

# THE VINE



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**The Choristers Present  
"O Jonah!"**

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"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." *John 15:5*

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- 7:45–9 pm: Cantorei (adult voices)

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### Confirmation

- 6:45 pm: For youth in grades 7 & 8

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## The Vine

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## Living out my faith

# Where Is the Holy Spirit Calling Us?

Meet Vicar Josh Moss

By Cassandra Quam

Josh Moss is a senior student at Wartburg Seminary and will be spending a year at Immanuel as a full-time intern pastor.

*When will you be joining the ILCSP community as an intern, and how long is your internship?*

My family and I have been attending Immanuel for just over a year and many of you have probably seen us around. This upcoming time together is called a 'culminating internship' and will begin June 3rd, 2024, and end around that same time next year. I'll have completed all my class work prior to this internship. I'll serve as Immanuel's first intern pastor or "vicar", since 1976 and I recognize the significance of that. The 'next thing' will be the 'professional' thing' for me. There's a surreal quality to it.



*Describe what led you to go to seminary. What do you find satisfying/fulfilling in your work/studies?*

In 9th grade I wrote a science paper titled 'Boiling Over: Chemical Properties in the Lake of Fire,' which led to an interesting conversation with my teacher who was also a pastor. The process of critically engaging Scripture was life-giving for me. Scripture is still what energizes and inspires me most, and I especially love engaging Scripture with others. Seminary, and now Immanuel, provided a structured framework for contextualizing encounters with Jesus in Scripture and moving into the world guided by the Holy Spirit, like moving from a lifetime of preparation into a space where preparation meets purpose.

*What would you say are the gifts/talents that you bring to your work/studies?*

I aim for collaboration, curiosity, and calmness to guide how I work and study. I love teamwork because it creates chances for mutual insight and shared successes and is modeled by Jesus' time with his disciples. I admit that curiosity requires constant practice, and I have really enjoyed how it sparks possibilities, especially with groups. Everyone is called to ministry in some kind of way, and encouraging others to lean into their gifts and talents brings me incredible joy. I've found one of the best ways to do that is through collaboration centered on Jesus Christ.

*Tell about a time you felt you made a difference for someone.*

Caring for my mom during her fight with cancer certainly made a difference for her, but I was really the one to receive the greatest gift. This is when I understood what it meant to journey with someone instead of trying to drive. It was the toughest and the most profound way for me to experience being blessed to be a blessing to others.

*What are you looking forward to in this internship?*

I'm really looking forward to getting to know people, learning from their wisdom, and contributing to our shared journey of faith. Do you remember the show *The Magic School Bus*? Ms. Frizzle always said, "Take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!" We've got 12 months and a lot of folks have given us permission to do that—let's make the most of it and see where the Holy Spirit is calling us together next.

*What is something you would like the people of Immanuel to know?*

John 11:35, "Jesus wept" ἔδάκρυσεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς, is often cited as the shortest verse in the Bible. However, 1 Thessalonians 5:16, "Rejoice always," Πάντοτε χαίρετε, has fewer characters in the original Greek, so just carry that in your back pocket for a while. I love these verses together because they remind me to recognize the reality of pain, and invite me to draw from the wellspring of joy within and around me; where does that come from, and what is the Holy Spirit saying to us through that? I think this is what Jesus meant when he talked about the Kingdom of God being within, among, and near us—I experience that in the most wonderful way at Immanuel, and I'm so grateful for the opportunities we're sharing. May Peace be with you always.

## Staff Reflection:

# Graces Outpoured

by Chris Cherwien

*Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord! May all your graces be outpoured on each believer's mind and heart; your fervent love to them impart. Lord, by the brightness of your light in holy faith your church unite; from every land and every tongue, this to your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung.*

*Text from the sixth movement, "Together in Hope"*

Last July, Paul Stever, Pilgrim Lutheran's Music Director contacted me about the possibility of joining our choirs together for an evening service on Pentecost Sunday. Since Pentecost is early this year, and this is a festival that often gets shortchanged, he suggested that this was the perfect year.



Chris Cherwien directs the joint choir and orchestra at rehearsal

The service would feature Kim André Arnesen's beautiful "Holy Spirit Mass." Arnesen is one of the most frequently performed composers from Norway today. The National Lutheran Choir premiered this work in 2017 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC to commemorate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. The work also commemorates 50 years of productive Lutheran-Catholic dialogues, with themes of mercy, grace, oneness, praise, hope and a vision for a reconciled future.

*Creator Spirit, heavenly dove, descend upon us from above; with graces manifold restore your creatures as they were before. Kyrie eleison. (Lord have mercy.) Christe eleison. (Christ have mercy.) Kyrie eleison.*

*Text from the first movement, "Creator Spirit" (Kyrie eleison)*

*Your light to every sense impart, and shed your love in every heart; your own unfailing might supply to strengthen our infirmity. Keep far from us despair, our foe: and peace from your own hand bestow. So, by your ever-gracious call we fear no threat and live for all.*

*Text from the fifth movement, "Peace" (Agnus Dei)*

These texts, paired with beautiful melodies, transport the singers and listeners! The Holy Spirit does have the power to restore and unite. Alleluia!

## Immanuel's Care Team

by Bonnie Edhlund

One afternoon 24 years ago, JoAnn Hogenson left work and paid a visit to an elderly Immanuel member. On that visit JoAnn shared stories about the people and activities of Immanuel. Mostly she just listened as her new friend told stories about her life.

Today JoAnn is still making these visits. Why does she do it? "I really like old people," she said. She finds them interesting, friendly, and welcoming. On some visits, JoAnn might serve Communion, read from the Bible, or say a prayer with them. Mostly; though it's just talking and

listening, and she knows how important these visits are, that's what sustains her to continue to serve on the Care Team Ministry.

The Care Team Ministry, led by Jody Dahl, is a group of volunteers who share JoAnn's dedication. They serve the elderly, both who are in nursing homes or those still at their own homes, in a variety of ways.

In addition to in-person visits, some elderly folks prefer a phone call. The mailing of greeting cards is another well received Care Team program. Judie Prayfrock has an extensive roster

of folks who will receive birthday cards, as well as cards at Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and when appropriate, get-well cards. Judie includes a short message in each card along with a Bible verse. Most of her cards are donated by Immanuel members.

The Care Team meets every three months. As team leader, Jody Dahl organizes the Team and as referrals come in, she assigns them to a Care Team member. Jody says that additional members are welcome!

## Reflecting on the Community

# What Is Your Third Place?

By Heather Cordes

I recently met a friend at a tavern on the northside of St Paul. Although this establishment (Neumann's) is celebrated as the oldest bar in Minnesota, I had yet to visit it. I knew it was one of her favorite hang outs and I thought it was time to check it out.

It didn't take me long to understand why she loves it. Nearly everyone that came into (or out of) the place greeted her with a smile, a hello or a "how are you?" As I drove home that evening, I realized – that small little neighborhood tavern is her "third place".

If you've never heard of a third place, you're not alone. I just caught wind of this term a few months ago. And, when I asked around, nobody else was familiar either. I was intrigued, so I dug into the topic.

The concept and term third place has been around since the late 80s. In 1989, sociologist Ray Oldenburg published a book called *The Great Good Place*. In this book, the author coined the term third place and described it as "public places where people gather, put aside the concerns of home and work (their first and second places), and hang out simply for the pleasures of good company and lively conversation". Hmmm. Do I have a third place?

According to Jeffres et al. (2009), about 71% of US people have their third place. Most common third spaces are (in this order): community centers/town meetings, coffee

shops, restaurants/cafes, and churches.

From a sociological perspective, Oldenburg's book describes the important qualities of third places:

- 1) They are inclusive and local
- 2) They create an environment in which everybody knows just about everybody
- 3) They serve as ports of entry for visitors
- 4) They offer a 'neutral ground' space for conversation, idea sharing, and the transmittal of social norms
- 5) They create places for fun and enjoyment
- 6) They create a sense of belonging and connectedness

Over the last three decades, continued studies and articles on the topic of a "third place" have added to the conversation, d. Discussing the concept of it, the importance of it, the loss of it (remember those pandemic days?), and the resurgence of it. All studies seem to agree; a third place is an important contributor to a person's well-being and happiness.

More recent studies have associated the importance of the availability of third places to building strong communities. Dr. Richard Kyte, Director of the Reinhart Institute for Ethics (He also happens to be a Minnesota native and Hamline University graduate) – has written a new book called *Finding Your Third Place—Building Happier Communities and Making Great Friends Along the Way*.

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## A New Way to Connect

Coming (Really) Soon to Your Phone

We've been testing and refining, squashing bugs and polishing. Now, the Immanuel Mobile App is almost ready for your phone!

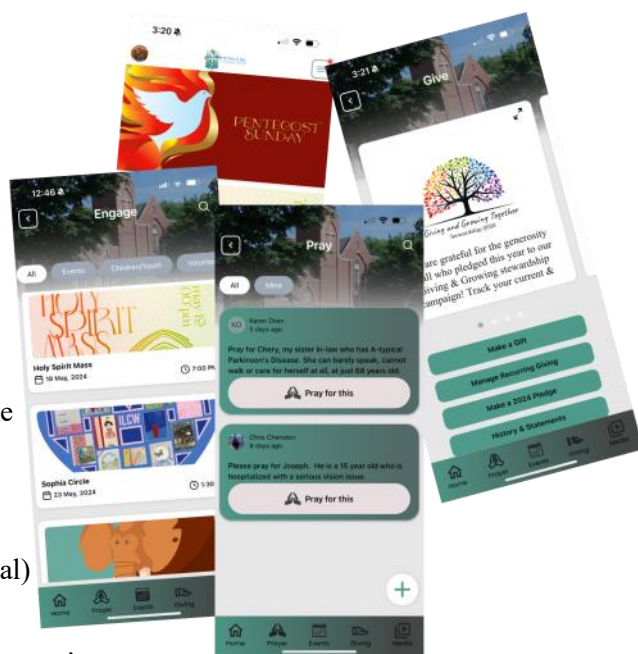
One of the features we're most anticipating is the Prayer Feed. It is a place where you can invite others to pray for you, your family or your friends. It is also a place to go to lift others up in prayer.

Want to learn more about an upcoming event and register? Sign-up to host Coffee Hour? Maybe even buy your Lutefisk tickets this fall? The mobile app makes it easy.

Want to make a donation? Pay a pledge? See your giving history? Simple.

Need to contact other church members? The new directories (yes, plural) have the most current info.

Watch your email and News & Notes for the big announcement this summer!





## A Whale of a Tale



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Scenes from "O Jonah!"  
by the Chorister's on May 5, 2024



## The Heritage Committee

# Our Never-Ending Story

*By Heather Cordes*

Over the course of our lengthy church history, members have understood the importance of recording history for future generations.

In 2019, as our 150th celebration approached, two passionate and talented women, Ann Derr and Peggy Johnson, stepped forward to research and create a history book for the celebration. They dug into the back corners of the church building, and sifted through boxes, albums and binders to uncover and preserve our collective church's story. Many current and former members contributed content and photos, but the herculean effort of researching, organizing and editing was vastly owned by Ann and Peggy. **Together, they published the Immanuel Lutheran Church - 150 Years (1871-2021).**

Recognizing the amount of blood, sweat and *papercuts* that went into assembling Immanuel's rich story, Ann and Peggy (who had a 35-year career as a librarian at the University of Minnesota Libraries), wanted to continue telling the story. Our story.

With generous gifts of time and money from the Improvers, the Men's Club, the ILC Foundation and others, Immanuel now has its first ever dedicated Heritage Room and Heritage Committee. Huzzah!

**Dedicated space:** The well-outfitted Heritage Room is located in the lower level of the Education Commons. It's equipped with furniture, shelves, and filing drawers. Additionally, it has the digital equipment needed (printer, monitor, PC) to tackle the next big project (continue reading to learn more about this).

**Committee:** The Heritage Committee, formed by Ann and Peggy, has grown by five and now includes JoAnn Hogenson, Kathy Raiter, Judie Prayfrock, Gay Bartholic, and Lisa Struss. JoAnne was drawn to this committee stating, "We need to value our heritage. Value the services and ministries of those before us. It's inspiring."

The committee mostly works independently, taking direction from the "project sheets" in the committee workbook binder. The committee has been busy. The church bulletins, messengers, and annual reports have been organized and put into storage boxes. And two full file-drawers with documents and photos related to historical events, ministries and people are labeled and organized.



Ann Derr organizes documents from Immanuel's history

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### What's next?

Ann lit up when asked what's over the horizon for the collection. "Well," she said, "our next project is to set up our digital equipment, identify and install software, and establish a process for digitizing our photographs. The current storage and condition of the photos is dire." She carefully pulled a crinkly album from the shelf. It looked like it would turn to dust if dropped. Poof. "We are praying for a volunteer to help us with any part of this project," Ann added.

### How else can the congregation support this effort?

Ann shared, "There's so much help our congregation can offer. We are still missing a lot of history. Especially work completed by committees and ministry teams. And, this is an ongoing mission, and we need the congregation's participation to keep the collection going."

Specific ways you can help:

- Donate historical artifacts, documentation or pictures of past activities.
- Contribute content from activities happening right now and into the future.
- Identify names of people in the *congregation-wide* photo taken in Oct 2022. The Heritage Committee will be asking for help during coffee hours soon.
- Send digital content to: [archive@ilcsp.org](mailto:archive@ilcsp.org) or contact Ann or Peggy if only hard copies exist.
- Use the Heritage room. If you are looking for historic information, let the committee know and they will help you out.
- Join the Heritage Committee.

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## Confirmation 2024



**Lily**, with mentor Melanie

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.  
--Romans 5:3-5



### Blessings for our Confirmands



**Jo**, with mentor Christine

Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and  
enjoy security.  
Take delight in the Lord,  
and he will give you the desires of  
your heart.

--Psalm 37:3-4



**Eva**, with mentor Anna

God has said,  
"Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you."  
So we say with confidence,  
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be  
afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?  
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday  
today and forever.  
--Hebrews 13:5b-6, 8

*What Is your Third Place? continued from page 5*

This book, to be released this summer, is a guide to help build more vibrant communities by encouraging people to find a place outside the home and work where they can develop meaningful relationships and learn that we're more alike than different.

Do you have a place you would identify as your third place? Maybe Immanuel is one of those places to you.

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## ILC Foundation News

Great news! The Foundation board has approved an increase to the maximum Bright Idea grant amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Each year the Foundation encourages the congregation to bring forward ideas to "boost" some area of the Immanuel community. They offer funding support to help launch those ideas. Two new ideas have been submitted already this year. The outcome of those ideas is sure to make an impact!

Keep your eyes open for opportunities to fill a need or just have some fun, then contact a Foundation member to submit an application. (Foundation members include: Melanie Engelking, Ross Robey, Tara Mattesich, Berit Nelson, Loren Danielson, Heather Cordes).

*Our Never-Ending Story, continued from page 7*

This has been (and will continue to be) a substantial effort to maintain the history of our church, but when asked if it's worth it, Ann said, "When I was studying past pastors, reading about them and their participation in founding this church, I was impressed with their drive and dedication to

offer a welcoming place for immigrants. A place to worship, get support and feel safe. Her desire to save the underserved is something that speaks to me and something I'm called to do as well. Learning these stories strengthens my faith and reinforces my passions."



**Competence**  
Using your gifts in ways that honor God

**Caring**  
Helping others directly

**Choices**  
Making choices that reflect your faith

**Change**  
Working to make the world a better place

# **celebrate** *what our community is doing!*



Immanuel was well represented at the LSS Youth Services Fundraiser in Minneapolis by Pastor & Brian Bullock, Mark Thompson, Kelley Wells, Kim Thompson, Maureen Owano, Carrie Menard and Kay Draine (not pictured).



Heather Cordes and her team "You Betcha" raised almost \$2000 for MS research at the MS walk in early May.



JoAnn Hogensen, Barb Columbus and Phyllis Bently attended the St. Paul Area WELCA convention at St. Paul Lutheran in Wyoming.

## Sports

**Dave Hansen's** curling team and **Nate Dexter's** curling team faced off in the club championship match for the Frogtown Curling Club this March. Each curling team had won its league championship and surpassed all other league champions (the club has a total of 10 leagues with 14 teams per league), with Dave Hansen's team emerging as the club champion for 2024.

**Wes Norquist** (Highland Park), **Ani Hoiland**, **Audrey King**, (Central), and **Evan Helgeson** (Eagan) ran track and field this spring.

**Lily Sheldon** and **Theo Sheldon** played lacrosse for St. Paul/2 Rivers Ducks.

## Theater

**Kate Stenberg:** Tech for "Matilda" at Cretin Durham Hall

**Lael Hippen, Charlotte Mears:** Ensemble for "Beauty and the Beast" at Highland Park High

**Ruby Nelson, Stella Kirkness:** "Into the Woods" at Hidden River

**Allie Fee, Liam Harris:** Circus Juventas

**Mae Iaria:** Tech for "Alice in Wonderland" at Global Arts Plus Upper

**Ada Nelson** will be in Shrek this summer with Highland Park Community Center Theater

## Music

**Tarq Johnson** played his trombone in the St Paul Academy Jazz Cabaret.

## Travel

**Sven Lahti** travelled to Germany with the Twin Cities German Immersion School

**Paula Vavrek (and mom, Danyl)** will go to Italy in June with Minnehaha Academy.

**Bergen Hippen** is going to Paris with her grandmother.

## Congratulations!

**Grace Riegel** was elected to be a representative at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Summer of 2025 in Phoenix. This assembly will include a vote on the Social Statement on Civic Life and Faith and will elect a new Presiding Bishop.

# **Congratulations** to all our graduates!



Zach is graduating from Montana State with a BS in Biological Sciences, (major in Conservation Biology, minor in Economics. ) After a summer at Widjiwagan, he'll return to Bozeman in the fall.

*My favorite experience at ILC so far, has been the youth retreats. — Leland*



Sam is graduating from Cretin Derham Hall and will be attending St. John's University in the fall to study data science.

*One of my favorite memories from Immanuel is messing around with my youth group friends on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings—Lily*



Lily is graduating from St. Olaf with a Bachelor of Music in Instrumental Music Education. She'll be student teaching in the twin cities this fall.



Leland is graduating from Open World Learning Community and will be attending U of M in the fall to study exercise science.

*I remember hanging out in confirmation (oftentimes driving Michele and Gay crazy with Sam and Leland), practicing for the musicals, Easter Vigil service, learning about the Old Testament in Sunday school, Lutefisk dinner, caroling, working/attending the flea market and kids carnival, and sitting in the library while my parents had church meetings.*

— Welsey



Greta is graduating from U of M with a Masters in Landscape Architecture, and will begin at Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects next month.



Natalie is graduating from Northwestern University with a BS in Industrial Engineering & Management Sciences. She'll soon be an Associate Industrial Engineer for the Walt Disney Co.



Wesley is graduating from Highland and will be attending UW Madison in the fall for engineering.



## Church Council

### Council Recaps

**March:** The Touchpoint team is working hard with the staff, ministry teams, and council to make sure we are using this new system to its best advantage. They are looking to use the system for better outreach to visitors to ILC, as well as easier support for giving and volunteering. Connect cards will be available soon. We seek to connect better to those who visit us and provide a more welcoming atmosphere, as well as better follow up with those who reach out after visiting.

St Paul schools did not strike but Student Spot was ready just in case. The Student Spot program is becoming a recognized asset to our neighbors and people are open in their thanks and support for this community benefit.

An updated Sexual Harassment policy was approved and is available to and for volunteers, staff, and others. Other policies are also being updated as well to provide better general guidance to our congregation, staff, and volunteers.

**April:** Our financial outlook is still on track for the projected budget. ILC will be renewing our insurance policy in July. The Finance Committee will be reviewing the current policy, as well as any potential updates needed,

and presenting it to the council in June.

The council approved donation of a piano for the sanctuary. They also approved membership for Grace Reigel. Welcome, Grace!

David Hansen of the Membership team met with the council. Membership is trying to come up with new ways to engage with both prospective new members and to build connections within ILC's congregational community. How does outreach look in our actions as a public church? How do we meet newcomers where they are in their spiritual journey while still meeting the needs of our congregation? If you have any insights, or would like to be more involved directly with the membership team, please reach out to David, Pastor Cindy, or any member of council.

**May:** The May Council meeting takes place after publication. Watch for that summary in the August issue.

#### Financials:

The general fund balance reported at the April meeting was \$121,703. Our financial picture is looking good at the beginning of the year. The general and Capital Campaign funds remain healthy. We will continue to keep a close eye on the budget and update the

congregation as the year progresses to make sure we stay on track.

#### Official Minutes;

The official minutes of each Council meeting can be obtained at the church office. If you have any questions or comments please contact Seth Harris, President, or any Council member. The Council meets monthly, usually on the third Tuesday. Meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

#### Council and Leadership Retreat

The Church Council, Team Leaders and Staff met on Saturday, April 20 to consider priorities and goals for the next year. We spent time dreaming, using the question, "What headline about Immanuel would you like to see on NPR five years from now.

We then moved to a study of where different programs are on their life cycle (gestation to birth to maturity to creative destruction or renewal.) These will help us determine where to spend extra time and resources in the next year.

The day ended with reports from each of the teams.

Martha Hansen, Council secretary

If you have questions, contact Seth Harris, Council President, or any Council member. The Council meets monthly, usually at 7 pm on the third Tuesday. Check the [church calendar](#) for up-to-date schedules.

### Have a question, idea or concern? Contact a Council member or team lead

**Seth Harris**, Council President

**Rhonda Tjaden**, Past President

**Shawna Boll**, Vice President

**Martha Hansen**, Secretary

**Jeff Engleking**, Treasurer

**Jackie Hippen**, Assistant Treasurer

**Ross Robey**, Financial Secretary

**Kari Sheldon**, Assistant Financial Secretary

**Gay Bartholic**, Member at Large

**Jennifer Erickson**, Member at Large

**Karen Osen**, Member at Large

*Team Leads*

**Jackie Hippen**, Finance

**Deb Ahlquist**, Worship & Music

**Brian Bullock**, Media Ministry

**Penny Norquist**, Stewardship

**Mary Gwen Thompson**, Children, Youth & Family

**Open**, Property

**David Hansen**, Membership

**Christine Danielson**, Social Action

thank you!

Thank you to all who have helped with Sunday morning Faith Formation, from teaching to wrangling wiggly bodies to taking youth on church visits:

Mary Gwen Thompson

Caroline Thompson

Linda Tantzen

Martha Hansen

Kelsey Maniaci

Jennifer Erickson

Josh Moss-Flatford

Mike Flatford

Laura Preus

Anna Kirkness

Melanie Engelking

Dave Stark

Thank you to all who have supported our youth activities. We appreciate you showing up at our events and helping to ensure we have the resources we need.

Thank you to the many, many people who helped with Student Spot this year. Every person made a valuable contribution to the success of this year's program.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Minnesota Food Share Campaign. Together we were able to raise \$6,143 along with 187 pounds of food items for our local food shelf, Keystone Community Services.

## The Back Pew

Our Immanuel Choirs are taking a well deserved summer rest after leading worship so beautifully from September -May. We have talented and dedicated members who come each week and give us all the gift of their music. Parents, spouses, significant others and children of choir members thank you for sharing your loved one on Wednesday nights and Sunday morning! We are grateful!



The family of Lola May Thompson has gifted our congregation with a Baldwin Grand piano. The piano was built in 1987, the 125th anniversary year of the Baldwin Company and fits beautifully in the front of our sanctuary. We are grateful to Mark & Kim for this wonderful addition to our music making at Immanuel.

For the August Issue:  
Send your vacation pictures to  
[thevine@ilcsp.org](mailto:thevine@ilcsp.org)!



Kelley Wells led the session, "What's Faith Based Living Got To Do with Civic Life?" during the Civic Life series this spring. Thanks to all the leaders and participants for a lively discussion!

## Important Dates to Know

June 8: LSS Night at Allianz Field

June 19: Grades 3-8 packing meals at Every Meal

June 24-28: Vacation Bible School

July 1-3: Encanto Theater Camp

July 14: Grades 3-8 at the Bell Museum

July 16-20: National Youth Gathering

July 21-26: Camp Wapo

August 5-9: Music and Arts Camp

September 8: Welcome Back Sunday

