

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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☞ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ Amen.

☞ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts
of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Most merciful God,

☞ **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of
your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew
us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

☞ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us
and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and
ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ Amen.

*HYMN, “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LBW Hymn 158

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.”

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise:
“I am with you evermore”?

3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth’s redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heav’n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.

5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.”

***GREETING**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

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- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE, “This Is the Feast”**

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P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray together . . .
- C** **O God, from whom all good things come:
Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit
to think those things which are right,
and by your goodness help us to do them;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR, “Where Could I Go from Your Spirit”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN, “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” (vv. 1 & 4) Hymn 130

1. “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”
All on earth with angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav’ns; and earth, reply.

4. Lives again our glorious king!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

FIRST READING, Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

(NRSV)

℣ The Word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:8-20

- ℣ Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard,
✠ **Who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.**
- ℣ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
✠ **You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;**
- ℣ you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
✠ **Yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**
- ℣ I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
✠ **I will pay you my vows,
those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**
- ℣ I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
✠ **I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**
- ℣ Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.
✠ **I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.**
- ℣ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.
✠ **But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.**
- ℣ Blessed be God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
✠ **Or removed his steadfast love from me.**

(NRSV)

SECOND READING, 1 Peter 3:13-22

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. *(NRSV)*

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

*HYMN, “*The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done*” (v. 1) Hymn 135

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o’er, the battle done;
Now is the victor’s triumph won!
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*GOSPEL, John 14:15-21

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

🙏 Glory to you, O Lord.

📖 *Jesus said to his disciples:* “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.” *(NRSV)*

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN, “*The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done*” (v. 5) Hymn 135

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,
From death’s sting free your servants too,
That we may live and sing to you, Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

Pastor David Baer

***HYMN, “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”**

LBW Hymn 459

1. O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts your work begin,
And make our hearts your dwelling.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
Your strength in us upwelling.
In your radiance
Life from heaven
Now is given
Overflowing,
Gift of gifts beyond all knowing.

2. Left to ourselves, we surely stray;
Oh, lead us on the narrow way,
With wisest counsel guide us;
And give us steadfastness, that we
May follow you forever free,
No matter who derides us.
Gently heal those
Hearts now broken;
Give some token
You are near us,
Whom we trust to light and cheer us.

3. O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let your good Word in doubt and strife
Be in us strongly burning,
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From you true wisdom learning.
Lord, your mercy
On us shower;
By your power
Christ confessing,
We will cherish all your blessing.

***NICENE CREED**

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**☩ We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

— SACRAMENT —

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE, “*The Day of Resurrection*”** 495

The day of resurrection!
 Earth, tell it out abroad,
 The passover of gladness,
 The passover of God.
 From death to life eternal,
 From sin’s dominion free,
 Our Christ has brought us over
 With hymns of victory.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** LBW Page 88

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE FOR EASTER**SANCTUS** LBW Page 89

C Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 Lord God of pow’r and might:
 Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

P In the night in which he was betrayed
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Again, after supper, he took the cup,
 gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people
 for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

***LORD’S PRAYER** LBW Page 91**LAMB OF GOD** LBW Page 92

C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 Have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 Have mercy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
 Grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. All baptized Christians who share this confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord’s Supper with us. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray for those who are unable to receive wine for health reasons. During the distribution of Communion, the congregation sings:

- LBW Hymn 474, “*Children of the Heavenly Father*”
- LBW Hymn 315, “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*”
- LBW Hymn 486, “*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*”

HYMN, “*Children of the Heavenly Father*” LBW Hymn 474

1. Children of the heav’nly Father
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge ne’er was given.

2. God his own doth tend and nourish,
In his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
In his mighty arms he bears them.

3. Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace he showeth,
And their sorrows all he knoweth.

4. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

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HYMN, “*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*” LBW Hymn 315

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev’ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev’ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav’n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

HYMN, “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Hymn 486

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
And make me love you as I ought to love.

2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
No sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no op’ning skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
All, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!

4. Teach me to love you as your angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The baptism of the heav’n-descended dove,
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

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☞ The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy and precious blood strengthen and keep you in true faith unto life everlasting.

☞ **Amen.**

***CANTICLE, “Thank the Lord . . .”**

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☞ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
Tell everyone what he has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises
and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

☞ O God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Give us such an understanding of your mercy that, in receiving the gifts of Word and Sacrament now, we may learn to hope for all your gifts to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

— **SENDING** —

***BLESSING**

☞ The God of peace — who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant — make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

***DISMISSAL**

☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☞ **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

☞ Go in peace. Share the good news.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN, “Come, Oh, Come, O Quickening Spirit”**

Hymn 478

1. Come, oh, come, O quick’ning Spirit,
God before the dawn of time!
Fire our hearts with holy ardor,
Blessed Comforter sublime!
Let your radiance fill our night,
Turning darkness into light.

2. Only that which you desire
Be our object; with your hand
Lead our ev’ry thought and action,
Let them be at your command.
All our sinfulness erase
With the increase of your grace.

3. Blessed Spirit, still renewing
All who dwell upon the earth,
When the evil one assails us
Help us prove our heav’nly birth;
Arm us with your mighty sword
In the legions of the Lord.

4. Help us keep the faith forever;
Let not Satan, death, or shame
Draw us from you or deprive us
Of the honor of your name.
When the foe would lure us hence,
Be, O God, our sure defense.

POSTLUDE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Gary Andersen	Renae Besler
Barb Blue	Loren & Claudia Christensen
Don Dubbe	Lenae Ebel
Pastor Phillip Gagnon	Tracey Griebler
Judy Haiwick	Rob Hrabe
John Jorgenson	Bev Karlson
Felicity Kramer	Elizabeth Loughlin
Pastor Will Olsen	Pastor Dotty Parfray
Doris Richter	Rosie Ridley
Claire Ripley	Kathy Rost
Violet Rost	Ann Sogge
Treonna Solbie	Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Gene Thompson	Carletta & Steve Vasknetz
Barb & Jack Wanstedt	
David Arnio (brother of Chris Burleson)	
Christina Badalis (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)	
Lori Buck (cousin of Shelley Iverson)	
Ron Burns (friend of Bill & Chris Burleson)	
Cody Cooper (seminarian, friend of Pastor David Baer)	
Julia Davis (cousin of Shelley Iverson)	
Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)	
Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)	
Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)	
Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)	
Dallas Fox (friend of Jordan Smith)	
Cayel Holmgren (grandson of Dick and Linda Horak)	
Nancy Island (sister of Bev Karlson)	
Ike & Lanette Iverson (father and step-mother of Jon Iverson)	
Lewis Johnson (friend of Sharon Stores)	
Derrel Jorgenson (brother of John Jorgenson)	
Ky J. Karlson (son of Bev Karlson)	
Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)	
Parker Loll (infant son of Branden & Alyssa (Haiwick) Loll)	
Karen Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley)	
Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)	
Nancy Porter (friend of Bill and Chris Burleson)	
Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)	
Melani Roewe (daughter of Renae Bessler)	
David Routh (brother-in-law of John Iverson)	
Nathan Sanders (friend of Bill & Chris Burleson)	
Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire & Maxine Ripley)	
Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)	
Tori Tetrault (young daughter of Tyler and Breynn Tetrault)	
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)	
Robert Zuhr (brother in-law of Chris Burleson)	
People of Immanuel Lutheran Church in New York City, N.Y.	
People of Believers Fellowship in Sturgis (lost building to fire)	

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School
Wednesday	4:00 p.m. — Confirmation
	4:30 p.m. — Kids Club
	5:30 p.m. — Church Council
Next Sunday	9:00 a.m. — Worship
	10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
	10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Copies of the agenda are available on the table in the library social room.

CLOTHE-A-KID registration for Whitewood is 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Immanuel. Clothe-A-Kid is a program of Love INC and provides \$100 per child for shopping for back-to-school clothes for children entering kindergarten through Grade 8. Families commit to four hours of service to a church or community project as a part of the program. For more information call 605-206-3515 or go to loveinonline.com/sturgis-clothe-a-kid. Love INC is one of the ministries supported by your offerings to Immanuel.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Friends of Madagascar Mission. Friends of Madagascar Mission works in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Madagascar to strengthen their mission and ministry. The Malagasy Lutheran Church has 3 million members and is one of the fastest growing Lutheran churches in the world. Our gifts support two ministries chosen by the Church in Madagascar: prison ministry and feeding ministry at a hospital. Madagascar is an island in the Indian Ocean off the southeastern coast of Africa. Two-thirds of the population lives below the international poverty line of \$1.25 (U.S.) a day. You can learn more about their ministry at www.madagascarmission.org. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.

ALL ARE INVITED to stay for a time of fellowship following worship. Baked goods, donuts, coffee, and juice are available. An offering is received to cover expenses.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. We are studying the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion using a video study featuring Professor James Nestingen. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this opportunity to grow in faith.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all who serve God as mothers. We thank God for the gift of our mothers and thank God for the ministry of mothers in their families and in our society. We pray for all mothers and for all for whom Mother's Day is a difficult day.

FLOWERS in the chancel are from the funeral of Larry Wanhannen. His funeral services were on Thursday. May God comfort all who mourn with the hope of the Resurrection.

A SPRING WORK DAY is planned for Sunday, June 11. Plan to stay after worship that Sunday to help with some clean-up and work projects around our church building and grounds. Work day will conclude with a potluck dinner at noon. We are working on a list of projects for work day. If you have some ideas for work projects, please let Pastor David or a Church Council member know.

FINALIST CHAIRS being considered for the fellowship hall are available for review in the library social room. Please let a Chair Task Force member or a Church Council member know what you think and which chair you prefer. We thank the Chair Task Force for their work in helping us to obtain chairs that are easier to clean. The Church Council will be ordering chairs at their meeting on Wednesday.