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May-June 2023

A Word from Pastor Gregory Fryer

Pentecost Sunday, Trinity Sunday/Confirmation Sunday/Barbecue

Good Sundays ahead!

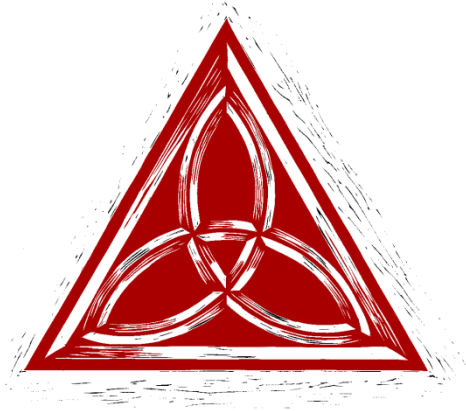
Pentecost Sunday, May 28



Dear Members and Friends of Immanuel Lutheran Church,
Pentecost Sunday is often called “The Birthday of the Church.” I think that is an excellent title. On that first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came rushing into the lives of the early believers, giving them boldness to witness to Jesus. They and their descendents have done so to the very ends of the earth. And so it is that we have the “one, holy, catholic, and apostolic” church on earth.

In my Pentecost Sunday sermon this year, I plan to focus on that third traditional trait of the church: It is “catholic.” That means it is welcoming. I think this should be an easy sermon for me to write, because Immanuel has always struck me as being a warm and welcoming congregation. More about this on Pentecost Sunday. Try to come for this major church festival if you can.

Trinity Sunday/Confirmation Sunday, June 4



Vicar Lara Bhasin features big on this day. She has taught our confirmands, she is preaching on this day, and she should get a major role in the Confirmation liturgy that day.

Two young men will be confirmed this Trinity Sunday: Keitaro Luke Ichikawa and Noah Joshua Mehegan. Our hearts will beat faster and happier to see Noah and Keitaro say Yes! to their baptisms and to commit themselves to live for Jesus.

And then, during Coffee Hour, we will have a barbecue!

Barbecue, Trinity Sunday, June 4

We plan to have a barbeque after the service on June 4th in the courtyard (weather permitting). If the weather is bad, it will be held in the Undercroft. Please see Barbara Chomko or Karen Bazik if you can bring a side dish (salads, chips, etc.) or a beverage or dessert.

I hope you look forward with joy to these springtime liturgies. God be with you, always.

In Christ,
Pastor Gregory P. Fryer

Annual Spring Voters' Assembly

Sunday, May 21, 2023

1 p.m. upstairs in the Nave

Our springtime Voters' Assembly is the third Sunday of May. That is May 21 this year.

After worship, let's head down to the undercroft for Coffee Hour, but then the Voters can head back up to the nave for the Voters' Assembly, starting at 1 p.m.

If you would like to become an official member of the Voters' Assembly, please mention your desire to Pastors Carol or Gregory Fryer, who will present your name to the Assembly. Our Constitution gives this rule:

The Voters' Assembly shall consist only of such members who have reached the age of eighteen, who are diligent in worship, regularly partake of the Lord's Supper and live a life in conformity with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thursday Evening Bible Study

6:30 p.m. in the Martin Luther Room and via Zoom

We are studying the Acts of the Apostles. Please join us for this moving story of the Holy Spirit at work establishing the early church.

Here is the Zoom sign-in information:

Topic: Thursday Evening Bible Study

Time: May 25, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada), every week on Thursday, until Jun 29, 2023

Join Zoom Meeting

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Vacation Bible School

August 21 - August 25, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Looking ahead, please save the dates August 21-25 for this summer's Vacation Bible School.

As always, we could use more and more adults to help with VBS. Please see VBS Director Karen Bazik if you could volunteer.

Bonhoeffer Class

8 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2023. Our last class.

Vicar Lara Bhasin is leading our class on Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*. Our last class is set for this May 24, Chapters 27-32.

Here is the sign-in information:

Topic: Bonhoeffer Class

Time: May 24, 2023 08:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Vicar Lara Bhasin

A Note from Pastor Gregory Fryer

God willing, it will not be all that long before "Vicar Lara Bhasin" becomes "Pastor Lara Bhasin." She has completed her seminary studies and has been approved by our national church - the NALC - for

ordination to the Holy Ministry of Word and Sacrament. I count it a great blessing in my closing years as Pastor to have worked with Lara Bhasin as well as Caleb and Lynnae Douglas.

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In Our Prayers

IN OUR PRAYERS IN RECENT TIMES: Patricia Sanders, Jennifer Loughrey, June Dittbrenner, Brad Bond (friend of Sigrid Sunstedt), Clifford Rose, Irene Juhasz, Jeff Rudat, Jackson Greenberg (friend of Hans Kibler), Sam Grenning, Alma von Graffenried (requested by David Kiehl)

RECENTLY DIED..... Kathryn Jolowicz (cousin to our Kathy Jolowicz)
January 3, 1943 — March 29, 2023

RECENTLY DIED Robert Lewis (October 11, 1938 - April 24, 2023)
BEREAVED..... Barbara Lewis (wife),
Elena Lewis Howell (daughter), Eugene Lewis (son)

RECENTLY DIED Elida Burgos (sister of Luz Ortiz), died 4/29/2023

RECENTLY DIED Eduard Daume (March 1, 1936 - May 10, 2023)
Bereaved wife Nicole, his children Sophie
and Christoph and his grandchildren, Thomas Wicks (family friend)

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