review: The Lord's Prayer**

#### **The First Petition: Thy kingdom come.**

*What does this mean?*

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?*

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

### **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, August 22**

**8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)**

**“Does God Care?”**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Lawrence Acker**

The troubles and trials that seem to surround us are not punishments from God but rather a chastening of the Lord. This classic Lutheran Hour message was originally broadcast in June, 1951. (Psalm 73:11-14)

### **New Pastor for St. Peter's and Bethany**

The congregations of St. Peter's, Belvidere, and Bethany, Lake City, invite you to the installation of their new pastor, the Rev. Dr. Scott T. Fiege. A service will be held at 3 PM today at St. Peter's, with a reception to follow. Another service will be held at Bethany at 6 PM with a meal following in the church dining hall. We are very blessed to have filled our dual parish vacancy with Pastor Fiege and we look forward to a joyous day of installation services. We hope you will honor us with your presence.

### **Walter and Dorraine Banitt – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party!!!**

The entire congregation is invited to an Open House for Walter and Dorraine Banitt's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. The event will be held today in the Immanuel Fellowship Hall between 1 and 5 PM. Come and celebrate with the young at heart! No gifts please.

**What connection is there between M&M's and Minnesota?**

**Do you know how Goodhue County is connected to the "Captain Marvel" comic book?**

**What former first grade student of Barbara Betcher now plays Texas Hold-em with her?**

If you don't know these answers, you should come to the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and you will find out. Barbara Betcher will share other interesting facts about Hay Creek and Minnesota. Barbara will be speaking at around 6 or 6:30 PM. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! The Ladies Aid will be serving sloppy joe's, pie & ice cream, sundaes and beverages from 5 to 8 PM. We hope to see you there!

### **Sunday School Teachers Needed**

A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those interested in teaching Sunday School this year. Sharing responsibilities with someone else is a great way to get experience while not being required to teach every week. However, it is expected that Sunday School teachers will be good spiritual role models for the children and will therefore usually attend church services on the days that they teach. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will begin on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.

### **Used Copy Machine**

A family has expressed interest in purchasing the used copy machine of Concordia-Immanuel Lutheran School. If you also have a desire to own this equipment, please speak to Pastor Sorenson at your earliest convenience. After two weeks, the copy machine will be sold and the profit given to the church. Thank you.

### **Bethany Block Party/Hog Roast**

Come over to Lake City this Saturday for Bethany's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Block Party and Hog Roast! The event will take place in the parking lot of Bethany Lutheran between the hours of 4 PM and 7 PM. In addition to pork sandwiches and sweet corn, the party will feature dancing, local entertainment, and door prizes. Music will be provided by "Cactus and Friends." A free-will offering will be taken. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!