

**A New Journey Lutheran Parish**

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Ness Lutheran Church  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Sundal Lutheran Church  
Gary Lutheran Church  
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**AUGUST 2022**



- *Don't forget our special Sunday Revival on July 31 at the Jim & Sue Steinmetz farm. The ad in this newsletter has more details. Fun for young and old. (No worship services that morning.)*
- *CONFIRMATION: Confirmation classes will start in September. Please contact Katie DeMarais if you have a student (7th grade, 8th grade or older) who will be participating in Confirmation.*
- *The Celebrate Being Church Together event at McIntosh on July 13 was a huge success. Good attendance included parish members and guests who enjoyed the food, music, fellowship and worship. Gifts from individuals and congregations for ELCA mission support totaled \$3,153. Thanks to all who helped in any way, attended and supported us in this celebration.*
- *Pastor Keith's office hours for August are as follows:*
  - *Tuesdays at Gary...10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
  - *Wednesdays at Our Savior's...10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
  - *Thursdays at Immanuel...10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
  - *Visits at a church office or one's home can be scheduled for other dates and times.*
  - *Pastor Keith will be gone August 16-18 for continuing education.*
- *There will be only one Labor Day weekend Worship service on Sunday, September 4, and that will be hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome!*
- *VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): Vacation Bible School is about Bible stories, snacks, crafts, games, making friends and more! If you have children in pre-school - 6th grade, let Katie know if they would like to attend. Youth 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as adults, can come and be helpers. Please reach out if you can help! All are welcome at the final VBS this summer:*
  - *~Sat., Aug. 20: 10am-3pm at the Lion's Park in McIntosh*

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***A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEITH ZEH & KATIE DEMARAIS, SAM...***

As A New Journey Lutheran Parish, we have witnessed God at work in our midst. We thought it would be of interest to you to see the number of important events that have taken place within A New Journey Lutheran Parish since November. Of course, this list does not include the numerous worship services and other gatherings that have brought us all together.

We appreciate your continued support in all that we do as a parish and look forward to what God has in the future for our shared ministry. Thanks be to God for the Holy Spirit’s movement in, with and through ministries that we are about together in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior.

**A New Journey Lutheran Parish Pastoral Acts (as of Nov. 1, 2021)**

	Baptisms	Confirmations	Weddings	Funerals	New Members	First Communions	Senior Quilts
Gary	1	1		3	2	3	5
Immanuel	6	1	2		9	8	6
Ness	2			2			1
Our Savior's	1			3			
Sundal				1			
Totals:	10	4*	2	9	11	11	12
		(*2 at Calvary)					

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Keith Zeh & Katie DeMarais, SAM

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## *Minutes - A New Journey Parish Council Meeting at McIntosh*

July 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Nelson at 8:20 p.m. Members present - Pastor Keith, Becky Olson, Karen Carlsrud, Jill Nelson, Marilyn Graff, Peggy Hanson, Jim Steinmetz, Katie DeMarais-SAM, Rachel Roggenbuck, Kristi Skeie.

M/S/P - Marilyn/Jim - to approve June 2022 minutes.

M/S/P - Becky/Jim - to approve the treasurer's report - Jill stated all churches are paid to date.

Old Business: Rachel gave an update on the plans for the Revival Sunday, July 31, from Noon to 4:00 pm at the Jim and Sue Steinmetz farm. Each congregation is asked to donate a door prize - \$20 is the limit.

New business: The new parish agreement was signed by two members from each congregation. The bylaws/constitution for all churches will work. Jill will proceed with getting new fed / state numbers.

Election of officers: President - Mike Nelson, Vice President - Jim Steinmetz; Secretary - Karen Carlsrud, Treasurer - Jill Nelson. There will be an election of officers again at the January 2023 meeting.

Call Committee: Immanuel - Sue Steinmetz and Duane Gunderson; McIntosh - Wanda Stordahl Kelsi Gunufson; Gary - Abby Stueness and Skylar Moen; - Ness - yet to be decided.

Comment made texts seem to be working - need more to sign up for texts or a phone message.

Next meeting - Wed, August 24 at Bejou at 8 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm / M/S/P - Becky/Kristi - followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Karen Carlsrud, Secretary

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## *News from Gary Parish...*

- Sunday School will start on a weekly basis at Gary Lutheran on Sunday, September 11, at 9:30 a.m. All pre-kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade children are welcome. To sign up your children, to volunteer to help, or if you have questions, please contact Teresa Werpy at 701-361-6290.
- Be sure to check out the “spiritual information table” at Gary Lutheran. Please read and enjoy.
- Jenny Hanson will provide pulpit supply on Sunday, August 28, at Sundal at 8:30 a.m. and Ness at 10:30 a.m.

### **Altar Guild, Usher/Greeters and Janitor Assignments**

- Gary Lutheran Church Ushers/Greeters (NOTE: Please plug in lamp prior to service & unplug after services.):
  - July 31 & Aug. 7: Dean & Pam Pederson
  - Aug. 14 & 21: Nick & Jody Pederson
  - Aug. 28: David & Audrey Hanson
- Gary Lutheran Altar Guild: Stacy Gunderson & Diane Throdal
- Sundal Lutheran Church Ushers/Janitors/Altar Guild for August:
  - Jim & Dara Narum
- Ness Lutheran Church: None

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## *News from Our Savior's...*

- Vacation Bible School will be held Saturday, August 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lion's Park in McIntosh. Please see the ad near the end of this newsletter for more details.

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## *News from Immanuel...*

### Summary of July 20, 2022, Immanuel Council Meeting Minutes

Council members present: Duane Gunderson, Becky Olson, Peggy Gunderson, Gloria Steinbrenner, Terry McCollum, Jim Steinmetz, Cindy Large, and Jon Large. Others in attendance: Katie DeMarais and Rachel Roggenbuck.

Treasurer's report was provided. \$2,500 was given to the Synod for Mission Support.

Reviewed old business including:

- Paving the parking lot
- Placing cement border around the church
- Replacing the water softener
- Completion of painting the bell tower
- Katie reported on plans for Confirmation
- Rachel reported on today's VBS at Immanuel

New business included:

- Discussion on having air conditioning checked out because it does not seem to be cooling properly.
- A New Journey Lutheran Parish agreement was signed by all four of the participating congregations at the parish council meeting on July 13.
- Sue Steinmetz and Duane Gunderson were appointed to serve on the new Call Committee.
- Discussed plans for the Sunday, July 31, Revival to be held at the Jim and Sue Steinmetz farm.
- Tentative plans for a lutefisk supper were discussed, pending availability and pricing of lutefisk, as well as adequate staffing for the event. A decision will be made at the August Council Meeting.

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**Additional Immanuel Info:**

- Ladies' Aid will hold their monthly supper on Wednesday, August 17, serving from 4-6:30 p.m. and the meal cost is \$5. Servers are Sandra Holmvik, and Samantha Decshene. (Note: Worship service will follow at 7 p.m. & Immanuel Council meeting at 8 p.m.)
- **July Baptisms:** Jamie Steinmetz, son of Jeff and Laura Steinmetz, was baptized on July 17. On July 30, Harper Sue Dahl, daughter of Alex Dahl and Alexis Wilkens, was baptized. God's blessings to them all!
- **Sunday School:** Starting September 18, Sunday School at Immanuel will be held the first and third Sunday each month at 9:30 a.m. for children through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact Rachel or Bridget Roggenbuck if you have kids to enroll.

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# Sunday Revival

JOURNEY WITH US  
FAITH / FAMILY / FRIENDS / FUN

SUNDAY, JULY 31

NOON TO 4 PM

STEINMETZ FARM:

2326 170TH ST, MAHNOMEN

Join us for devotional testimonies,  
music, food, door prizes, and fun.

Joining us will be food truck  
Barnyard Bites, as well as  
local talent. All are welcome!





# Tree of Healing



# Vacation Bible School

Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks.  
If you have interested children (pre-  
school - 6th grade), let Katie know!  
Youth 7-12th grade can be helpers.

**Saturday, August 20 - 10am -3pm**  
**Lion's Park in McIntosh (rain site**  
**Our Savior's Lutheran Church)**

# Youth Group



Open to all 6-12 Graders.  
All are welcome. Bring a friend!  
Come play Volleyball, Basketball,  
or other games, have snacks, and hang  
out with church friends.

**Sunday, August 21**

**5:00-7:00pm**

**Gary Community Park / Basketball  
Courts, Gary**

## Church Ladies' Night Out



All ladies are welcome! Bring a friend!  
Each month we will gather at a local  
restaurant for food, fellowship,  
and fun.

**Tuesday, August 23**

**6:30pm**

**Erickson's Smokehouse, Fertile**



## Family Playdate



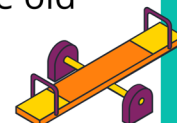
All are welcome to attend a  
monthly family playdate!  
As the kids play, the adults can chat,  
have some snacks, and/or relax.

**Thursday, August 25**

Come anytime between **4-6pm**

At the playground of the old

Gary School



**Ministers:  
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## AUGUST 2022 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

WORSHIP *Communion	IMMANUEL (Bejou)	OUR SAVIOR'S (McIntosh)	GARY	NESS	SUNDAL
<b>Sunday, Aug. 7*</b>	8:30 am - Worship (KD)	10:30 am-Worship (KD)	8:30 am-Worship (KZ)	10:30 am-Worship (KZ)	
<b>Sunday, Aug. 14</b>	8:30 am- Worship (KZ)	10:30 am-Worship (KZ)	10:30 am-Worship (KD)		8:30 am-Worship (KD)
<b>Wed., August 17</b>	7:00 pm – Worship (KD)				
<b>Sunday, Aug. 21*</b>	8:30 am – Worship (KD)	10:30 am – Worship (KD)		8:30 am – Worship (KZ)	10:30 am – Worship (KZ)
<b>Sunday, Aug. 28</b>	8:30 am-Worship (KZ)	10:30 a.m. – Worship (KZ)	8:30 am-Worship (Jenny Hanson)	10:30 am-Worship (Jenny Hanson)	
<b>NOTE: Labor Day Weekend Sunday, Sept. 4</b>	9:30 am-Worship				

