

August 17, 2020

Friends of Immanuel,

I really appreciated a little vacation time with my son David and his wife Cassie last week. They were here from Wisconsin and we had the opportunity to take a couple of nights camping up at Moraine Park in Rocky Mountain National Park, including an awesome 7 mile hike around Cub Lake and The Pool (but no moose sighting...), and then down here in Loveland to spend some down time playing games, walking, relaxing, talking, playing tennis, and enjoying another 7 mile hike up to Horsetooth Mountain in Fort Collins. It is so good to reconnect with family and with people you love!

As we're coming off yesterday's time of worship, it's also so good to reconnect with each other and our Lord as we worship together – both in-person and virtually through the gift of technology. We heard about Moses and his excuses, excuses we can all relate to. And we also heard our Lord's responses to Moses' (and our) excuses which provide for us some beautiful and powerful promises and assurances of the love our Savior has for us. He tells us to "Go!" And that "going" certainly takes on lots of different looks in these ongoing days of the pandemic and other issues raging around our country and world. The challenge is there but also the privilege of knowing that it is our Lord who calls us and equips us with all that we need to be His people in these times.

Continue to pray for our country and our community. Continue to pray for our community of faith here at Immanuel. Continue to pray for our congregation and our school and all the various ministries, groups, and events that are happening every day. Let's "GO!" and let Jesus, His love, and His message of grace, forgiveness, life, and hope permeate all we are and do!

Don't forget to come tomorrow to receive the Lord's Supper – that's a significant gift our Lord has given us to empower us to do what He's called us to do.

Pastor Glen

Here are my updates for today:

**Lord's Supper – Don't Forget to Sign Up!** Tomorrow, (Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>) is the next opportunity to gather together in small groups of 20 or less to receive the Lord's Supper. Here's the link to sign up – <https://signup.com/go/gChkxum> – or you can call the church office to find out what times are available and sign up that way (970-667-4506). Below my signature in this email are the other specific details about it. Don't miss the opportunity to gather together to receive this life-giving gift from our Savior as we come to His Table. I hope to see you tomorrow!

**Golf Tourney – MONDAY Deadline (that's TODAY!).** Don't miss this great opportunity to have some fun on one of the best golf courses on the Front Range AND support some great ministry – Immanuel's ministry to and with children, youth, and their families! The date of the tourney is getting close – Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. To secure your spot to play or to sponsor a hole, please sign up by TODAY (Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>). You can register online using this link: <https://forms.gle/3TxieUgzc9aBXTRt6> or pick up a paper copy at the church. You can drop off checks at Immanuel, mail them to the church, or bring them day of the tournament as long as you've filled out a registration form. Martha will be reaching out with specific guidelines and information closer to the tournament. Any questions, give Martha a call in the Church Office at 970-667-4506!

**Immanuel's School Ministry – IN-PERSON School Happening NOW.** School at Immanuel started last week and it was a GREAT week of having the children return to the building. Processes and procedures are in place that ensure the safety and health of these children and our staff. It's not too late to enroll

and become part of this amazing ministry of our school. Do you want your children or grandchildren to be part of an amazing school like Immanuel where we offer not only great academics, a safe environment for learning and growing, but also a place where we can openly pray, worship, and grow in Jesus and His love? Contact Cheryl Gilbert at [schooloffice@immanuelloveland.org](mailto:schooloffice@immanuelloveland.org) for more information or to set up a tour. Spread the word, come and see, ask your questions.

**Quarantine Encouragements.** Today's *Quarantine Encouragement* is a reminder of the wonderful celebration of our Director of Children and Family Ministries, Martha Semanko. This delightful young lady was officially commissioned into the Director of Christian Education (DCE) ministry last week (Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>) and also installed into this vital position for ministry here at Immanuel. Take time to reach out to Martha and congratulate her as well as thank for her being here, for being a passionate, fun, and energetic young lady, and for all that she does in her leadership role here at Immanuel as we serve our Savior together. Praise God! Enjoy the pictures below – the one of the far right is Martha's family who was able to be here.



If you have an encouraging, inspiring, funny, or interesting story to share that I could include in future updates to be a blessing to others and help us all stay connected together, please email me your story and any pictures as well ([gschlecht@ImmanuelLoveland.org](mailto:gschlecht@ImmanuelLoveland.org)).

Serving together in Christ alone!

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Lord's Supper info:

As in our previous offering of the Lord's Supper, with the cleaning and sanitizing protocols we have set in place, we feel confident that all who choose to come will be safe. Please read through our guidelines below.

- Anyone who wishes to receive the Lord's Supper can sign up using this link – <https://signup.com/go/gChkxum>. Click this link, enter your email address, and choose your spot

or spots, entering each member of your family (including children) in groups of no more than 20 people for slots throughout the day. (If you need help signing up, call or text Kathy Schlecht at 970-203-4396 and she will be happy to assist you!)

- I will be leading a simple, 15-minute time of worship, offering the Lord's Supper.

The following are precautions that I would ask you to take.

- Before leaving your home, consider your own health: Take your temperature – if it is higher than 100.4, or if you have had a temperature in the previous 72 hours, please remain at home; if you have a cold, the flu, the coronavirus, do not feel good, or if you have a cough, please remain at home.
- When you come to Immanuel, wearing a mask is strongly recommended.
- If you wish to congregate or talk with others in the parking lot, in the atrium, or in the sanctuary, please maintain appropriate physical distance.
- When you come into the sanctuary, please make sure you are sitting at least 6-feet from others.
- Please enter the building at the main (east) entrance and leave the building after the time of communion out the west entrance and return to the parking lot along the north side of the building on the outside.

Here are the precautions that I will be taking here at Immanuel.

- We will be using only individual cups for the wine.
- The communion elements (bread and wine), will be placed on the communion rail ahead of each scheduled time of communion, spaced out across the entire communion rail at least 6-feet apart and as I prepare those elements I will be wearing a mask and will have washed and sanitized my hands. With the elements on the communion rail, I will not have physical contact with the communicants during this time of communion.
- For children or others who would wish to receive a blessing, I will speak that blessing wearing my mask.
- After each time of communion, the communion rail will be sanitized as will all door handles and the restrooms.

It is our prayer that this means of offering this precious gift of our Lord will once again be a blessing to many in our faith family.