

# Immanuel Messenger

GOD WITH US

June 2021

*"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."*

— 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

This month's Scripture is a bit longer than usual, but there is a good reason for that. I could not think of anything more appropriate than Paul's opening salutation to the Church in Corinth to finish my time here with you. This is the last newsletter article I will be writing for you and I wanted to take this opportunity to give thanks, once more, for you.

These last two years have certainly flown by, and I hope that you are as thankful for them as I am. I pray that you were able to grow and learn a few things from me, even as I was able to grow and learn a few things from you. I know you are going to be well taken care of, because we trust and believe that the Lord has called the right man for Immanuel to serve her and care for her members. That is the crux of Paul's salutation.

Over these past two plus years, indeed over the past 125+ years, you have been served by various men for varying amounts of time. While some have had longer tenures and some shorter, some an easier time in their ministry and some harder, there is one thread that ties them all together, and it is a thread that continues on through your new pastor-elect; that you have been sustained through the continued testimony of Jesus Christ. While all pastors preach a little differently, and each of us has our own quirks

(believe me, my wife likes to point mine out regularly—to keep me humble, of course), each man who has filled the Office here at Immanuel has done so through the Divine Call of their Lord and yours, preaching rightly divided Law and Gospel into your waiting and eager hearts.

I pray that you never cease to give thanks for the blessing that the Lord has given you in pastor Yonkers. I pray that you would remember that love covers a multitude of sins. I pray that you would continue to receive from your new pastor what you have received from each of his predecessors; a ministry of the Word and Sacrament through which you receive none other than your Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that you will continue to come faithfully to your Lord's house, with thanksgiving on your lips, so that you might lack nothing as you await the revealing of Jesus Christ on the Last Day. For it is only here that you can, and are, be equipped, enriched, and sustained for the battles and struggles that you face daily in this world.

Finally, I want to thank you. Thank you for the generosity you've shown me and my little family during the holiday seasons that seemed to be a bit more hectic than usual. Thank you for your kindness in the hard times, especially as I mourned the loss of my grandmother this past year and even now nurse a few broken ribs. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility as we worked together diligently to make sure that the many and various services were covered and meetings were attended. Thank you, most of all, for being faithful in your reception of the Word made flesh in your ears and upon your lips. Thank you for coming to your Lord's house and receiving the gifts He loves to give you, His dear blood-bought children. Thank you for all that you have done for me, and for all that I know you will continue to do for pastor Yonkers. Thank you!

Soli Deo Gloria,

*Pastor Callahan*

## SPECIAL DATES IN JUNE:

- LWML Mite Collection, **June 6**
- Flag Day, **June 14**
- Father's Day, **June 20**
- First Day of Summer, **June 20**
- Installation Service for Pastor Yonkers, **June 20**
- Voters Meeting, **June 27**



**HELP US CARE FOR YOU:** *Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you!* When you or a family member is hospitalized, we want to serve you with prayers and visits. Unfortunately, we are no longer notified by the hospital; please call the church office when you have any medical/surgical procedure or in any time of spiritual need at **217-442-5675**.



**Prayer requests:** we are certainly pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside our Immanuel members. Use keep us informed of their needs.

**OUR WAY OUT:** While in London, Timothy Merrill was intrigued that signs with arrows read WAY OUT, rather than EXIT, as they do in America. "Everywhere I went, I saw signs that showed me the WAY OUT," he writes. That made him ponder all the Bible characters who looked for a WAY OUT of predicaments. Moses looked for a WAY OUT of Egypt, Daniel certainly wanted a WAY OUT of the lions' den and countless people thought (and still think) there's no WAY OUT from their sins. "The good news of the Gospel," Merrill writes, "is that Jesus Christ is the WAY OUT! He is our exit from the messes and disasters we create. He is the exit from sin and unrighteousness. He is the WAY OUT of a life without purpose and the WAY IN to an abundant life. And the symbol of the WAY OUT is not an arrow but a cross. What a blessing to know that Jesus knows — and is — the WAY OUT!"

**LUTHERAN LEGACY:** The church has two endowment funds (one for the general fund and one for building and grounds). To donate directly to Lutheran Legacy, go online to [lutheranlegacyfoundation.org](http://lutheranlegacyfoundation.org) and click on the "funds" link on the top of the page, then on "churches" for Immanuel or "parochial schools" for ILS. The funds are listed in alphabetical order, scroll down until you find Immanuel in Danville and click on the "donate" button to the right. You can choose to donate by credit card or check. If you do not have a computer, simply pick up a donation form from information table in the hall and mail a check.

*"I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something. Then I realized I am somebody."*

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**DIRECTORY UPDATES:** Please note the following changes in your copy of the church directory: **Beverly Page** is at Deer Creek Manor, 3916 N. Vermilion St. Apt. 101, Danville, IL 61834; **Irene Koester's** email is [irenekoester69@gmail.com](mailto:irenekoester69@gmail.com); **Steve Koester's** email is [kustr1950@gmail.com](mailto:kustr1950@gmail.com). Soon, we will begin updating our church Directory of Members and Friends. **Please let us know if any of your contact information has changed or listed incorrectly.** You can call Kim in the church office, or email [ilcd.churchsec@gmail.com](mailto:ilcd.churchsec@gmail.com). We can add your email, cell numbers, etc. As a reminder, your information is for congregational communications only; it will not be distributed or used for any solicitation purposes. *Thanks!*

**WE'RE HAVING ANOTHER RUMMAGE SALE!** The date isn't set just yet, but if you still have closets to clean out, we are once again taking donations. You may bring items for the sale and place them on the stage behind the curtain anytime. *Thanks!*

**GRADUATION:** It's the time of year when students of all ages are graduating school and college and moving on to the next step in their lives. We'd like to recognize all of our graduates with a special prayer and blessing during the service on **June 6**. Please add your graduate's name to the board in our Narthex, so that we can include them. *Congrats!*

## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME BASEBALL?



We are looking for volunteers to work in the concessions stand during Danville Dans games on **May 29**, and **June 1 & 5**. Proceeds will benefit Immanuel. Sign up to work a shift on the event bulletin board. *It's not all work — we'll have FUN, too!*

## TO ALL IMMANUEL DADS:

**HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
DAY!**



**VOTERS MEETING:** Our next regular Voters Meeting is on Sunday, **June 27**, immediately following the worship service. We'll discuss the budgets for the church and school, and the positions up for election: Vice-president, Director of Missions and Social Ministry, Director of Stewardship, Director of Youth, Director of Finance, and Director of Christian Education. *Please come – your participation is important!!*

**WOMEN'S GUILD** is on summer break except for one special meeting on Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 PM (ladies notice the date change). At this meeting we will make some final decisions regarding our Leaf and Holly bazaar in the fall. Regular meetings will resume in September. Our missionary support and seminary student support do not take a break, so continue bringing mites the first Sunday of each month. Watch the newsletter and Immanuel lights for a possible summer outing.

**PARISH EDUCATION:** Sunday school and Bible Class are taking a break for the summer and will resume in August when ILS resumes. Thank you to our dedicated teachers for this year... Dwain Dixon, Sue Heidle, Mary Ellen Fricke, Kathy Christensen, and Diana Pratt! Just a reminder that those who ordered VBS to go kits can pick them up on Sunday, **June 6** or Monday, **June 7**. Thank you to all who supported our Monical's Day in May! We appreciate your support in helping with our VBS and other programs. Also, thank you to Annie Clark for always organizing our Monical's days!

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for July through September are available in the Narthex. *Portals of Prayer* is great for personal devotions, featuring a daily Bible reading, meditation, and prayer. It is available in pocket size and in a large print edition. **THANK YOU** to the Women's Bible Study for continuing to support the Portals of Prayer!

**PASTOR YONKERS INSTALLATION:** Please join us in welcoming Pastor Yonkers! Pastor Yonkers' Installation Service is Sunday, **June 20** at 3:00 pm. Rev. Mark Miller, our CID District President, Rev. Jeff Caithamer, our Circuit visitor, and Pastor Callahan will be in attendance. Immediately following the service, join us for a reception to meet and greet Pastor Yonkers, his wife Katie, and their son, Jamie.



WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY:

- **ILS REPORT:** Several students are enrolled for Summer Camp. So far, there are 6 new families enrolled for the 2021-2022 year. Mike Heidle is working with school families and promoting ILS to area churches.
- **VOTERS MEETING:** The date was set for June 27 following the service. Items on the agenda include budget prep and elections.
- **PARSONAGE:** The Capital Fund Committee has made the parsonage its focus until it is brought up to date.
- **FINANCE:** Reviewed financial reports and discussion regarding a donation.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** Hosting Dans volunteer games. Signup sheets are posted on the events bulletin board.
- **PARISH EDUCATION:** Monical's Day is scheduled for May 24.
- **SOCIAL MINISTRY:** Reviewed Immanuel Cares and Food Pantry Reports.
- **ELDERS** met on May 12.
- **VICEPRESIDENT:** Arrangements have been made for the Yonkers' move with arrival June 3. Working on budget with the finance committee. Installation service has been set for June 20 at 3:00 pm.
- **PRESIDENT:** Still working with Trinity and the Cemetery board to address short and long term needs of the cemetery. We have received multiple bids for mowing.
- **NEXT MEETING:** June 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

**GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS:** The next Scrip order is due by 9:00 am on **June 14**. **Please place them in Jo Van Hoveln's mailbox.** *Scrip cards make great Confirmation, graduation, and wedding gifts!* Order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway. Orders are not limited to the



vendors listed on the order blank. There is a full vendor at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or on the hall bulletin board. If your vendor is available write the name, denomination of the gift card, number of cards wanted, and total amount on a blank line of the order form. This order will be available for pickup after church on **June 20** or in the church office after that.

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honour' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' From the back, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'



**CAPITAL FUND DRIVE:** Our current bank balance is \$26,242 which includes the Honey Sunday, Chili-to-go, Valentine's Day bake sale, PI day, pork loin meal, rummage sale, and Super Bowl subs fundraisers (\$5,560) and Christmas tree gifts of \$3,780. One of our current projects is replacing the school gutting. We have a signed contract with Bash Pepper from Champaign, and they will complete the project this summer. We are also working on updating the parsonage. Prior generations worked and sacrificed to build the school/church building, and it is up to us to preserve and improve our church home just as we would our own household's. All donations from large to small are equally appreciated. Envelopes for this are on the Capital Fund bulletin board between the coatroom and mailboxes. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Van Hoveln or any of the committee members.

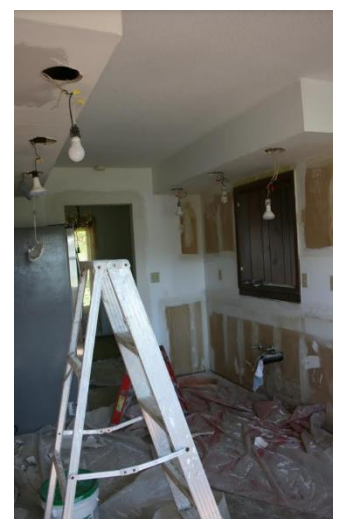
**GUTTERING UPDATE:** The installation of the new gutters on the school have been postponed until the beginning of August. This is due to the long spell of rainy weather we have just had; it put the construction company behind schedule.

He who raised the Lord Jesus  
will raise us also with Jesus and  
bring us with you

*Into His Presence.*

2 Corinthians 4:14, ESV

**PARSONAGE UPDATES:** There will be new kitchen cabinets, countertops, and appliances in the kitchen. The old stove was donated to Crosspoint. The patio and patio steps were also replaced. The bathtub has been epoxied; and the shower, light over the sink, and medicine cabinet in the master bath will be replaced. A new patio door will be installed soon. Thank you to everyone who donated the needed funds to complete these projects. A big thank you to Dan Van Hoveln, Jerry Kennett, Denny Hilton, Butch Buesing, Scott Huckstadt, Paul Van Hoveln, Michael Van Hoveln, and Jo Van Hoveln who donated their time to make sure everything is done. Thank you to Marcia Prasse and Loretta Reifsteck who brought lunch for a couple of days!





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**June 2021**

**June 6** (Mark 3:21)

**“Crazy or Faithful?”**

*Rev. Shayne Jonker, Faith Lutheran Church~Roanoke, IN*

It's crazy. Getting up for church, going through ancient rituals that have no connection with contemporary culture, and calling yourself a sinner, and believing that a pastor's word is Christ's Word forgiving your sins. Singing difficult hymns, praying to a God you can't see or hear directly, eating a bit of bread and drinking a sip of wine believing they are the sacrificial Body and Blood of Jesus. Trusting Jesus' finished work instead of your own works for salvation. Some will say, It's of the devil. Most will say you're crazy. God calls it faithful.

**June 13** (2 Corinthians 5:1-10)

**“Our Forever Home”**

*By Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN*

As we age, we become more and more aware of our mortality. Our once strong body shows signs of weakness and age. The day will come when the burdens of this life will be over, and we will be forever with the Lord.

**June 20** (Mark 4:35-41)

**“Fear Knot!”**

*By Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Church~Fort Wayne, IN*

The picture is very familiar: Jesus, asleep in the boat while His disciples battle the elements, trying to keep the boat afloat. Is Jesus unaware of their concern or, worse yet, the danger at hand? The answer to that question is the same answer He lovingly gives us to answer our questions of where He is during the storms of our life. Where is Jesus? He is right here! Listen to what He says.

**June 27** (Psalm 30)

**“Praise and Adoration”**

*By Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN*

The “business of living” brings incredible joys and unbearable sorrows. Christ-followers praise God in the highs and lows of life and all conditions in between. We live with the sure and certain hope that Jesus Christ is with us through it all.





# ILS Connections

A monthly Newsletter Connecting  
our school families, teaching staff, school leaders,  
congregation, and community!

**Sent to Serve!** June 2021



## From our School Director:

Say it isn't so! This school year is over! But we want to take one more opportunity to share some good news with you and your family! We hope you have enjoyed our "Connections" newsletters this year! And we look forward to connecting in the future!! For some, we'll enjoy seeing you in our Summer Camp! For some, we'll see you next year – you have registered, right?! Please don't wait to register!! For those not in Summer Camp and going off to different schools: we will miss you! Do keep in touch and let us know from time to time how your family is doing! We genuinely want to connect in the future!

Also, please share the word about our registration with families you know who have young children. Tell them to call me – I love talking with families about the advantages of our Preschool program and giving them a tour!

If you have questions or suggestions about our school, please contact me in the school office: 217-442-5036; cell: 516-0085; or: [ILS.MichaelHeidle.Director@gmail.com](mailto:ILS.MichaelHeidle.Director@gmail.com)

## Mrs. Hammer's Class

### School's out for SUMMER!!

I am very thankful for this year of teaching children and working with their families; what a joy! We had a GREAT year together! The class is ended the year with a luau and pizza party on Thursday, May 20th. Parents were welcome to the join our party!



## Mrs. Heidle's Class

What a great year we have had!! We started the year off reviewing all our shapes and colors. We had a letter of the week all year. We had so many fun themes throughout the year. We made books, many crafts, learned math through games and learned many fun songs during circle time. We learned the many social skills needed to become awesome kindergarteners. We were able to go on a field trip to Hog Wallow. We had *Muffins with Moms* and *Donuts with Dads* and just had our Famous Artist Art Show. This month we hatched chicks and butterflies! We brought it all to a conclusion with our Graduation Program May 19. As one of our songs says: *Kindergarten Here We Come!!!*

**Have a GREAT and Safe Summer!**



## Miss Kirsten's Class

I can't believe it is the end of the school year! The last week we had so much fun! We enjoyed popsicles and ice cream to start off summer. We also celebrated some summer birthdays in class and then had our camping themed end of the year party to finish off the school year! Since starting in January, the students have grown so much! We have learned many letters, have learned all our shapes, colors and numbers. We have also learned about manners and our feelings. I have enjoyed having them for my first year teaching!



## Register NOW for 2021–2022

Registration forms are available for this next year! Please register quickly to ensure your spot for another exciting year of fun, growth, and development at ILS! Please tell your friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers who have young children about the benefits of ILS and encourage them to register!

## Summer Camp Registration

Immanuel will again offer Summer Camp in June and July! Registration forms and info are available; be sure to include our Summer Camp in your plans for great, fun-filled childcare!

## Want to Join Our ILS Team?

We are in need of at least one Teacher/Aide Substitute; and we may be adding a Young Two's Class; thus looking for a Teacher and/or Aide. All of these positions must meet DCFS certification. If you or someone you know are interested, please speak with Mike Heidle in our ILS office soon! We can help with the certification process! We'd love to have you on our ILS teaching team!!

## THANK YOU!!

We extend a hearty word of THANKS to all who supported our fundraiser on May 17 with Danville Gardens! To those who shared fliers, ordered gift cards, shopped that day, and especially to our volunteers at the sale, Eileen Huckstadt, Gail & Barb Garner: Thank you all! We raised a total of \$1,472.02 for our school! Thank you for your support for our ILS!

## Upcoming Dates for ILS!

Summer Camp: June 1 to July 30

Meet the Teacher: Aug. 16

First Day of School: Aug. 17



Please visit our Immanuel website: [www.ilcdanville.com](http://www.ilcdanville.com) and click to subject tab "Immanuel Lutheran School" for info and *more* photos of our ILS! And be sure to follow Immanuel Lutheran Church & School, Danville on Facebook for photos, videos, and updates!

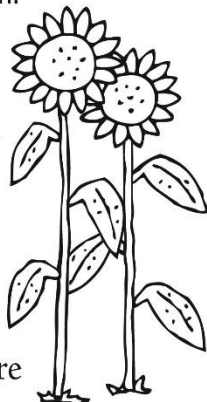




Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

#### What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



#### What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!



## PUZZLE



## Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

*Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.*



You can hold but not touch this. \_\_\_\_\_

Before using this, you must break it. \_\_\_\_

This falls without getting hurt. \_\_\_\_\_

This gets bigger the more you take away. \_\_\_\_\_

This has an eye but cannot see. \_\_\_\_\_

"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the \_\_\_\_.

It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit  
to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

PSALM 19:4-6, NIV





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June Don DeMoss, Ken Kuhn, and Kurt Thornsborough

### Communion Assistants

June 6 Don DeMoss  
20 Kurt Thornsborough

### Ushers

June Team "F"  
Capt. Tom Farrell, Dwain Dixson, and Al Julian

### Lay Readers

June 6 Al Julian  
13 Joe and Kathy Kyle  
20 Greg and Jennette Lane  
27 Marilyn Le Pere

### Greeters

June 6	Narthex	John and Marcy Heeren
	Chapel	Kitty Lee
13	Narthex	Charles Vollmer family
	Chapel	Volunteer needed
20	Narthex	Bill and Joyce Martin
	Chapel	Walter Harbison
27	Narthex	Gary and Sarah Stuhr
	Chapel	Carol Johnston

### Acolytes

June 6 Deegan Culotti  
13 Hannah Christensen  
20 Noah Christensen  
27 Rhylie Beauvois

### Altar Guild

June Sharron Runyan and Sharon Glossinger

### Money Counters

June Team "C" Mary Powell and Dianne Seibert

### Check Signers

June Marilyn Le Pere and Jo Van Hoveln

### Videographer

June 6 Noah Christensen  
13 Mike DeMoss  
20 Dwain Dixson  
27 Noah Christensen

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

Complete this proverb: "Like snow in \_\_\_\_\_ or rain in harvest, so honor is not fitting for a fool."

A. springtime  
B. summer  
C. seedtime  
D. autumn

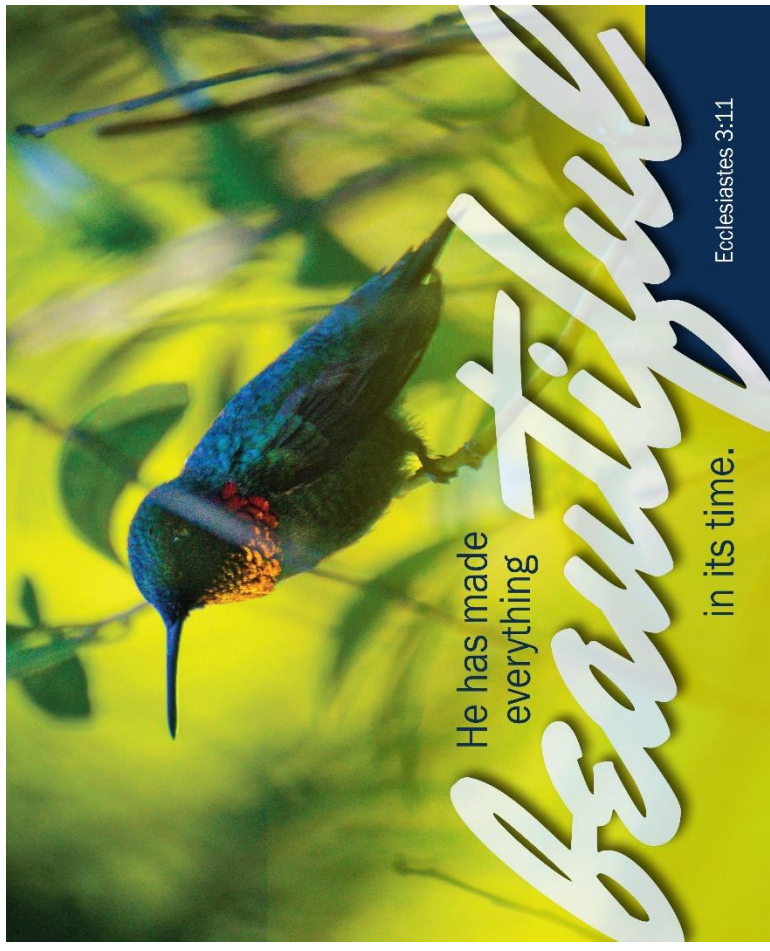
Answer: B (See Proverbs 26:1, ESV.)



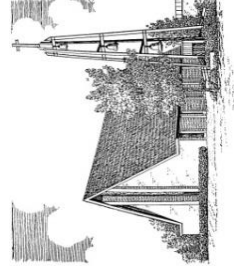
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**Worship Schedule**  
Sundays  
June 6, 13, 20 & 27  
at 8:30 am  
Wednesdays  
June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30  
at 5:00 pm

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**Communion Schedule**  
Sundays  
June 6 & 20  
at 8:30 am  
Wednesdays  
June 2, 9 & 23  
At 5:00 pm



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