



Immanuel's Quarterly Newsletter

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******Please Note that there will be a Quarterly Voter's Meeting on Sunday, October 19th at 10:15am.******

The LORD is Your Refuge and Fortress

Psalm 91 (NIV84)

Earthquakes, ISIS, Ebola . . . there is a lot of scary stuff happening in the world today. How should we respond to all this craziness? Should we worry and prepare for the worst? Or should we ignore what's going on - chalking it up to media sensationalism?

Better than both is to meditate on Psalm 91, where we find refuge in our Almighty LORD, who controls everything for his purposes.

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

How do we dwell in the shelter of the LORD?

Through faith in Jesus.

Christians know that they are sinful and in no way deserve to be protected by the Almighty. But they also know that God is merciful and compassionate. His love for fallen mankind was so great that he sent his one and only son to die on the cross in order to pay for the sins of the whole world. Christians know that the Lord not only paid for their forgiveness, but has also graciously adopted them to be his dearly loved children through the waters of baptism.

And if the Lord has delivered us from the greatest of all enemies that threatened our souls, is there any enemy he can't deliver us from? Or to express it the way St. Paul does: *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?* (Romans 8:32) This is why every Christian can confidently say with the Psalmist:

*I will say of the LORD,
"He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."*

What exactly does the Lord shelter us from?

Every danger or disaster that threatens our body and soul, as the Psalmist continues:

*Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.*

Just as a mother bird spreads its wings, inviting its chicks to find both shelter from danger and comfort in her presence, so the LORD bids us to come and find comfort in the knowledge of his presence and refuge from all the bad things that cause us fear.

*A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.*

All the bad things that happen on this earth are a result of sin. They are a terror to the unbeliever because He refuses to repent and acknowledge the LORD as his God. But when believers see all these things happen in the world, we do not have to be afraid.

Why not?

Because the LORD has taken away our sin. He promises to shield every believer with his presence.

*If you make the Most High your dwelling--
even the LORD, who is my refuge--
then no harm will befall you,
no disaster will come near your tent.*

“But,” someone might protest, “what about the Christians in Iraq and Syria who are being persecuted by ISIS? How is God keeping this promise?”

Here is where we come to a great paradox of Scripture: God promises to protect all who believe in him, but also says that Christians can expect problems, persecution and suffering in the world.

How do we reconcile this?

The truth is that our mortal minds will never be able to logically reconcile these two truths because we don't have the mind of God, who can comprehend all things past present and future in an instant.

Thankfully God doesn't ask us to understand, but only to believe his promises: he is working in all things - even the evil and terror we might experience - for our eternal good.

And to help us trust his promise, he has given us his Word - filled with examples of people who persevered through real trials and hardships, trusting that the LORD would rescue them. And do you know what? God safely delivered them all to his eternal kingdom!

All the powers of hell cannot steal away from us the eternal salvation Jesus won. This is why Luther could say in his famous hymn ("A Mighty Fortress"): "And do what they will -- Hate, steal, hurt, or kill -- Though all may be gone, Our victory is won; The kingdom's ours forever!"

*For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.*

The LORD's angels surround us - always ready to protect us from evil, especially the evil we do not see.

There is a story in the Bible that illustrates this point wonderfully. Elisha and his servant were surrounded by a foreign army. The servant was scared, while Elisha remained calm. "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." (2 King 6:16-17)

Just as the LORD protected Elisha, so he commands his mighty angels to surround us. And why does the LORD do this for us?

*"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
He will call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
With long life will I satisfy him
and show him my salvation."*

Our childlike faith in God (a faith that the LORD himself awakened in our heart through the Gospel) moves God to love and protect us even more with his divine, Fatherly heart.

Just as any good earthly father is moved to compassion and action at the cries of his children, so also our Father in heaven is moved by our cries for help. He hears us, will deliver us, and grant us eternal life with him in his kingdom.

Earthquakes, ISIS, Ebola . . . there is a lot of scary stuff happening in the world today. What should our response be as Christians? To call on the LORD in faith and trust in his promise to deliver us. Even though we don't physically see it, God has commanded thousands of angels to stand guard around us. Not only that, but he himself is standing right next to us - encouraging us through His Word not to be afraid of anything. He will see us through this earthly life - this valley of the shadow of death - and deliver us safely to his heavenly Kingdom.

President's Letter

You may have noticed the organ fund is not growing by leaps and bounds. However, the good news is that through the dedicated research by our Property Board we believe we have found a much cheaper course of action than originally planned, although we still have a long way to go. The Church Council will recommend to the voters in the October voters' meeting to support the council's decision to contract with the J. H. McGaw Company since organ maintenance is in fact needed. But, instead of doing a complete rework and upgrade of our organ we will do only the maintenance necessary to keep it working as is. This work will consist of the following:

1. Repair at least one pneumatic (leather valve mechanism) in the north air chamber.
2. Adjust all the pneumatics in the south air chamber. According to the contractor they were not adjusted properly the last time the organ was worked on; which is why there are some issues for some of those pipes.
3. Clean the two sets of reed pipes (one in each chamber).
4. General cleaning of the chambers and chests.

The estimate for this work is \$29,000.00. This is considerably less than the original estimate that included a full rework or rebuilding of the organ including new electrical / electronics, and also added some modern capabilities such as automated programmed playing and recording, etc. Perhaps someday upgrades can be done but for now we simply don't have the funding. The Church Council is recommending to the voters to adjust our goal to \$35,000.00, as there may be cost overruns due to unforeseen problems. Please consider contributing to this fund. If funds are not forthcoming we may have to take out a loan to support repairs. We would like to have the organ working in top condition in time for the celebration of our upcoming 150th anniversary.

Please support your boards and committees. Come to the Voters' Meeting this month and thank them personally. Ask questions. Let them know what you think regarding how they are doing this year. What do you think of their reports? What do you want them to accomplish next year? Don't leave them in the dark. I hope to see you there.

Because of shortfalls in the overall budget this year the Board of Property hasn't been able to execute some of the major tasks approved by the voters for this year's maintenance schedule. I'd like to champion our Planned Giving Committee. They are: Charlie Novak, Lou Richard and Larry Schneider. Consider Immanuel in your estate planning. Are you considering a possible gift? Is there a particular project you would like to see done? Please contact them and find out how you can support Immanuel through your designated gift or future estate distribution.

Do you have some feedback for me? Always feel free to give me a call or send me an email at glennbrunner1@gmail.com.

Your brother in Christ,
Glenn Brunner

Membership Changes

Baptism: Hadley Miller; Caleb Blahnik

Transfer In: Robert Drews

Received by Profession of Faith: None

Adult Confirmation: None

Release: None

Loss to Eternal Life: Gertrude Heuer & Robert Drews

Elders Board Report

Here we are, fall is here, and I'm not done with my spring/summer list. You can also remind everyone, to be sure to shop quickly, less than three months to Christmas. Could be worse, if we were Jewish, we would be saying- Happy New Year.

The Elders Board continues to review the details and issues concerning Immanuel, at our monthly meetings. We are always focused on: **Ministry**- how we encourage each other to study God's Word, **Worship**- the church service and other opportunities such as devotions and our web site resources, **Membership**- monitor attendance to encourage and keep in contact with members, and **Stewardship**- our participation in church with time, talents, and resources. The Board would like to encourage anyone with comments, ideas, or questions to contact, Dan Fager, 255-2613, or Scott Kieckbusch, 255-1207.

The 150th Anniversary Committee has been busy planning events, so please see their article in this newsletter. Many different events will take place, so plan on coming to them all if you can. Don't forget, there's good reading on our history at the church website.

There has been discussion on ordering a commemorative 150th Anniversary Bible, probably the NKJV, with the Anniversary embossed cover. There will be information and a signup sheet coming soon.

Property Board Report

Your hard working property board would like to announce winter is coming, soon too. Once already this fall season, we fired up the church heating plant to get the chill out of the air in preparation for a church service. By most winter weather predictions it's going to be another cold one. Hope not though, last year's heating bill tapped out most of our property financial resources and there was no money left for improvement projects. We will be working this winter season to try and conserve where possible. With the cooler weather approaching the property board meetings will soon be moving indoors under cover. We are already budget planning for next year as we are tabulating improvement projects and placing them in order of priority.

Volunteers continue doing an excellent job of keeping the church, school and gym spic and span. Thank you for your generous time and hard work. Your property board would like to remind everyone that fire prevention week will be here in the second week of October. Inspect your smoke alarms and change the batteries. See you in church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Ihlenfeldt, Gary Hardtke, Fred Steffen, Jason Karnopp, Jeff Christian, Greg Hlinak

Manitowoc Lutheran High School (MLHS)

Delegate Report

Thanks again to all who participated in the sweet corn program. We raised \$300.00 this year. This will provide vouchers for three of our children who will continue their education at MLHS.

MLHS SCRIP is available! The financial returns of our present SCRIP program here at church support paying the debt on our FLC via the Athletic Committee. Don't forget SCRIP is available from MLHS. Your purchase of SCRIP from MLHS is a simple way for you to support Christian education. You can put money into an account for future Immanuel HS students if you designate it to Immanuel's account or specifically for a future Immanuel student. Yes, we do have an account, which is simply our name: Immanuel Lutheran, Kewaunee. The SCRIP is available at the SCRIP office at MLHS. Their office hours are from 7:30 to 3:30, Monday through Friday and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings. The office is closed whenever the school is closed for a holiday, etc. Use of SCRIP from MLHS and shopping at our resale store are some active ways of supporting Christian education. Please pray for our high school as we face financial challenges and please pray for our parents who are devoted to Christ-centered education for their children and may be struggling financially.

The school has been actively seeking a pastor to fill the office of MLHS President. So far the Lord has not blessed us with the filling of that call. Another call meeting is scheduled in October.

Thanks,
Glenn M. Brunner
MLHS Lead Delegate

150th Anniversary Update

The 150th Anniversary Committee will present the proposed details at the October Voters Meeting for approval. We can then have invitations sent to former called workers, and an information letter available to members to share with family and friends, during the busy holiday season coming up. This will help everyone to plan, and with RSVP replies, the committee will be able to properly prepare for these events.

The following are the latest details:

- Sunday, April 19, 2015: 10:00 a.m. church service with organist Charles Bono. Brunch to follow.
- Sunday, July 19, 2015: 10:00 a.m. church service with WELS President Schroeder delivering the sermon, and former teacher, Leonard Epple will be the guest organist. Meal to follow.
- Saturday, August 1, 2015: Picnic at church. 10:00 Koine devotional service, picnic lunch, 1:00 Koine concert. Children, Teen and adult activities, Bouncy House and games to follow.
- Sunday August 2, 2015 10:00 church service with guest organist. Coffee and doughnut social before.
- Sunday, October 18, 2015 Anniversary Sunday 10:00 church service with Pastor Stephen Sauer, Pastor Joel Sauer and organist Faith Sauer. Traditional potluck meal at noon, in the fellowship hall.

Questions or comments can be directed to the 150th Committee, through Dan Fager, 920-255-2613, or email dnlfager2@gmail.com.

Youth Christian Education

This past quarter has been a busy one with lots of activity in the following areas. The YCE Board consists of Chairman Brian Dax, John Tess and David Chaudoir.

YPS – David Chaudoir and Amber Binney have spearheaded the startup of YPS. They had their first organizational meeting on September 21 and it was not as well attended as had hoped. They will continue to “recruit” participants through facebook, other social media and face to face contact. Their next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 5th at 5:00 PM. It will be a movie night for the young adults. Their hope is to grow the program to 15 -20 young adults and to be an active voice in the Church activities.

Little Lambs - Little Lambs started up in September and they hope to meet approximately 3 times a month with different Church related activities planned throughout the meetings. Laura Sullivan is heading up this group.

Sunday School – Sunday School has begun and everything is going well. Attendance and participation numbers are up compared to last year with increased attendance in the younger grades. The new teaching materials have been ordered and are being used in the classes. One of the teachers will be retiring at the end of the year so we will be looking for a new teacher for next school year.

Confirmation Class – Confirmation Class has also begun and Pastor Sullivan will be using a new method of teaching scripture using more illustrations and power point presentations. These methods have been used by other congregations and have seen success and are well accepted by the students. There are four 8th graders that will be confirmed at the end of the school year. Something new that will be started this year is 6th graders will be asked to attend the last few classes of the year so they have an introduction as to how the classes are and what will be expected of them.

VBS – Vacation Bible School was attended by 35 kids this summer and plans are in works for next year to increase that number. Some ideas being discussed are to have more advertising, possibly a different time of day, and opening it up to older children as there has been a request to do that in the past.

As you can see, it has been a busy quarter with a lot of activity in all areas. If anyone has any suggestions, ideas or concerns, please feel free to contact any one of the board members at any time. I was appointed chairman mid-term and am getting my feet wet with this committee. I look forward to any and all input I may receive.

Faithfully yours,
Brian Dax, chairman

Little Lambs

Little Lambs has started again and I'm very excited about the new schedule. In addition to meeting in the playroom, we will also be regularly meeting in the gym. We will also have a special day devoted to a certain theme. For example, the themes for this fall are, Things that Move, Harvest Time, and All About Me. For October's theme, Things that Move, we will race cars on a racetrack built by Glen Brunner, build in a construction site sensory bin, build our own roadways, make art using cars, read books and sing songs about things moving. These sessions will be a wonderful way to explore God's wonderful creation. But in order for these sessions to be awesome, we need kids to come. Please spread the word to all your friends. A super easy way to spread the word is to like Little Lambs - Kewaunee, Wisconsin, if you are on Facebook. Then just share the posts on your own timeline. You just never know who will see the post and want to come. If you are not on Facebook, consider keeping a schedule with you to give to someone you may meet. The absolute best way to get people to come, is by inviting them in person. And as always, please pray for our Little Lambs, that the Lord continues to give us opportunities to witness to the very littlest of his children.

Planned Giving Committee

Giving Real Estate

A vacant lot. A vacation home. A few acres of raw land. Some members of Immanuel have real estate like this. They have property and they don't quite know what to do with it.

One possibility is to donate all or a portion of the property to Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, either as an outright gift or in exchange for a lifetime of income.

Consider the following illustrations of how this works. Mr. and Mrs. Benson had five acres of raw land that appraised for \$100,000. They purchased it years ago for \$10,000, thinking they might build a house on it someday. That plan never materialized, but they continued to hold the land.

They thought of selling it more than once, but the idea of paying capital gains tax on the sale slowed them down. Also, they were overwhelmed just thinking about all the time and trouble it would take to market and sell the property. So they just let it sit there.

Then they learned that they could donate the land to WELS Foundation, which would sell it and use the proceeds to provide annual distributions to through an endowment. Mr. and Mrs. Benson were pleased to be able to support their church in this way—and to discover that they would receive an income tax charitable deduction for the gift.

Another couple, the Andersons, established a charitable remainder trust through WELS Foundation and funded it with the gift of their vacation home. The arrangement allows them to receive income from the trust for the rest of their lives. Like the Bensons, the Andersons avoided capital gains tax and obtained an immediate income tax charitable deduction. In addition, they knew that the remainder of the trust would be distributed to their WELS church for the Lord's work after both of them were with the Lord.

WELS Christian giving counselor, Pastor Dennis Kleist, can assist you in thinking through the opportunities and issues related to real estate gifts. He is happy to come to your home or talk with you on the phone. There is no cost or obligation. You can contact, Pastor Kleist, either by email: Dennis.kleist@wels.net, or call him at 920-740-5899.

The Planned Giving Table is always an option when considering planned giving or simply making a memorial gift. Included in the table is the Organ Fund. The estimated cost to repair our organ is \$35,000. It is the hope to have our organ repaired for our 150th Anniversary celebration next year. Current donations total \$4560.00.

Planned Giving Committee

Larry Schneider

Charlie Novak

Lou Richard

“For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again” (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

Organ Fund Update

"The voters have decided to establish an organ repair fund drive. Our goal is to raise \$35,000 so the organ can be fully repaired and its full range of capabilities and sound restored. We would like to accomplish this in time for our 2015 anniversary. We may have to take out a loan to accomplish this timeline but hopefully we can avoid this if funds are forthcoming. Please prayerfully consider an extra gift above your normal weekly gift and specify 'Organ Fund'. Thank You, Glenn Brunner, President."

Donations as of October 15, 2014

<i>From</i>	<i>Honor/Memory of</i>	<i>\$</i>
<i>Cash Donations</i>		<i>670</i>
<i>Earl & Eunice Siebert</i>	<i>H of Earl's 90th Birthday</i>	<i>90</i>
<i>Dan & Mari Fager Shirley Kustka</i>	<i>M of Ruth Holub</i>	<i>45</i>
<i>Lois J Siegmund Leon & LaVerne Dax</i>	<i>M of Elda Duescher</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Kathy Vanness</i>	<i>M of Ruth Holub</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Heuer Family</i>	<i>M of Gertrude Heuer</i>	<i>490</i>

Time 'n Talent/Silent Auction - Sunday October 26th

Please plan to join us for a few hours of fun and fellowship on Sunday, October 26th. We have made some changes from past years and will hold this years event at Immanuel. A free-will donation breakfast buffet will be served from 10:30-12:30 in the fellowship hall. All food will be provided by the Athletic Club. The raffle book and tickets are available in the narthex or you can contact any of the Athletic Club members. There are a large variety of items to win including week stay in Florida condo, Tundra Lodge weekend, cash prizes, gas grill, gas cards plus much more. There will also be a silent auction with delicious food items, kraft items, and Packer tickets for the December 8th Packer/Falcon game. Invite your family & friends to join us. All proceeds benefit the Family Life Center. Committee member are: Kathy Vanness, Annette Teske, Dick Stuebs, Lou Richard, Shirley Prodell, Nancy & Jerry Kolmorgen, Kathy Gerdmann, Tonya Fenendael, Brian Dax, Rachel Christian, and Greta Bloniarz.

Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight will be December 7 at 2:00pm. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. If you would like to help this year, consider being a hostess. A hostess prepares a table and brings a light snack for six people. You could also be in charge of the coffee and punch for the hostesses. We will need a couple greeters to help women find their tables and hand out a program. If you would like to help lead the service, you could help with the readings, sing or play an instrument. Finally, if you would like to donate any decorating items or candles and holders, please talk to Laura. BUT, if you would like to just take a rest from the busy holiday season, and spend a couple of hours with your fellow Christian women, listening to God's beautiful promises, then all you have to do is sign up to come. Just come. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for more information, or talk to Laura at any time. Hope to see you there.

Manitowoc Lutheran High School Notes

- **MLHS PRESIDENT CALL** On Oct. 4th, the MLHS Federation Delegates issued a call to Pastor Randal Hughes to serve as MLHS' President. Pastor Hughes currently serves at Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School. Please keep Pastor Hughes and both schools in your prayers.
- **MLHS FALL CONCERT, Sun 10/26 at 2:00pm.** The MLHS Fine Arts Dept. will present their Fall Concert entitled "Folksongs, Foolery, and Fun" and will feature some great music by the Freshman Choir, Cantate Choir, Concert Choir, Lancer Singers, and Symphonic Band. For family & friends out of the area, the concert may be viewed live online by visiting the "LancerVision" link at www.mlhslancers.org.
- **Area Reformation Service, Sun 11/2 at 4:00pm**

Thank you from East Fork Lutheran School

In August our alms box donations went to East Fork Lutheran School serving our Apache Indian mission. I'd like to share some information from a letter received from the school principal. Unemployment in the area of the school is around 80%. This year enrollment is at 91, a blessing of the Lord, for they had fallen to as low as 67 students three years ago. One of the girls in the eighth grade graduating class said in her graduation speech, "We learned many important things at East Fork School, but the most important thing we learned is that Jesus died for us so we can go to heaven. That will last forever." Thanks to all those who opened their wallets and contributed to East Fork School, maintaining Christian education for these children. We are so blessed when compared to many others; thanks for sharing the blessings the Lord has given to you and me. Glenn M. Brunner, President.

Marriage Seminar

Do you want to improve communication and experience a more fulfilling marriage? Hear great advice from Pastor Mark Jeske, host of *Time of Grace*, Saturday, October 25, 9am to 1pm at St. Mark Lutheran Church (2066 Lawrence Dr, De Pere). Check out the brochure in the back of church or go to stmarkdepere.com/care to register online. Register before October 1 for the \$40/couple price.

Thrivent Chapter Leader Election

Date: Sunday, November 2, 2014

Time: Eating @12:30pm

Place: RENDEZVOUS, E896 County Rd N, Luxemburg, WI 54217

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 25th to Roger Teske @920-388-2147 or Randy Busch @388-0484

Family style chicken & tips dinner and ELECTION OF CHAPTER LEADERS FOR 2014-2015
Entertainment and Door Prizes

Your cost??

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM TO BE DONATED TO A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY.
WE WILL ALSO ACCEPT MONETARY DONATIONS FOR THE KEWAUNEE ARTISAN CENTER.

Worship with us on Sunday Mornings at 9:00am or
Monday Evenings at 7:00pm.
The Celebration of Holy Communion takes place on
the 2nd and Last Sunday of each Month.

- **Sunday School** meets from 7:45 to 8:50am each week.
- **Sunday Bible Class** meets at 8:00am and 10:15am
 - **Tuesday Bible Class** meets at 9:00am

Church Council Members:

Glenn Brunner, President
Paul Jerabek, Secretary
Jack Novak, Treasurer
Dan Fager, Board of Elders
Jacob Hlinak, Board of Evangelism
Brian Dax, Board of Youth Christian Education
Greg Hlinak, Property Board