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# Expressions of Immanuel Church

April 2024

Worship Service 10:15 am

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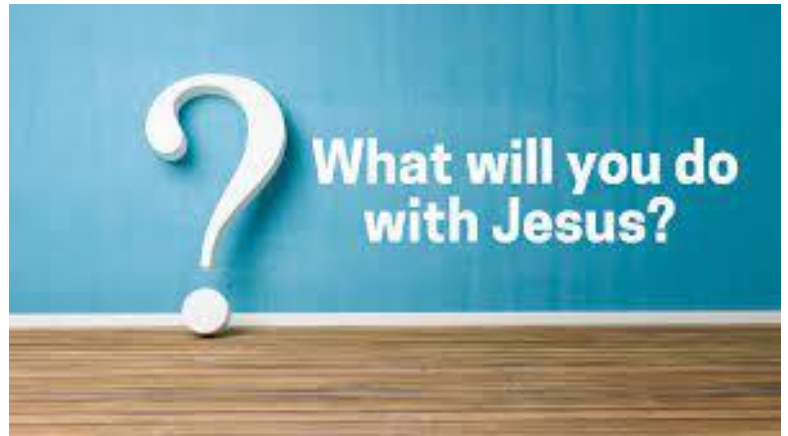
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## Dear Church Family,

To the right is a picture with an important question. From the start of Lent, some forty days ago until now, we have been looking at Jesus as our shepherd, our commitment, our calling, our walk with Christ, and the outcomes of Easter, but what are you going to do with it?



Easter is almost here as you receive this newsletter and soon the hype of Easter will be over. Jesus will be celebrated for rising from the tomb, your sins are forgiven and the weather is looking awfully nice. Soon the grass will be growing, vacations will be arranged and off you will go into the world all over again. But what are you going to do with Jesus? This question still remains.

How are you going to shepherd? Spring is the time for new lambs to be born, to be nurtured, and to be raised. In the same way, new decisions to follow Christ need to be nurtured, fostered, fed, cared for, and guided. Oddly enough, we shut down Sunday school in the summer, we take a break from Church in the upcoming weeks, and we make plans to be away since the children are out of school. Maybe it isn't intentional, but we step back from our commitment to Christ and the Church and coast. Okay, you do those things, but can you plan for Jesus to go with you on vacation? Can you make plans to feed your family spiritually in the summer? Why certainly, there are great opportunities to spend time together as a family around a campfire, with friends over in the summer, and take 30 minutes to have some devotion and study and design God to be part of your conversation.

In fact, I am planning some bicycle rides with a friend and we are talking about having a few others join in on occasions and then afterward have a cookout. Time to talk, visit, and build our relationships deeper and stronger. What would happen if we planned Jesus into our summer activities with our families, our friends, and our neighbors? Family, food, fun, and Christian fellowship can lead to great conversation, the nurturing of our children, and more. A few years ago, Dietrich and some buddies did Friday night fires at the barn. They would have a short bible lesson, and discussion and then have Christian music, fun, and fellowship around the fire afterward. Those unplanned discussions opened up the doors to talk about Jesus in a non-threatening way.

What will you do? How will you let Jesus in on the summer activities and use your home as a base of operation for the gospel? It's ironic that as you read the New Testament, the number of times that Jesus was at someone's home and people were healed, the message of the Gospel was presented and people believed or lives were profoundly impacted because of the casual setting. Conversely, when Jesus was at the Temple, the Leaders caused a stir, not saying that our church leaders are or would cause a stir, but the setting is completely different.

I know, Pastor Ed you are suggesting that we plan. Sort of, but I would ask that you consider letting God change your home into a resource for the Kingdom of God. That in your spontaneity of things, you make room for God to work in unique and profound ways, that you let your children see that God is a priority in your household, that you model for them speaking to friends about Jesus, and that you invite them into the conversation about Jesus as well. I think the most exciting thing about Confirmation Class is not the outcome of our youth, although this is exciting, but the impact on the adults. It's interesting the conversations that we have in which our children listen to us and learn from us about our faith and our journey. To me, it gives them the confidence to fail and the ability to come back to Christ with renewed and stronger confidence.

So what do you say? What will you do with Jesus this summer?

Sincerely,  
Pastor Ed Rinehart

**Immanuel Church of Kettlersville**  
**Minutes from February 13, 2024**

Attendance: Mark Elsass, Pastor Ed Rinehart, Parker Manger, Ginger Holtkamp, Dave Kettler, Matt Wick, Diane Greer, Missy Wells, Paul Bambauer and Dawn Dabbelt

Parker asked Pastor Ed to open the meeting with reading and prayer.

Secretary's Report – Dawn read the Consistory Minutes for the January 9, 2024 meeting. Dave K. made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Paul B. seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Ginger reviewed the treasurer's report for the period ending Jan 31, 2024. Beginning balance was \$65,083.23. Miscellaneous decreases totaled \$925.41. Checks and payments cleared equaled \$11,092.37. Deposits and credits totaled \$10,095.60 for a cleared balance of \$63,161.05. The reconciliation page showed an un-cleared balance of \$57,960.58 and showed all increases and decreases in the unrestricted and restricted bank accounts to now total \$57,960.58. Income and Expense Details were listed for January. At the time of consistory, bills paid totaled \$6,937.58. Bills yet to be paid \$1,451.97. Total for January expense \$8,389.55. Missy W. made the motion to accept, and Carson M. seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report –

- Lots of positives going on in our church. Sunday School attendance is nearly running at 50% of our Worship attendance. The depth of learning is happening. Teachers are learning from teachers, plans are coordinated, and ideas are shared.
- We are blessed with a variety of musicians during our services and we have youth stepping out of their comfort zone and playing in front of the congregation. They are succeeding and excelling.
- Our viewership on Facebook and YouTube has increased. Facebook is hitting over 200 views per week already in 2024. He asked all to share the broadcast with friends and family. We don't know who needs it at the very moment.
- Spiritual growth is happening. Spiritual depth is happening.
- Update – Confirmation class winding down. We have three youths who will be received into membership on Easter, March 31.
- Cody Gish will be sharing this coming Sunday, Feb 18 as Pastor is on vacation.
- Attendance update – this year's averages are in-house 79.8, Facebook 176.8, YouTube 26, and Fall Sunday School 45. Sunday School to Worship attendance compares to 56.78% of our average worship attendance.
- Maundy Thursday, March 28 Seder Supper. They will be having the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students receive the Seder meal with the congregation participating in the service.
- Good Friday the Church will be open (March 29) and Easter is March 31.
- Need to complete Membership Review and Audit for 2023 Year End.

Trustee's Report

- Carson M. will set up for Audit report to be done as soon as possible.
- Bartenstein Scholarship – 5 people estimated, able to give \$900 to each individual.
- Elevator inspection variance/compliance passed. Ned Meyer met with inspectors and maintenance last week in Paul B's absence.

Committee Reports:

Benevolent and Outreach – changed our March Benevolent to Bevin Stein. We had a change of heart after listening to his story during the January Women's Guild. We are still in need of 2 people to assist.

Care and Outreach – Ginger H. gave an overview of the upcoming - Widow/Widower Luncheon Wed, Feb 14. They have two speakers. One will be discussing Parkinson's and not sure what the other is sharing. Next month's speaker will be on scams. They are also in need of two additional people to assist. Joann Shroyer has volunteered to continue doing cards through February. Lisa Manger will step up to assist.

Decorating – Pastor Ed indicated that Easter flowers are being ordered this week.

Worship – Pastor Ed advised that nothing has been done on microphones, bulletins being finished for March, and worship set.

Education – Parker M. advised no update.

Youth – Souper bowl went well. The soups were delicious. Overall, they are having good attendance for the youth.

Shepherd's Sheep – Cancer Support Ministry – 2 in attendance. Keep in prayer.

#### Old Business:

- Open Committee Positions: 2 spots for Benevolent and Outreach and 2 for Care & Hospitality
- Church Rental Process, Tabled until next month.
- Kettlersville Well Association –Carson M., Matt W., and Mark E. attended the Well Association meeting. Asked the Association if they would consider changing the rate back to residential and a member of the association advised that all other area churches are being charged a commercial rate. Our consistory has been tasked to inquire with other churches about their rates. Paul inquired with the town of New Knoxville and they advised that NK Methodist is paying a residential rate and the First Church is paying a commercial rate due to their size and activities being held. It was noted that the keys have been returned.

#### New Business:

- Diane G. asked about opening up the nursery again and what would it take. Two people would be needed. 1 Adult and 1 10-year-old+ child. The consistory will ask people if they are interested in assisting with this.

Mark E. recapped information regarding the constitution and that they had 3 open invites to discuss the constitution. It was asked to Mark E. about adding something in our constitution regarding pro-life. It was asked to wait until the proposed constitution was approved before seeking additional amendments. It was decided that the start of the March meeting would look deeper at the request. Mark E. made a motion to invite to present their thoughts and concerns, and Missy W. seconded. Motion passed.

Next Meeting March 12.

Ginger H. made a motion to adjourn, Diane G. seconded, and Motion Passed.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Dabbelt

## Calendar of Events for April 2024

**Immanuel Office Hours:** Pastor Ed Tues.& Wed. afternoons and Monday from 9 am until Noon  
 Kelly Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 am to Noon

**Morning Coffee** Monday through Saturday from 7 am to 8 am

April 1st 7:00 pm Women's Guild  
 April 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service – Holy Communion  
 April 8<sup>th</sup> Office closed  
 April 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Immanuel Consistory Meeting  
 April 10<sup>th</sup> No morning office hours  
 11:30 am Widow & Widower's Luncheon  
 April 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service  
 6:00 pm Youth Group  
 April 15<sup>th</sup> Newsletter Items due to the office  
 April 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service  
 April 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am Sunday School  
 10:15 am Immanuel Service and Online Service

### Weekly Schedule

<b>Date:</b>	<b>April 7</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>April 21</b>	<b>April 28</b>
<b>Liturgist</b>	Dawn Dabbelt	Parker Manger	Kelly Shartzter	Mark Elsass
<b>Greeters</b>	Larry & Sandra Hirschfeld	Dave & Julia Kettler	Steve & Julie Kettler	Matt & Leslie Krieg
<b>Sound booth</b>	Mark Elsass & Curt Maurer	Dave Kettler Family	Ned Meyer & Magdalene Monnin	Matt & Levi Wick
<b>Broadcast</b>	Ned Meyer	Mark Elsass	Curt Maurer	Ned Meyer
<b>Singers</b>	Parker, Joann, Ned	Ned, Terry, Anita	Parker, Joann, Ned	Ned, Terry, Anita

**The Youth Group** will meet on the second Sunday of this month because of the Eclipse and the related traffic concerns. April 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Youth Group! Join Hattie and Morgan in the fellowship hall from 6:00 until 7:30 pm.

# Immanuel Church Benevolence and Outreach

**April 2024 - Matthew 25 Ministries (m25m)** - They are a humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization helping disaster relief victims and the poor locally, regionally, and internationally. They are based out of Cincinnati Ohio. Their mission is to fulfill Matthew 25:34-40. Besides monetary donations, m25m also accepts donations from corporations, organizations, and individuals. These items are then processed and shipped where needed. Volunteer opportunities are available at their processing center. For more information, go to m25m's website: [www.m25m.org](http://www.m25m.org)



**May 2024 - Doug & Kathy McClain** - missionaries in Germany - Their ministry involves bringing the Gospel to people in Pirmasens, Germany, disciplining them to spiritual maturity, and guiding them into service for Christ's kingdom. The McClains also work with refugees in Kusel, Germany. Less than 2% of the German people are truly Bible-believing Christians.

**June 2024 - "OPEN"** - Monies received will be dispersed by the committee if a need arises during the year or will be dispersed at the end of the year to provide additional support to one of the ministries already supported or to possibly support a new ministry.



## Widow and Widowers Luncheon!

A luncheon for all widows and widowers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month. The meal is scheduled to begin at 11:30 am in Immanuel Church Fellowship Hall.

Whether you are returning or just joining, please come and enjoy the fellowship! Join us – **April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am**

**Menu:** Crockpot pizza, salad, garlic bread, and dessert served with a drink!

## April Birthdays

April 1st	Morgan Manger
April 1st	John Lenhart
April 4th	Rhett Wells
April 9th	Curt Maurer
April 9th	Norah Rinehart
April 11th	Brandon Maurer
April 11th	Caleb Oren
April 16th	Valerie May
April 17th	Luke Eisert
April 18th	Reese Schmiesing
April 20th	Tripp Krieg
April 23rd	Claire Bensman
April 23rd	Bruce Quellhorst



## Happy Anniversary

### April Anniversaries

April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joe & Valerie May
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Richard & Jean Egbert
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ben & Becky Schmiesing

If your Birthdate or Anniversary has been missed please let the Church Office know so that we may check our records for incorrect or missing information.

**Women's Guild is taking donations for the local Food Pantry.** Boxes for collection are sitting in the back of the church and donations will be accepted through early April. Thank you for your donations!



**Confirmation Pictures** The confirmation pictures from the basement have been scanned into digital copies in the office, however, we have found many gaps. If you have any of the following years, would you please send a digital copy or bring a hard copy for scanning to the office? 1998, 1999, 2004, 2008, 2013, and 2016 to present.

# Immanuel Church

## Financial Overview

for the period February 01, 2024, to February 29, 2024

Type	Account Name	Begin Balance	Increase	Decrease	End Balance
First National Bank					
	Unrestricted	\$41,468.14	\$7,686.02	\$6,936.88	\$42,217.28
	Restricted	\$16,650.40	\$1,776.94	\$118.00	\$18,309.34
		\$58,118.54	\$9,462.96	\$7,054.88	\$60,526.62
	Advent Flowers	\$4.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.86
	Benevolent Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	02 Feb Benevolence	\$0.00	\$865.00	\$0.00	\$865.00
	Adam & Amy Burkey -	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
	Missionaries				
	Easter Flowers	\$15.00	\$393.00	\$0.00	\$408.00
	Improvement Fund	\$710.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$860.00
	Memorial Fund	\$524.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$524.14
	Bill Elsass Mem	\$1,422.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,422.00
	Dale Egbert Mem	\$1,895.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,895.00
	Doris Dillon	\$1,009.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,009.30
	Elaine Timmerman	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
	Harvey Watkins Mem	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.00
	Lucille Meyer Mem	\$1,580.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,580.00
	Marilyn Eutrecht	\$640.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$640.00
	Peggy Watkins	\$761.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$761.00
	Ray Egbert Mem	\$170.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.00
	Roy Baucom Mem	\$590.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$590.00
	Todd Shellabarger Mem	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
	Prayer Garden	\$317.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$317.11
	Sunday School Fund	\$1,211.95	\$107.66	\$79.33	\$1,240.28
	Widow and Widower Fund	\$180.50	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$198.50
	Luncheon Expense	\$275.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$275.16
	Money				
	Youth Fellowship Fund	\$4,594.38	\$153.28	\$38.67	\$4,708.99
		\$16,650.40	\$1,776.94	\$118.00	\$18,309.34

If you have questions, concerns, or items regarding the Financial Report please contact a Church Trustee.