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September 2017 Newsletter for
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Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:8-11

Our Mission at ILC includes to "serve God by serving people." The month of September will offer many opportunities to do just that. Let me lift up just a few ways you might share in our ministry.

September 10th is Sunday School Rally Day. Volunteers are needed to teach and assist with Sunday School Classes. Please pray about serving in this way, and contact our Parish Education Director, Susan Cox.

September 10th is also the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's "God's Work, Our Hands" day. Lutheran congregations all across the nation will be out and about serving God by serving in their communities. Please plan to join us that afternoon. We will gather in the Parish Hall at a time TBA for service project assignments.

We gather for worship every Sunday and on many special occasions throughout the year. Each time we gather, orderly worship requires the volunteer service of the Elders on duty who coordinate ushers, greeters, readers, and communion assistants. Please consider serving in one or more of these roles. You can sign up at <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> or contact any Elder for assistance. Their names are listed in the Church Directory. The Altar Guild is also in need of volunteers. Contact Mary Jo Beene or Lonna Duncan.

Immanuel's Women of the ELCA are always involved in one or more service projects. In the coming weeks WELCA will be collecting personal hygiene items for Lutheran World Relief. Watch the bulletin for needed items, or contact Dana Leary or Diane Moellenberg.

This month we are also supporting Texas Center Point Veterans Services and "Project Winter Comfort" in an effort to serve our area's civilian and veteran homeless population. Our goal at ILC is to collect 200 tubes of toothpaste and toothbrushes. A collection box is located in the Lower Narthex. Contact Laura Thomas.

Again, these are but a few of the many opportunities to serve at ILC. Contact the Church Staff or any Church Council member for more ideas! Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support.

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Tom

All Congregational Dinner honoring Immanuel's Senior Members will be held on Sunday, September 17th in the Parish Hall after the 11am service. Pork Loin will be served by Immanuel's Holy Smokers and those under 70 years of age are asked to please bring a dessert. This will also be Fair Trade Day.

Tired and Retired enjoyed potluck in August with twenty-nine present. Thanks to the Day School for their songs which included "If You're Happy and You Know It Clap Your Hands", "The Wiseman Built his House Upon the Rock", "Zacchaeus", "Pharaoh" and "I'm in the Lord's Army". The kiddos really liked our theme of emojis. We enjoyed two games on the topic of history and candy. The birthday door prize went to Pat Weiss and the others to Atlan Pfluger and Lois Luedtke. Each person received an ear of corn from the Corn Palace in Mitchell, S. Dakota and a bell emoji.

Please join us on Wednesday, September 13th at 11:30am for another potluck. We will be honoring the following September birthdays: Gloria Allmon, Wilbert Becker, Becky Boyer, Belia Cano, Wesley Chambers, Sandy Chaplain, Christine Davis, Audrey Dearing, Lonna Duncan, Pamela Fuchs, Helen Graf, Bennie Hammett, Candy Hansen, Margaret Lloyd, Bernell Markert, Cheri Murray, Doug Nowotny, Connie Olson, Emil Otis, Karen Petermann, Atlan Pfluger, Mindy Powell, Sherry Randig, Nancy Reeb, David Samuelson, LaVerne Scott, Vicki Smith, Charles Tawater, Dorothy Warren, Don Weiss, Merle Weiss, Donald Wiederhold, Glenn Wieland, Beverly Wolff.

Women
Of The
ELCA



PERSONAL CARE KITS for Lutheran World Relief will be the focus of Immanuel's WELCA group during the months of September and October. Personal Care Kits are distributed to individuals who have lost everything (due to earthquake, floods, leaving home due to violence, etc.). Please consider picking up one or more of the items listed below to help an individual in need keep clean and healthy. Donations can be dropped off in the WELCA supply room or the designated baskets found around Immanuel.

A bath towel (between the sizes of 20" x 40" and 27" x 52") - Shop for a light or medium-weight towels as recipients hand wash and air dry their towels.

Two or three bath size bars of soap (Any brand in its original wrapping. Each kit must have 8 to 9 oz. of soap; mini hotel size bars are not accepted).

One adult-size toothbrush, in its original wrapping (Toothbrush multi-packs can be donated; the packages will be disassembled and each individual toothbrush will be sealed in a business-size envelope).

One sturdy comb (Picks and fine tooth combs are not accepted).

One metal nail clipper (with or without file)

Thank you for your continued support and donations.

Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesdays in the Choir Room at 6:30pm beginning September 6th and **Handbell Choir** will resume rehearsals on Sundays starting September 10th at 9:45am in the church balcony. All are welcome.

2017 Congregation Address/Telephone Directory is available in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy for you and your family and notify the office of any errors.

2017 Lutheran Fall Festival benefitting Camp Chrysalis & Ebert Ranch Camp will be held in Fredericksburg on Saturday, September 16th from 9am—9pm. For more information or to sign up for the 5K, Quilt Show, Chili Cook-off or Craft Fair visit www.CrossTrails.org.

Bible Presentation Sunday: If you have a Pre-K, 2nd grade or 3rd grade student please bring them to church at 8:45am on Sunday, September 10th to receive the presentation of their Bible. **On Thursday, Sept. 21st, at 6:30pm** Pastor Tom will introduce the children to using their Bibles. A parent is asked to attend the class with their child.

Stewardship Committee: Beginning October 1st, information concerning pledge cards will be included in bulletins and the Image. Temple talk(s) will be scheduled for selected services during the period leading to Reformation Sunday, which is October 29th and when the pledge cards will be turned in. During the Sunday School hour on October 8th Elizabeth Arndt will conduct a formal interactive discussion on General Fund expenditures and the concept of prioritization when the General Fund balances are insufficient.

Mini-Treasurer's Report:

General Fund

Balance 07/22/2017	\$ 11,237.90
Income 07/22-08/18	51,364.15
Expenses 07/2-08/18	<u>- 48,571.09</u>
Balance 08/18/2017	\$ 14,030.96

Loan Balance - Comerica	\$ 53,865.92
Loan Balance - First Texas Bank	200,000.00
Building Loan Account Balance	47,643.56

Day School:

Balance 07/22/2017	\$ 76,323.54
Income 07/22-08/18	104,434.84
Expenses 07/22-08/18	<u>- 102,278.22</u>
Balance 08/18/2017	\$ 78,480.16

Food Pantry News for July

Number of clients assisted—108
 Number of Family Members—334
 New clients included—13
 Pastors Fund assists—

Anyone who wishes to make a contribution to the church in memory or honor of a loved one, may choose from the following funds:

- New Building Loan Debt
- Garden of Prayer/Labyrinth Fund
- Cemetery Endowment Fund
- Pre-Theological Fund
- Technology Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- Food Pantry

"Blue Star Prayers"

Our United States is defending Freedom in many parts of our world today. Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers.

Daylon Hethcock US Navy Cyndi Motloch's Grandson	Justin Steffek, Msgt. US Air Force Marie Randig's Grandson	Chase Bowden Serving in Iraq Paula Bowden's Son
Dan Dye Tx. National Guard Pat & Jan Dye's Son	SSG Larry Jameson US Army Bradley Jameson's Father	Cole Elliott US Navy Yvonne Zimmer's Grandson
Elliott Bo Burns, Maj. US Army Willie Mae Burns' Grandson	Justin Hoffman, Col. US Air Force Bob & Patti Hoffman's Son	Patrick Roberts, St/Sgt US Air Force Peggy Roberts' Grandson
Michael Wayne Green, Capt. US Marine Corp. Wayne & Aileene Saegert's Grandson	Michael Bradshaw US Air Force Glenn & Britta Herzog's Grandson	Matthew R. Tiemann, Capt. US Marine Corps Rob & Carrie Tiemann's Son
Johnathan Edwards US Army Beverly Wolff's Grandson	Kelsey Westman, 2nd Lt. US Army Reserves Betty Wicklund's Granddaughter	Austin W. Fox, 1st Lt. US Army Jennave Fuchs' Grandson

From the Youth & Family Ministry Office...

Growing up I hated to read. Sports Illustrated for Kids was about the only thing I would willingly pick up. In school I even served some consequences for not getting enough reading points or what have you - I flat didn't care. I just did not like to sit still and crack open a book.

Thankfully I've done some growing over the years and have actually come to like reading. It still has to be the right kind of material - but I enjoy sitting down with a book... and a cup of coffee. Maybe it is really my excuse to drink coffee...never the less, I like to read.

Since the start of seminary, my hours reading have risen (probably exponentially). There have been wonderful texts assigned for class. There have been not so wonderful texts assigned for class. In the between times I have managed to finish a few books that were not assigned; the list of books I want to read grows and grows. I look forward to the day where that stack gets to be read.

As I said, the kind of reading that I get into has to be a certain kind. I really only read non-fiction. While I know that's not everybody's cup of tea, I wanted to share some that are at the top of my list.

With a new school year upon us, I thought I'd share a list of ideas so we could all "hit the books". There is always room for growth; it is always a time to learn. If you have books that have been especially profound in your life or something that challenged you - I'd love to hear about them.

If you are viewing the only version of this document, each title is hyperlinked to Amazon so you can check out purchasing this book if your interested.

[Mercy: The Essence of the Gospel and the Key to Christian Life](#)

By Cardinal Walter Kasper

[Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Spoke in the Wheel](#)

By Renate Wind

[Love Wins: A Book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived](#)

By Rob Bell

[What is the Bible?](#)

By Rob Bell

[Carry On, Warrior: The Power of Embracing Your Messy, Beautiful Life](#)

By Glennon Doyle Melton

[unchristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks about Christianity...and Why It Matters](#) by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons

[The Present Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church](#)

By Reggie McNeal

I could go on...but, if you're a non-fiction junkie and are interested in things about or relating to the church, I hope you find something of interest here.

And we can all take a reminder and remember that opening THE Book and doing some reading from there would be beneficial. After all, that is the beautiful thing about how we view the Bible. It is a living and breathing document that is relevant and meaningful to our lives right now. The Spirit is hovering in the pages, in our hearts and in our minds as God works something new in us daily.

<>< **Live, serve and love boldly!**

Katie Wegner,

Director of Youth and Family Ministry

September - 2017

Youth and Family Ministry Calendar:

September 6 - 7th and 8th grade confirmation begins

September 10 - Rally Day and God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday

Kick off a new Sunday School Year

2nd and 3rd graders receive their bibles at 8:45am worship

Participate in congregation wide service opportunities for our community

September 17 - Sr. Member Dinner

Make plans to attend a congregational lunch honoring our senior members

SAVE THESE DATES!!

October 20-22 - Middle School Youth Gathering at Camp Chrysalis

October 25 - Trunk or Treat!!

October 28/29 - Set-up/BBQ Chicken Fundraiser for Youth Ministry

EDUCATION MINISTRY

September 2017

Reach, Teach, Equip as we Gather, Grow, Serve



Sunday, September 10th

9:45am (everyone is invited)

Meet your teachers for 2017-2018 Sunday School Year

Pre-K through 5th head to the basement to be greeted by your new teachers
6th through high school head to the Bistro to be greeted by your new teachers

Adult Class 1 - meets in the Conference Room and is led by Mark & Bonnie Sassman. This class studies a book of the Bible verse by verse

Adult Class 2 - meets in the Parlor and is led by Natalie Knobloch. This class addresses everyday issues through scripture

Adult Class 3 - meets in the cry room and is led by Barbara Bohls. This class will study "Leading a Chocolate Life"

Young Adult Class - led by James Kuempel is a class with HOT TOPICS held on a Facebook site. Email James to be added to the distribution list at: kuemp5@aol.com

Bible Presentation Sunday is September 10th (Rally Day) during the Middle Service. All Pre-K, 2nd and 3rd grade students are asked to come forward with their parents to receive one.

Trunk or Treat Now is the time to start thinking about your car/truck decorations for this year's Trunk or Treat. For more info email: susan@ilcpville.org

Parish Ed Committee usually meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30p in the Parlor. If you have any interest in what we are planning please join us at one of our meetings. Next meeting is Monday, September 11th (due to Labor Day).

Upcoming Dates:

September 10th	Rally Day & Bible Presentation to PreK, 2nd & 3rd graders
October 9th	Chic Fundraising Event at Charming Charlie's
October 25th	Trunk or Treat (and Spooktacular)
November 16th	Merry, Martha & Me
December 10th	Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday School: 9:45am for Pre-K through adult. Church bulletin has details for all adult classes. Pre-K through 5th meets in the basement, Middle & High School meets in the Bistro by the gym.

Contact: susan@ilcpville.org for more information

A Special Thank You to all who have generously given toward Megan Freudenberg's goal of \$5,000.00 to support her in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program. As of this date a total of \$3,915.00 has been received.

Serving in September 2017

Acolytes

Sept 3: Taryn Bittick & Haidyn Damstrom (8:45) Rex Kuempel & Hudson Mueller (11:00)
Sept 10: Madison & Sam Puryear (7:45) Bryce Van Houten & Ethan Visness (11:00)
Sept 17: Sam Robar & Landon Self (7:45) Dominic Weber & T.J. Odegaard (11:00)
Sept 24: Marah Kluge & Allison Morris (7:45) Haidyn Damstrom & Taryn Bittick (11:00)

Elders for September: Barbara Bohls (Early) Mark Sassman (Middle) David Gifford (Late). (Please contact them if you would like to assist with worship in September or go to <http://bit.ly/ILCsignup> to sign up yourself.)

Readers

Sept 3: **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Sept 10: Candy Hansen (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Sept 17: Annyce Bohls (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Sept 24: **1 needed** (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Communion Assistants

Sept 3: Grace Lin, **2 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **2 needed** (11:00)
Sept 10: Candy Hansen (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **3 needed** (11:00)
Sept 17: Annyce Bohls (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **2 needed** (11:00)
Sept 24: **1 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **3 needed** (11:00)

September Chapel Assistants

Early Service: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley
Late Service: Lon Duke (3) Bruce Freudenberg (10) J.B. Marshall (17) **1 needed** (24)

Altar Guild

Sept 3 & 10
Kristin Adix & Sherri Hoefling

Sept 17 & 24
3-4 needed

Ushers

Sept 3: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Sept 10: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Sept 17: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Sept 24: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message:

Sept 3: Jennifer Hoffman (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)
Sept 10: Puppets (8:45) (11:00)
Sept 17: (8:45) (11:00)
Sept 24: (8:45) (11:00)

Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist

Sept 3: Charles Mott (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)
Sept 10: Matthew Krieg (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
Sept 17: Brent Reeder (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)
Sept 24: Vera Gebert (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)

Coffee Makers

Sept 3: Hal Kuempel
Sept 10: Mark Mueller
Sept 17: Kristin Adix
Sept 24: Lon Duke

Flower Calendar

Sept 3: Altar—Kesselring
Sept 10:
Sept 17: Altar, Parish Hall & Chapel—Sr. Members
Sept 24: