





welcome to
IMMANUEL
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Weekend

VISITOR INFORMATION

RESTROOMS are located at the bottom of the stairs to the right when you exit the narthex into the school building.

THE MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf in the corner of the narthex and is meant only for women and children. Fathers may use the bathroom in the upstairs school hallway.

AMPLIFYING HEADSETS are available in the Deacons room. Please see any usher if you would like assistance.

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Deacon on duty this weekend or any of the ushers or pastors. They would love to assist you!

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE? Take a picture of this QR code to learn more about what we believe or visit our website, ImmanuelMankato.org.



ORDER OF SERVICE

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn TLH 246 *“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”*

Confession and Absolution of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

All: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 33:18-22

P: Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

C: On those who hope in His mercy,

P: To deliver their soul from death,

C: And to keep them alive in famine.

P: Our soul waits for the LORD;

C: He is our help and our shield.

P: For our heart shall rejoice in Him,

C: Because we have trusted in His holy name.

P: Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us,

C: Just as we hope in You.

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

The Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Luther's Sanctus Hymn

Isaiah 6

♪ **Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
One to the other called and praised the Lord:**

**“Holy is God, the Lord of heav’nly hosts!
Holy is God, the Lord of heav’nly hosts!
Holy is God, the Lord of heav’nly hosts!
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!”**
**The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

Almighty God, You have graciously called us into Your kingdom, and have brought us to confess the true faith in You as the Holy Trinity, so that we rejoice in the divine majesty of Your true unity. We ask that You would keep us steadfast in this faith, for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one true God forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-6

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. **2** Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. **3** And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" **4** And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. **5** So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." **6** Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. **7** And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." **8** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send,

And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

New Testament Reading

Romans 11:33-36

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O LORD!

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! **34** "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" **35** "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" **36** For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

Installation of Vicar Paul Agenten

Confession of Faith

Athanasian Creed

Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the universal Christian faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally. And the universal Christian faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the

Holy Spirit infinite; the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite. In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord. Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, So also are we prohibited by the universal Christian religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding. Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; But the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped. Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age: Perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ: One, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds. And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire. This is the universal faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved. Amen.

Hymn of the Day *TLH 743 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

Sermon

John 3:1-15

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. **2** This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." **3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." **4** Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" **5** Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born

of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' **8** "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." **9** Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" **10** Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? **11** "Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. **12** "If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? **13** "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. **14** "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **15** "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The Incomprehensible Trinity

1. The Father Establishes His Kingdom
2. The Spirit Chooses Who He Wishes
3. The Son Is Lifted Up

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

Offertory

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♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with Your free spirit. Amen.

Offering of Thankful Hearts

The General Prayer

COMMUNION SERVICE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly fitting, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God:

Who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God and one Lord. And in the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in Person and the Unity in Substance, of Majesty coequal.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Your glory;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

The Lord's Prayer

P: Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come;

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil;

**C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: ♪ Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

**C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world,
 have mercy upon us.
O Christ, the Lamb of God,
 You take away the sin of the world,
 grant us Your peace. Amen.**

Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

| Our Practice of Close Communion | Communing |
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| <p>A Holy Sacrament Holy Communion is correctly called a ‘Sacrament’ because it is a “Sacred act;” not in what WE do for Christ, but in what Christ does for US.</p> <p>Spiritual Unity God’s Word also presents the reception of this Sacrament as a most intimate expression of spiritual and confessional unity (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; Rom. 15:5,6).</p> <p>Close Communion We ask only those who have publicly professed such oneness of faith and belief with us by membership here or another CLC church to come forward for Communion at this time. This is not a judgment of anyone’s faith, but rather an expression of ours (Rom. 16:17-18).</p> <p>Visitors If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, you are invited to speak with the Pastor about this at your convenience. We’d love to have you!</p> | <p>Kneeling rail Members who have difficulty at the kneeling rail may sit in the front pews. The pastor will bring communion to you there.</p> <p>Balcony Any communicants sitting in the balcony should please come down to the narthex for direction to the table.</p> <p>Direction Communicants are ushered to the communion table. If you desire the bread in your hand, simply extend your hand to the Pastor as he approaches you with the bread. Those desiring an individual cup, please take a cup when the tray is offered. The common cup will follow.</p> <p>Gluten Free Bread / Non-alcoholic Wine - Communicants can find these items on the way up to the Lord’s Table.</p> <p>Dispose cup - Please dispose of your individual cup in the baskets located on each side or in the center aisle.</p> |

Distribution Hymns

WS 755 “What Is This Bread”

WS 744 “How Great Thou Art”

TLH 245 “God Loved the World So that He Gave”

Nunc Dimittis

Now Let Depart

**C: ♪ Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace
according to Your word.
For my eyes have seen Your salvation,
which You have prepared before
the face of all people.
A light to lighten the Gentiles,
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be
gracious to you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give
you peace.
C: ♪ Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn

TLH 248 "Father of Glory, to Thy Name"

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LAST WEEK

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| <p>IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH <u>(MAY 18, 20-21 & 27-28) REPORTED</u> Budgetary <u>\$14,893.93</u> Current Expenses</p> <p>Non-Budgetary <u>\$307</u> Major Improvement <u>\$775</u> ILS Student Aid <u>\$147</u> Land Purchase <u>\$55</u> ILS Foundation <u>\$110</u> Benevolent <u>\$310</u> Preschool Fund <u>\$761.25</u> Ascension Day</p> | <p>CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION <u>\$1,917</u> CLC General Budget (CBP) <u>\$ 9</u> CLC Kinship</p> <p>Memorials In Memory of Jim Haberkorn <u>\$200</u> Undesignated In Memory of Richard Lueck <u>\$200</u> Endowment Fund In Memory of Hope Redlin <u>\$80</u> Undesignated</p> |
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Ascension Day Worship 5/18: **116**

Saturday Worship 5/20: **44**

Saturday Worship 5/27: **64**

Sunday Worship 5/21: **219**

Sunday Bible Class: **50**

Sunday School: **22**

Ambassadors: **6**

Sunday Worship 5/28: **155**

| Location | Active | Time | Day of the week | Type | # Souls |
|---|--------|----------|--|---------|---------|
| Old Main | Yes | 11:00 AM | 2 nd & 4 th Monday | Worship | 15 |
| Latitude Bible Study | Yes | 10:00 AM | Every Tuesday | Study | 11 |
| Laurel's Edge | Yes | 10:00 AM | Every Wednesday | Study | 3 |
| Laurel's Peak | Yes | 10:45 AM | Every Wednesday | Study | 5 |
| Old Main | Yes | 1:00 PM | Every Thursday | Study | 8 |
| Wednesday Online | Yes | 7:00 PM | Every Wednesday | Study | 14 |
| Oak Terrace | Yes | 9:00 AM | Every Thursday | Study | 10 |
| Walnut Towers | Yes | 10:00 AM | Every Thursday | Study | 7 |
| Water's Edge | Yes | 11:00 AM | Every Thursday | Study | 11 |
| Men's Breakfast | Yes | 6:30 AM | Every Friday | Study | 21 |
| Hillcrest | Yes | 10:00 AM | Every Friday | Worship | 15 |
| Autumn Grace | Yes | 11:15 AM | 2 nd , 4 th Friday | Worship | 11 |
| Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week: | | | | | 139 |
| Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services! | | | | | |

THIS WEEK

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| Sat June 3 | 9:00a | Adopt-a-Highway Clean Up |
| | 10-5:30p | Sanctuary Reserved- Wedding |
| | 6:00p | WORSHIP Communion Weekend |
| Sun June 4 | 9:15a | Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM |
| | 10:00a | WORSHIP Communion Weekend |
| | | Live Stream- www.ImmanuelMankato.org |
| | | Watch - www.ImmanuelMankato.org/sermons/ |
| | 11:00a | Welcome Reception for Vicar Agenten |
| | 11:30a | Usher Reorganization |
| Mon June 5 | | Blessings on your week! |
| Tues June 6 | 3-5p | Pastors Office Hours (contact for a visit) |
| | 7:00p | Outreach Meeting |
| Wed June 7 | 12:45p | Televised Worship Service, Charter #181; Cons Com #7 |
| | 6:00p | Worship Ensemble & Choir Meeting- All are welcome! |
| | 7:00p | Online Bible Study |
| Thur June 8 | 8-10a | Pastors Office Hours (let them know if you need a visit) |
| | 5:45p | Televised Worship Service, Chart #181; Cons Comm #7 |
| Fri June 9 | 6:30a | Men's Breakfast & Bible Study |
| Sat June 10 | 6:00p | WORSHIP |
| Sun June 11 | 9:15a | Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM |
| | 10:00a | WORSHIP |

UPCOMING EVENTS

MN Delegates- June 10th

Outdoor Adventure Day Sculpture Walk- June 17th

CLC Pastoral Conference- June 20-22nd

4th of July St Peter Parade- July 4th

Vacation Bible School- July 24-28th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

RENEWALS The time is here for The Lutheran Spokesman & Daily Rest renewals and subscriptions. If you are interested in renewing or signing up for either of these publications, please let Hilary in the church office know.

Payments are due June 20th. Spokesman issues are \$14 and Daily Rest issues are \$15.

PAID TEACHER AIDE POSITION OPENING Our school has an opening for a teacher's aide position for about 26 hours per week beginning in August. If you are interested in this position please contact Principal Brandan

Heinze at brandan.heinze@immanuelmankato.org or (507)-519-0470 for more details.

YARD SALE Dale Redlin is gearing up to move closer to his family at the end of June. To get ready for this move on Friday June 16 from 3:00 to 7:00 there will be a "yard sale" of sorts and people can come and take whatever they would like. If they want to give Dale a donation for it that would be fine but not necessary.

RECEPTION You are all invited to the church basement after service on Sunday for a cake and coffee reception to welcome our new Vicar and his family! Please join us!

PANS IN KITCHEN There are a number of cake pans and a muffin tin, in the church kitchen that needs a owner. If they are not claimed by June 26th, they will be taken to the thrift store.

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAN UP! WEEKEND The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

CHRIST'S EXPLORERS CAMP Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church (W. Columbia, SC) will be hosting Christ's Explorers Camp July 20th - 23rd in Sevierville, TN. Camp is open to students entering grades 3-9 for the 2023-24 school year. You may register online at christsexplorerscamp.com.

BLACK HILLS FAMILY BIBLE CAMP Camping in the beauty of the Black Hills, studies in the beauty of God's Word. This year we will be learning about and practicing having a better prayer life. There will also be many outdoor activities available such as hiking, climbing/repelling, swimming, kayaking etc... The camp runs from the evening of Friday July 7th through the morning of Tuesday July 11th. To sign up or for more information, you can call Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at aaronude@gmail.com.

ILC SPRING CONCERT REPLAY Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI put on their Sprit Choral Service considering the theme *I Am a Child of God*. Along with the music, devotions written by this year's seminary graduate Jonah Albrecht and education graduate Stephen Krause were included. You can watch the concert [HERE](#).

ORDINATION Seminary graduate Jonah Albrecht will be ordained and installed as the pastor of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood WA and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma WA on July 16th. The service will take place at Redemption beginning at 1pm with a fellowship meal to follow. All are welcome!

FISTFUL OF DANDELIONS Deborah Ude's sixth and final book, *Fistful of Dandelions*, is now available. Love – Can it be demanded, bought, manipulated by pity or guilt? Even if we know the answer to that, how often do we venture onto the superficial path? Will the offers of real love be seized? The juxtaposition in passionate character development along with the descriptive dive into the depths of inner struggles for love enlighten the psyche. Yet these master sketches grow out of a homespun backdrop gardening, canning, baking, quilting, training the generation to come and dealing with daily stress in personal interaction with prickly personalities. It is available in printed form at the CLC Bookstore or directly from John Ude, john.ude@ilc.edu (\$12.00). It is available on Amazon in print or digital format: <https://tinyurl.com/Fistful-of-Dandelions>. (\$11.99 and \$2.99) For more information on this book or her other books go to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DeborahUde>.

LOWER MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP The 20th Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 17-20 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$60 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 12. Information and registration can be found at mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp

NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dear Fellow members of the CLC,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to provide some insight into the discussions our boards have been having as it relates to our current budget situation. We hope by now that most of you have seen our monthly bulletin recap, which showed our General Fund balance at -\$187,661. This deficit is the largest in synod history and it is problematic as our fiscal year end is only a few weeks away on June 30. However, we do recognize that our finances are blessed in many ways. First, our reserve fund had an April balance of \$197,675 and second our ILC Operations budget was under spent by \$141,802, but we do anticipate that the ILC underspend will be significantly less than that by the fiscal year end. Given all these circumstances it does appear likely that we will need to use a significant portion of the Reserve Fund. Our ongoing discussions have now turned to the next fiscal year and what might have to happen if we continue to run deficits.

Each of our boards must consider what they can do to alleviate shortfalls: The Board of Missions was asked to provide a short description of the effects of a 10% cut in the Missions budget. *What would a \$40,000 cut mean to the work we are currently doing? Here are some effects:*

The mission field with the largest subsidy is the BELC. The \$100,000+ that is sent to them annually is used primarily for pastor training. The 1000 pastors of that church body come together by district on a regular basis for study and to strengthen the bonds of fellowship. A \$40,000 reduction would mean that almost half of the pastors would not be able to join the study sessions, or that there could be only half the number of sessions.

If the cuts were spread out among the more than a dozen various church bodies we are assisting there would be many that would be negatively impacted. The vast majority of the church bodies receive only between \$2500 and \$10,000/year. If these cuts were distributed evenly by percentage the effects would be similar to those in the BELC but among many more groups. Much of the offering money sent over helps to run seminaries, provide books, transportation and stipends for instructors whose full time job it is to teach, and funds the transportation costs for some students to get to the locations where classes are held.

The primary focus of the CLC Board of Missions in foreign fields is to help train men for the work of the ministry. The board receives many more requests for funding than it can possibly fulfill. It attempts to distribute the limited funds in as efficient a manor is possible so any cuts required of it means that there will be fewer men in training to spread the gospel. These are not just numbers on paper.

The Board of Regents would also have great difficulty making cuts, as most of their expenditures are fixed. The only meaningful way to make cuts would be to salary and thus staff, which would mean that our students could be underserved. Finally, the Board of Education and Publication gets such a small subsidy from the synod that a cut would have little impact on the overall budget. The FY 24 budget was recently approved by the Coordinating Council and has been sent out to the congregations. We encourage you to find a copy of the CC and review it. We are blessed in that it looks like we will have several more students than we expected during our fall budgeting process. This blessing has allowed us to reduce our year-over-year revenue need by almost \$88,000. We know that with God all things are possible so we do not despair of over budget numbers, but we do ask for your prayers as we all make humble efforts to reduce the current FY23 deficit, thus preserving as much of our Reserve Fund as possible and making it less likely that we will need to make any drastic cuts in spending next year.

In His Service:

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman
Board of Trustees

If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org or contact Hilary Lien by Friday at 10 am. Thank you!



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