

THE SON TIMES

Newsletter of Immanuel & St. Paul Lutheran Church-August 2024



Our Annual Joint Parish Picnic is set for Sunday, August 11 at St. Paul @ 10 am. We will gather for worship and then for dinner. Pastor Craig & Wendy will be making homemade bratwurst; look for the sign up sheets for other food items. We are trying to set up a corn hole tournament (needing boards and teams). Hope to see a HUGE turnout as we take this time to worship our God and celebrate our life together as a parish. This is a perfect time to invite those members who have been missing or a neighbor that has no church home.



St. Paul will be manning the Red Barn Brat Stand at Charlies on August 26-28. Please look for and sign up to work a shift or two.



VBS is set for Monday, August 5 at Cedar Park in Bonduel, starting at 5 pm. We will have a lesson, craft and then cookout meal. Bring your swimsuit-after we will have time for swimming! All kids-in the parish & outside-are invited. If you have any questions, speak to PC



We continue our exploring your favorite hymns, seeing how our music preaches to us the glories of Jesus Christ and Him crucified.
Aug 4: How Great Thou Art
Aug 11: What a Friend We Find
Aug 18: Beautiful Savior
Aug 25: Praise to the Lord
Sept 1: Turn Your Eyes to Jesus



The Immanuel LWML is hosting a Ladies Hat & Tea gathering Wednesday, August 14, starting at 6 pm. Find

your best hat-garden, fancy, flowery-and join us for a finger sandwiches, desserts and tea. Pastor will be presenting a small Bible study on "hats" in the Bible and why it used to be the practice of ladies wearing them in worship. Overall, this is a wonderful opportunity to gather and enjoy the company of your fellow ladies.

Pastor will be holding a organizational meeting for the upcoming confirmation year at Immanuel on Wed, Aug 14, at 5:30 pm. If you happen to know of any kids not part of the parish who would like to attend, please have them contact PC. IM SS will hold meeting on Aug 13 @ 6 pm





Next up is attending a performance Eddie Larsen's Classic Memories Band, where Tim Treptow plays, on **August 11** in Kimberly. Show is from 6:30-8 pm.



Then closing out the summer will be getting together at the Shawano Co. Fair tractor pull on **August 28**.

Our next meeting is on Monday, **August 26** at 6 pm at Immanuel. Please join us to continue to make plans and events.

Catch PC at the Fair!

It's fair time again! Don't forget to Look PC at the Shawano Co. Fair. If you come up and say hello to him, he will buy you a ticket for a ride.



Adults are welcome too-either for a ride or corndog!

Parish education is a very important subject for any congregation, especially in our current age. Since most people don't attend church, or even know the very basics of the faith, Christians must be ready to "**Say what we believe, and why we believe it.**" Many parishes offer Sunday School not only for kids, but for everyone once they end confirmation. Pastor would like to try to establish this-where during the same time our kids are learning, the "adults," from 9th grade and up, would also meet and continue to learn. Since he cannot lead, it would be up to you to do so. Pastor Craig is looking for a few people at each congregation who would be able to organize and lead the discussion of the Bible or theological areas that you discuss. Please consider this-for the more we all know about our God, the deeper our faith grows.



As we head into the fall (and then winter-Yay!) I want to start my third year with a focus on education. Something I found surprising when I attended seminary back in 2001 was that the knowledge of the Bible and history and doctrine was lacking, even among budding and future pastors. We were taught, "don't use "big" words in your sermons, b/c the people won't understand them"-words that a few generations ago were common knowledge and used by people in the church all the time. A great example is that one of my previous congregations was started in the 1880's by lay people who rejected the LCMS position on the issue of predestination (a hot-button issue at the time). Today, I wonder how many could even tell you what predestination is, let alone the LCMS position?

So, not only will we be continuing our Bible study on Romans (starting the 2nd half), and working through the catechism with adults on Sunday nights (as well as a unit on the history of the LCMS), I am open to even more as desired. I may throughout the year offer time to watch various videos I have around Biblical history and theological doctrine. I am hoping (see below) to have lay leadership step up and lead Adult Sunday school.

Finally, I will start using this column to answer your submitted questions concerning Bible, history, theology. So start looking for "Ask the Pastor" slips at the parish, where you can submit your questions around things you are interested in or always wondered about. In fact, try to "stump" me with difficult questions-actually, whenever you ask me something, I end up learning more and become sharper about our faith (we had this happen in our adult catechism class).

Let's start this fall with this emphasis on education-for all our people, for all our ages. As I teach-confirmation isn't "graduation" from Church, it should only be the beginning.

