

# THE IMMANUEL MESSENGER

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## From Pastor McPike's Desk...

*This series of celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LCMS has gone longer than expected. Still, there is more to be said. This month, we look at the release of Lutheran Service Book (2006) and other related worship issues.*

The LCMS was paying attention during the aftermath of releasing *Lutheran Worship*. Many mistakes were made, and much was learned.

A major mistake made with the release of *LW* can be summarized this way: “Too much, too fast.” Many pastors were eager to embrace change in worship, and ended up doing way too much too quickly, and the book got blamed.

*Blame the Book!* Yes, because of the printing layout of *LW*, the book got blamed. One of the things that congregations were not doing before *LW* was making regular use of the *Propers*. This was strongly encouraged with the release of *LW*. Worshipers became confused because they were “flipping back and forth too many times” between the section where the propers were printed and the liturgy. To try to emphasize use of the propers, the organization of the book was changed. Very quickly, a worshiper can pick up *TLH* and find the orders of service (which start on page 5). The “propers” are found after the last order of service. In *LW*, that was reversed. The propers were found FIRST, and the first order of service was not found until page 136.

*Don't wait so long to produce a new hymnal.* Lutheran Service Book was released a mere 24 years after *LW*, while *LW* was released 41 years after *TLH*.

*Include old material “as is” from previous hymnals.* When introducing the new hymnal, congregations that had avoided *LW* were pleased that the old “page 15” communion service (The Common Service of 1888) was included not only in the very same format, but even the same old King James words and Anglican Chant worship form. Honestly, I am sure that sold the book. It was necessary – *LW* page 136ff (Divine Service I) was, quite frankly, a mess.

*Take time to explain “why”.* Liturgical worship has a rich heritage in Lutheran churches well before the days of the Reformation. Why do we sing “Lord, have mercy” toward the beginning? What is the significance of a short prayer called the *Collect*? Why do we call out that we are singing “with angels, and with archangels and with all the company of heaven?” Why do we sing the song of Simeon

AFTER we have taken communion? The common, TLH era answer seemed to be, “because it is on the page and that is the way we have always done it.” **NOT GOOD ENOUGH!!** This totally turns the richness of our liturgy into a “go through the motions” activity that many non-liturgical churches rightfully find wrong.

The worship scene in the early 1990s in the LCMS alone was a fractured one. While a majority of the membership of the LCMS were using LW, the number of actual congregations using it remained below 50%. (In other words, more larger congregations were using LW... but more actual churches – many of them very small- continued using TLH). The fracture in worship, then, was among congregations continuing to use TLH, those who had moved to LW, and those who installed screens and started experimenting with Contemporary worship.

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod had learned lessons from the release of LW. The church decided that a deliberate, slow approach to the development of a new hymnal was needed. The planning stages of that book began by the time LW was a mere 10 years old. The target release date was 2007, causing not a few of us to refer to the yet unnamed book as the “007 hymnal”.

The Synod was very determined to provide a hymnal that would hopefully enjoy adoption by the TLH hold-out congregations as well as those already using LW. To that end, *Hymnal Supplement '98* was released in 1998, with hopes that TLH congregations would find an inexpensive way to try out new worship materials developed in the previous 57 years since the release of TLH without actually taking the “old hymnal” out of the pews. My first congregation in Norfolk, Nebraska was one of the “TLH holdouts”. After a number of years of education on worship in the Lutheran Church, we were among the first to purchase HS’98. The congregation adopted LSB soon after it was published.

#### *Hymn services*

While the *Common Service of 1888* (TLH p 15; LSB p 184) is a beloved standard for those of us who grew up with, an appetite for something more basic began to rise following the publication of LW in 1982. To this end, the Synod’s *Commission on Worship* solicited hymn stanzas from various authors that fit popular tunes. This is in the spirit of Martin Luther’s *Deutsche Messe* of 1526. Luther authored German hymns that could stand in for the *Ordinaries* of the service – the Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), Gloria, Creed, Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) and the Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). As Luther’s 1526 “Mass” was to introduce worship in German, the Synod together with CPH wanted to use more commonly known American hymn tunes for these *Ordinaries*. The five tunes were “Amazing Grace”, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”, “Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise”, “Holy, Holy, Holy” and “My Faith Looks up to Thee”. Many hymn authors were sought. From this came two works. One was a hymn service where each of the stanzas had a different author. The other ended up being called the *Vajda Hymn Service*, as author Jaroslav Vajda wrote very nice words to all five for the service.

A hymn service was first introduced in print in HS’98. That service, with various edits, made it into LSB as Divine Service Setting 4.

***Next month – An excursus on Luther’s philosophy on making changes in worship.***

### **Council Meeting**

The next church council meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM in the hall.

## **Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting**

Nine ladies met on May 11<sup>th</sup> for the Ladies Aid/LWML meeting at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. After the meeting was called to order the LWML Pledge was said by the group. The opening devotion was given by Annette Warsaw. The topic was given by Deb Martin and was entitled "Traveling Light". Roll call was answered with a Bible verse on praise. Marsha Warsaw, substitute secretary, read the minutes from the March meeting, and they were approved as read. The mites were collected. Connie Warsaw gave the treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$2,161.72. She also collected dues from the members for the current year. The treasurer's report was approved. The correspondence consisted of a thank you from Barb Whitehouse- Gercken, a thank you from the Arnita Zimmerman family, and a short email from our adopted Seminary student, Nicholas Brusick who is from the Peoria area. Wilma Grussing reported on cards she had sent in the last few months. Terri Hooker reported that the group has completed 82 quilts since last October. The group decided that in June the quilting dates will be Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. 82 dresses were sent to Dresses for Africa and a thank you was read from this organization for our donation. In old business the group discussed the adopted family and the rotation of food committees. President Hendricks thanked the members who donated food for the Pastors conference in March and for the Danville Zone Spring Fling that was hosted by the Osman ladies. Connie Warsaw gave a report from the CID Convention which she attended in Quincy on April 28 – 29. President Hendricks gave a report on the Peace Lutheran Mother/Daughter Salad Luncheon that she, Connie Warsaw, Addison Warsaw, and Annette Warsaw attended on April 30<sup>th</sup>. In New business the ladies voted to have a bake sale at the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration in Bellflower. A delicious dessert and drinks were served before the meeting by Brenda Edwards and Marsha Warsaw. The next meeting will be July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The topic will be a power point presentation from the National LWML Convention which Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks will be attending June 22 – 25 in Milwaukee. Annette Warsaw and Connie Warsaw will be serving refreshments. The meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## **Bellflower July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

July 4<sup>th</sup> is fast approaching! The Ladies Aid/LWML will be hosting a bake sale at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Bellflower celebration. The present plans are to set up in the firehouse before the parade and move to the park after the parade. All members of the congregation are welcome to bake or make items for the sale. The sale profits are used for projects and expenses for the coming year. More details will follow in the bulletins. Also, the church has traditionally constructed a float for the parade for several years so plans are being made to construct one for this year's parade as well. The construction site has been confirmed at the FS location in Bellflower. More details will also follow in the bulletins. Plan ahead now to celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> in Bellflower!

## **Father's Day**

On this Father's Day, June 18<sup>th</sup>, we give thanks for all the fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers. We also give thanks to God who is a father to the fatherless. Whether you feel full of joy, nostalgia, or pride as you think about Father's Day, take comfort in the fact that you have a perfect Father in heaven who loves and accepts you just as you are. God's blessings to all the fathers!

## **Vacation Bible School**

Since our congregation will not be hosting a Vacation Bible School this year, there are some other options that you can share with your family and friends who have children. Peace Lutheran Church in Thomasboro will be having VBS this year with a theme of “One-Of-A-Kind Zoo”. It will be held July 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 PM for children from 4 – 12 years old. Children can register at the door the first evening of VBS. St. Johns Lutheran Church in Champaign is hosting a VBS with the theme “God’s Living Water – Covered in God’s Grace” from June 19<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9 – 11:30 AM for students 3 years old through completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration is online at [vbs@stjohnls.com](mailto:vbs@stjohnls.com).

## **June Lawn Mowers**

The week of June 5 – 10 – John Lammler  
The week of June 12 -17 – Chase Zimmerman  
The week of June 19 – 24 – Skinner Johnson  
The week of June 26 – July 1 – Steve Warsaw



The schedule this year lists the week that the volunteer needs to mow. It is recommended to mow on Thursday through Saturday of that week, so it looks nice for Sunday. If you have misplaced your schedule which was in the March newsletter and there is also one on the back bulletin board. If you have any questions, contact trustee John Grussing.

## **LWML National Convention**

The LWML National Convention will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from June 22-25. There are so many activities, worship services, servant events, and Bible studies scheduled for this convention. One of the activities which has been a tradition for many years is a mission walk. On that early Saturday morning many ladies will walk along the river on an adventurous route. Pledges that have been collected by the participants will support the chosen grants that will be voted on for 2023 – 2025. Connie Warsaw and Brenda Hendricks will be attending this event. If you choose to donate to help these mission projects, please make checks payable to LWML and write WALK on the memo line. The deadline for giving your donation to these ladies is Monday, June 19th. We hope you will be a part of the larger mission of spreading God’s Word around the world.

## **Visiting the Shut-ins**

All members of Ladies Aid/LWML and all church members who are interested in visiting the shut-ins, please sign up on the back bulletin board. There are several months that are available. You do not have to visit all the shut-ins on the same day; the visits may be divided according to the number of people signed up. Volunteers may decide on the most convenient day and time to visit. A short visit from a church member could make all the difference!

# Happy Birthday To Everyone Born in June!

6/03 Susan Martin  
6/05 Colt Zimmerman  
6/09 Donald Warsaw  
6/12 Jim VanWakeman  
6/13 Amanda Amdor  
6/15 Rong Warsaw  
6/15 Michael Brooks  
6/16 Brenda Edwards  
6/19 Dick Johnson  
6/21 Natalie Hooker  
6/22 Beth Bidner  
6/24 Kim Clemmons  
6/26 Laura Zimmerman  
6/27 Ashley Martin  
6/30 Jack Gallier

## History of Father's Day

Mother's Day was actually the inspiration for Father's Day. The "Mother's Day" we celebrate today has its origins in the peace-and-reconciliation campaigns of the post-Civil War era. During the 1860s, at the urging of activist Ann Reeves Jarvis, one divided West Virginia

town celebrated "Mother's Work Days" that brought together the mothers of Confederate and Union soldiers. However, Mother's Day did not become a commercial holiday until 1908, when—inspired by Jarvis's daughter, Anna Jarvis, who wanted to honor her own mother by making Mother's Day a national holiday—the John Wanamaker department store in Philadelphia sponsored a service dedicated to mothers in its auditorium.

Thanks in large part to this association with retailers, who saw great potential for profit in the holiday, Mother's Day caught on right away. In 1909, 45 states observed the day, and in 1914, President Wilson approved a resolution that made the second Sunday in May a holiday in honor of "that tender, gentle army, the mothers of America."

The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm. On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers, and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

It was not until 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts. **(History.com editors)**

## Statistics

| <u>Date</u>     | <u>Worship</u> | <u>Sunday<br/>School</u> | <u>Bible<br/>Class</u> |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>April 30</b> | 30             | 3                        | 11                     |
| <b>May 7</b>    | 36             | 3                        | 13                     |
| <b>May 14</b>   | 38             | 2                        | 10                     |
| <b>May 21</b>   | 40             | 2                        | 10                     |



6-10-2017 Jamie and Aaron Krueger  
6-11-1994 Jill and Rick Hardesty  
6-15-1985 Terri and Dwight Hooker  
6-23-2001 Beth and Neil Bidner  
6-25-1977 Debbie and John Lammle  
6-30-1979 Janet and Myron Zimmerman