



We are a Christian community rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ that gathers to worship, learn and share, and reaches out to welcome, witness and serve.



### Immanuel Lutheran Estate Sale

The Immanuel Foundation Estate Sale is going virtual! Due to ongoing concerns about the spread of COVID-19, the Immanuel Foundation has decided to transform this year’s Estate Sale into an online auction hosted by Gardner Auction Service. From July 24-August 3, you’ll be able to bid on a wide variety of items donated by generous individuals like you. We will be in touch closer to the date.

This year’s sale will raise funds for a Connected Theater System for the Immanuel Skilled Care Center. This system will allow residents to communicate effectively with their loved ones while remaining safe, healthy, and socially isolated. Once residents are safely able to gather, it will also enable cross-campus communication and allow us to broadcast events across campus. You can learn more about this system by visiting [our website](#).

We are currently accepting donations to make this Estate Sale even more successful. If you have furniture, household goods, working small appliances, or other items\* to donate, please call Lauren at 890-7165 or Heidi at 890-7164 to arrange drop-off. If you have family or friends who might like to donate or purchase items, please feel free to forward this email. Thank you so much!

\*Please note that we are unable to accept clothing, electronics, or pianos or organs.

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### Blood Drive

Due to the success of our May Blood Drive, Bethlehem Lutheran Church will be holding another event in the church basement on Tuesday, July 21st. To make your appointment please call Gary Aasheim at (406)698-4138 or go to [www.vitalant.org](http://www.vitalant.org), sponsor code: Bethlehem. Your donations help so many people in need.



“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.” —Mother Teresa

**BLC COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
(Meeting conducted via Zoom)  
June 9, 2020

**Treasurer's Report** (Anne Taylor)

- May Income \$45,270; expenditures \$31,083; ending balance May 31st \$43,630.
- Noted May was a super giving month
- Question as to whether all Mission Partners have been paid?

**Serious JuJu Proposal** (Miriam Mauritson)

- Thanked congregation for use of space to put food boxes together. Supplied 191 food boxes to Skater families
- Proposed using church parking lot for 'Friday Night Skate Night' beginning July 3 through August; 4:30-8:30 pm. About 30 kids; considering splitting group: 13 & under first 2 hrs; 14+ last 2 hrs. BLC named on their insurance policy (ok with BLC policy). Motion made, seconded, approved to host Friday Night Skate Night July 3 through August with use of bathrooms in Hjortland Bldg and stipulation that volunteers to wipe bathrooms down every half hour and to sweep building before leaving.

**Music Ministry Report** (Marshall Jones)

- Encouraging people to sign up online for reader or cantor for worship services.
- Thinking of ways of doing music in community, also maybe another virtual hymn sing and/or a hymn sing outside.
- Presented proposal for purchasing a Portable Sound System and included quotes on two systems. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to purchase option #2, not to exceed \$1,500 and using undesignated Thrivent funds.

**Pastor's Report** (Pastor Scott Thompson)

- Noted that in-person worship going well. Will give another 4-5 weeks then re-evaluate.
- Groups have begun meeting again in Fellowship Hall and Fireside Room with maintaining physical distance being stressed.
- Staff is meeting at office on M, W, F. Kellie working from home on Tues & Thurs.
- Is continuing online Bible Study on Thursdays via Zoom, also coffee meeting on Wednesdays.

**Upcoming Dates**

Youth Retreat: June 21-27  
Video Monitor Installation: June 29-July 2  
Prayer Shawl/Quilt Blessing: July 5 & 8  
Quilt and School Kit pick up: July 10  
On vacation: July 21 – Aug 4

**Education Report** (Vicky Nytes)

- Rally day to be Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Ed Committee discussing 'what will SS look like in the fall?' Looking at article in Living Lutheran re: "Godly Play" as possible curriculum or addition to.
- To meet July 12<sup>th</sup> to assemble Summer Quest Boxes for SS age children.
- Vicky will be leaving area early August to take a job out of county.

**Old Business**

- John Erfle/Pastor Scott reminded Directors to have budget requests to Stewardship Committee by end of July.
- Duane Anderson reported that there was some loosening of the PPP guidelines. Noted that the loan will be listed as a loan on the books until it is forgiven
- Bill Pursell reported that painting trim on Hjortland Building added \$10,180 to the cost. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for Hagestad Painting to paint exterior of the church building, and specific areas of the office building and Hjortland building for \$39,530.

**New Business**

- Discussed proposal for Undesignated gifts \$10,000 and greater. With some changes in language, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to put: 70% in undesignated restricted fund at direction of council; 10% to MT Synod for Mission Support of ELCA; 10% to a local organization at discretion of council; 10% to the BLC Trust's Mission Endowment Fund for ongoing mission/ministry.

Next meeting is August 11, 2020. There will be no meeting in July.

Treasurer's Report  
June 2020

This written report is to accompany Our Church's Financial Health chart shown below. The figures in the chart are through May 2020, since as of the writing of this report, it is the fourth week in the month of June 2020. In my reports, I want to reflect the information that church council reviews at each month's council meeting, which was held as a Zoom meeting in June.

During this unusual and difficult time of not being able to worship together as an entire congregation, you continue to show support for Bethlehem Lutheran Church in your giving! The May general offering included some catch-up gifts, as well as your continued regular financial giving. With expenses also remaining lower, that has allowed for a healthy cash balance of \$43,630.00 as of the end of May. Thank you all for your strong example of Christian generosity in both your financial gifts and acts of service in response to God's grace in your lives!

I miss seeing and worshipping with you! My prayer for our congregation continues to be that we trust in our Lord, listen for his guidance and find his joy that continues to lead us forward. Have a wonderful summer and enjoy your time with family and friends!

Blessings,  
Anne Taylor, Treasurer

Income/Expenses for May

Income		Expenses	
May	\$45,270	May	\$31,083
year to date	\$296,578	year to date	\$274,537
Total budget		\$432,517	
Needed per month		\$36,043	



Kyrston Byington	7/1	Georgia Pris	7/16	Judy Rossow	7/29
Jacob Johnson	7/2	Jackson Saverud	7/16	Judie Cundy	7/28
Andrew Johnson	7/2	David Ford	7/17	Ross Johnson	7/28
Gerald Reckin	7/2	Patsy Cloud	7/17	Heidi Miller	7/28
Susan Mueller	7/4	Larry Kaber	7/18	Ben Skeim	7/28
Ardyce Herman	7/4	Rodney Schenck	7/19	Annie Marshall	7/28
Richard Rossow	7/5	Pauline Sjordal	7/20	Reed Miller	7/28
Janet Veidt	7/7	Molly Wright	7/22	Eric West	7/29
Daniel Anderson	7/8	Jana Pursell	7/22	Barbara Magone	7/30
Kelly Sibley	7/10	Jacob Thompson	7/23	Isabella Lane	7/31
Melissa Pursell	7/10	Kent Gunderson	7/24		
George Thorson	7/11	Bill Erickson	7/27		
Norman Johnson	7/12	Christina Granrud	7/29		
Sally Devine	7/12	Ric Skeim	7/29		
Scott Thompson	7/15	Rick Ulvin	7/23		
Diane Weinberg	7/15	Wesley Goulet	7/23		
Linda Arlint	7/15	Eleanor Waniata	7/24		


 IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*


Louise Gullick, Janet Mullaney, Bob and Sue Moore, Beverly Hubbard, Thea Borgen, Linda Burkett, Jonas John, Maurice Serna and Mitchell Wagner.

## July Calendar 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff <u>10:30am</u> Spinners and Guild, FH <u>7:00pm</u> <b>Group A-</b> Worship	2 <u>9:00am</u> Prayer Shawl, FR <u>9:00am</u> Quilting ,FH <u>1:00pm</u> Acts Bible Study-Zoom and Facebook Live	3	4
5 <u>9:00am</u> <b>Group A:</b> In-person Worship, Quilt and Prayer Shawl Blessing <b>Group C:</b> online/radio <u>10:30</u> KOFI	6	7	8 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff <u>7:00pm</u> <b>Group B-</b> Worship, Quilt, and Prayer Shawl Blessing	9 <u>9:00am</u> Prayer Shawl, FR <u>9:00am</u> Quilting ,FH <u>1:00pm</u> Acts Bible Study-Zoom and Facebook Live	10 <u>11:45</u> LWR Truck	11
12 <u>9:00am</u> <b>Group B:</b> In-person Worship <b>Group A:</b> online/radio <u>10:30</u> KOFI	13	14	15 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>9:00</u> Coffee with Pastor Scott via Zoom <u>10:00am</u> Staff <u>10:30am</u> Spinners and Guild, FH <u>7:00pm</u> <b>Group C-</b> Worship	16 <u>9:00am</u> Prayer Shawl, FR <u>9:00am</u> Quilting ,FH <u>1:00pm</u> Acts Bible Study-Zoom and Facebook Live	17	18
19 <u>9:00am</u> <b>Group C:</b> In-person Worship <b>Group B:</b> online/radio <u>10:30</u> KOFI	20 <b>Newsletter deadline</b>	21 Blood Drive	22 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff <u>7:00pm</u> <b>Group A-</b> Worship	23 <u>9:00am</u> Prayer Shawl, FR <u>9:00am</u> Quilting ,FH	24	25
26 <u>9:00am</u> <b>Group A:</b> In-person Worship <b>Group C:</b> online/radio <u>10:30</u> KOFI	27	28	29 <u>6:45am</u> Men's Bible Study, FH <u>10:00am</u> Staff <u>7:00pm</u> <b>Group B-</b> Worship	30 <u>9:00am</u> Prayer Shawl, FR <u>9:00am</u> Quilting ,FH	31	



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**The deadline for the  
 August newsletter is  
 July 20th. Thank you!**

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	<b>Property:</b> Bill Pursell	