

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Nancy Schumann

The fifth Sunday of Easter worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church opened with a welcome from Pastor Ian Kinney. The confession and absolution followed with the scripture readings for the day.

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus, who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven, has sent the helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5-15).

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ and victory over the devil.

For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, "Behold, God is my sal-

vation; I will trust and will not be afraid." (Isaiah 12:2.) Jesus promises to send His Holy Spirit, the helper.

Following the holy gospel reading, the congregation professed their faith in the words of the Nicene Creed and the sermon hymn, "Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation," was sung.

In Pastor Kinney's sermon, he tells us that Jesus said that the Father will take what is mine and declare it to you. What is it that belongs to Jesus that the Father declares to you? It is His life and truth.

He takes His perfect life, His faithfulness, His obedience to the Father, His love and purity, His innocence, righteousness and blessedness, and He declares it to you. In exchange for that, He takes your sin, your shame, your nakedness, your insufficiency, unrighteousness and your death.

This is just the simplest statement of what Christianity is, and this is what the Father declares as yours. The second is the truth. God now declares to you the truth and gives you the Holy Spirit to be able to believe it.

Christ has given His life and His truth to you. He has now given you the Holy Spirit to be able to believe all that the Father has said. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and no one will enter

the Father apart from His life and truth.

Following the sermon, the offertory was sung and the offerings were gathered. Healing prayers were said for Linda Bohnenkemper, Kathy Jones, Marcia Coufal, Terry Handke, Ernie Keehn, Marvin Strube and Amanda Mellies. The prayer of the church, the litany of the resurrection prayer was prayed responsively.

The service of the sacrament followed with the singing of the Nunc Dimittis. Pastor Kinney gave the benediction, and the closing hymn, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer," was sung.

Rich Heitzman led Bible study in the church basement following services and announced there would be no Bible study next Sunday on Memorial weekend.

Birthday blessings were given to Brantley Dohl, who celebrated his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on May 18, and also to Trey Manuel, who will celebrate a birthday on May 22. Anniversary blessings were for Zack and Katie Kuhlman and Joe and Deanna McAllister, who will celebrate wedding anniversaries this week.

Weekly wisdom: "All that the Father has is mine; therefore, I said that He will take what is mine and declare it to you."

## Gerald Faust...

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Faust was also known for his efforts on the football field, leading to his selection as a second-team all-state player and reportedly scoring more touchdowns in his last two years at HHS than any other Wildcat up to that point in the school's history.

"We had a good team back then," he said. "It was a good group of boys to play with."

During his time at HHS, he earned the nickname "Harpo" — or better yet, he inherited the nickname from his brother Arland, a 1951 HHS graduate.

"My brother went to Africa one summer, and when he came back they gave him that nickname," Faust said. "After he graduated, they gave me the nickname. You could say it was passing the torch."

After graduating from HHS in 1955, Faust went on to Kansas State University, where he graduated in 1960 with a bachelor of science in industrial technology. Not long after that, President John F. Kennedy announced the formation of the Peace Corps, and Faust, who expressed an interest in "international work," signed up with the Corps' first group of volunteers.

"One thing led to another," he said. "Kennedy invited us to the White House as we were getting ready to leave for our assignments, and I got to shake the president's hand and chat with him for a little bit... It was a highlight."

Faust's first assignment with the Peace Corps was in the eastern African nation of Tanzania, where he worked from 1961 to 1963 on road projects.

"One of my assignments was as a resident engineer on a piece of work that was being done by private contractors, to keep them in line," he said. "I also worked on a road with a couple of volunteers who were surveying the land for the government."

In 1963, he returned to the USA and married Marcia, who he met during his studies at KSU. Their marriage began with another trip to Africa, where he served as an associate director of the Peace Corps in Ethiopia, and the couple welcomed their first daughter, Stephanie, in 1965.

"Ethiopia's a very interesting place," Faust said. "We had more than 700 volunteers there, and I was one of the associate directors. We handled program development and support for the volunteers."

After returning stateside again in 1966 to study in the master's program at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs in Pennsylvania, Faust and his family did one more stint in Africa, this time in Nigeria, developing credit programs for start-up industries in the region.

Faust and his family returned to the USA in 1970, settling in Las Animas with the Lions Club, the Southeast Colorado Tourism Council and the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund. In 1989, the Las Animas Chamber of Commerce rewarded him for his community involvement with its "Man Of The Year" award.

In 2008, he and Marcia retired to Pueblo West, Colo., where he remains an active volunteer in his local Methodist church and does volunteer work for Kairos, a prison ministry.

"We're right by a big lake," he said. "We got to liking the water quite well in Barbados, so we moved somewhere we could work a little bit around the lake."

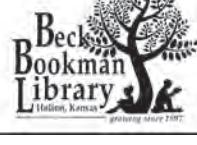
Faust and his wife also do a little bit of traveling — he said the whole family has gone back to Africa for vacations twice. But now that he's been named the HHS Outstanding Alumnus of the Year, he said he's looking forward to getting together this weekend with other classmates who are able to attend.

"It's a good time to come back to Holton," he said. "We'll have a parade float."



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## Prodigal Son

and not God's. Man is made of the dust of the earth and this dust (mud puddles) of the earth is where swine grub around to seek out their living hood (the mud of man's false teachings, the ways of the world).

Prodigal means to be a "spendthrift, to foolishly get rid of that which has been provided for you," (your salvation).

"Ekklesia" in the Greek means to be "called out," called out from the worldly ways. Moses was told to lead the people "out" of Egypt, Abraham was "called out" of the land of Ur. This word "ekklesia" is the word that gets translated as "church" in the Bible. At the time of the cross when the Gentiles were "called out" from their ungodly ways they became the "church" or the "called out ones."

Not everyone answers that calling. The ones that do, they hear that calling and do a complete 180-degree turnaround, from the death that they were headed into and turn back to Christ, where there is life. This is called repentance. Christ is that one doing the calling, asking us to turn from our worldly ways and to turn back to Him.

The church is each individual that answers the calling of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. The church is not a building or a denomination. We as individuals become the dwelling place of God, "know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16).

When we answer that calling and repent and are immersed (baptized) into Him, He comes into our lives and dwells within us and guides us, through The Holy Spirit. We become His dwelling place, we become known as Christians. When we say we are Christians, we are saying that we are of Christ, just like when we say we are Kansans, we are saying we are of Kansas.

We don't go over to that

building or to that denomination to find Christ. He is as close as our hearts. He is that Spirit within us. He is that love, that spiritual love that dwells within us. That's who we are, we are Christians, we are of Him, we are at one with Him.

In today's world we sometimes lose our way because we spend our inheritance of everlasting life on the vices of this world. When we repent and come back, there is that fated calf that was given as a sacrifice for us and there is that Robe of Righteousness that the "Father" has provided for us.

The story goes that when the returned (prodigal) son comes back he wants only to be a servant (to do some works) to get back into the good grace that exists in his father's house. The older son's argument is that for many years he has served (did some works) in his father's house.

They both claim works, one wants to serve and the other says that he has served and will continue to do so. The father says to both of them that it is not by works of the law as a servant, but it is by my love (grace) that you two have been my sons. It is by my grace and not by your works that you are my sons. It is by my love and not by your works. Believe that, have faith in that.

The Bible uses types, antitypes, metaphors, similes and the such like in communicating with the spiritual side of you. A man of the world will read the Bible as a literal book, a spiritual person will read and look for the inner spiritual meaning. You cannot understand the Bible and its intended meaning to its fullest with all of your intelligence. You have to pray for wisdom from God, that He will give you the spiritual wisdom to understand His word to its fullest spiritual intent. Stay in His word, don't give up.

Pastor Roland Matchie  
Thunder Eagle Ministries

## City Commission...

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In other business on Monday, commissioners approved a \$24,200 quote from Approved Paving L.L.C. of Atchison to handle the crack-filling portion of the city's 2025 street program — 21 blocks — which Holton Street Superintendent Greg Tanking said would enable his department to complete this year's street work faster and in a more timely manner.

Tanking said that in the past, his department had used a "cold pour" asphalt crack-filler that "just disappears" in some of the larger cracks that need to be filled. City street departments that have experienced a similar issue are now going to a rubberized crack-filling system that handles those larger cracks, he added, noting that he wanted to see if such a system would work for Holton.

"It's best to do it while it's hot outside," Tanking said of crack-filling work. "Once we get done with the street project in the 200 block of Wisconsin, we're going to roll right into patching and chipping, and that would push this off until fall."

A representative of Approved Paving, which is handling chipping work for Jackson County this year, contacted Tanking about doing the city's chipping work, and Tanking replied that he would be more interested in a crack-filling proposal, which led to Approved Paving's \$24,200 quote after Tanking showed the representative the work that needed to be done.

Tanking told commissioners that after observing how the rubberized crack-filling system works, his department would

look at renting equipment in the future and doing the work "in-house." He added that the rubberized crack-filling system would seal the cracks to where water does not get into them.

Commissioners also:

■ Approved minutes from their May 5 meeting and \$386,997.99 in budget appropriations following the meeting.

■ Approved a home occupancy permit for Dustin Fowler, who plans to run a cleaning business from his residence in the 300 block of Vermont Avenue.

■ Approved a zoning change from R-1 (residential) to C-S (highway service district) for Byron and Teresa Riley of BS Developers, who own lots adjoining the affected property in the 400 block of Dakota Avenue that are also zoned C-S.

■ Approved an ordinance amending C-S zoning regulations that would allow a manufacturing-type business in a C-S zone with restrictions and a special use permit approved by the Holton Planning Commission and the city commission.

■ Approved the appointment of Bryson Cyphers to fill a vacancy on the Holton Planning Commission.

■ Approved a bid of \$14,193 from T&R Electric of Colman, S.D. for the placement of pad mount transformers as part of an electrical upgrade project that will put the city's main electrical line that feeds the Apple Valley apartment complex underground. Commissioners noted that the line runs along a wooded area and is difficult to access when repairs are needed.

Holton Electrical Distribution Superintendent Corey Schuetz

told commissioners that Giant Communications has expressed an interest in partnering with the city on the project and sharing the cost of trenching to be able to put company lines in the trench. Schuetz said he has also reached out to Brightspeed Communications about participating, which would split the total cost three ways if the company approves it.

Bids for the work were also received from Midwest Electric Transformer Services of Hesston (\$22,550), Sunbelt Solomon of Temple, Texas (\$41,439) and Western Powerline Supply of Eldon, Mo. (\$27,301).

■ Heard a report from Riley that a main power line into Holton was repaired by Evergy on Friday, May 16 without any disruption of service to the city. Riley also noted that Tuesday's planned power outage for city customers who live outside the city's northern and eastern boundaries was going ahead as planned.

■ Approved a bid from Caselle Software of Provo, Utah, for software to be used at City Hall for utility billing, court processing, meter reading, accounting and other processes. The bid included \$38,591 for setup, conversion and training and \$1,605 per month, or \$19,260 annually for support. The city also received a bid from Jayhawk Software of Iola including \$30,241 for setup and \$16,591 annually for support, but Riley said the software offered by Jayhawk "does not do what we need it to do," whereas the Caselle software works perfectly.

■ Adjourned the meeting at about 7:10 p.m. All five commissioners were present.

Rainbow Awards 1<sup>st</sup> E-Sports Scholarship

Show above, left to right: Julie Bergman, Senior Business Development Specialist, Rainbow; Riggsby Scott, JHHS senior; and Keith Jaloma, Executive Director of the HCC Foundation.

Rainbow, in partnership with the Highland Community College Foundation, has awarded its first-ever E-Sports Scholarship to Riggsby Scott of Jackson Heights High School. The scholarship is part of Rainbow's ongoing commitment to supporting youth and expanding opportunities in emerging fields.

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The inheritance that we inherit from that certain man (God) is not money and material things but eternal life, so then the spendthrift (prodigal) son did not spend a monetary inheritance but an inheritance of everlasting life, by his riotous living. He ended up eating with the swine.

The swine are the ones that partake of man's teachings

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