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September 2018 Newsletter for
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September 9th is Sunday School Rally Day, the beginning of a new Sunday School year. In his teaching, the Lord Jesus quoted the great commandment from Deuteronomy 6: *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your*

children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."

Martin Luther wrote his Small Catechism so that parents could teach the Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments to their children. For five-hundred years, Lutheran congregations have supported parents by providing Christian education opportunities—Sunday School, Confirmation classes, youth groups and activities. I remember when I was a boy in the 1950's and 60's. On Saturday evenings, my parents made me polish my shoes, then prepare my Sunday School lesson. Yes, we had Sunday School homework—usually memorizing a Bible verse related to the lesson. Needless to say, I never would have done this without my parents' insistence. And of course, my parents were always in adult Bible class at the same time I was in Sunday School.

Let's be honest. Children, youth, and families, by and large, are far busier today. The demands on our time and the activities competing for our interest are far greater. Times have changed, and what we have been doing in Sunday School is no longer working for many people. Some of us may wish that things could be like they were in the 50's and 60's, but family life today is far different, and nostalgic wishful thinking is not helpful. Some of our faithful Sunday School teachers and Parish Ed leaders are tired and unmotivated, and understandably so, with our dismal attendance. But that is not God's doing. God does not abandon us to despair, God enables us to grow in the Word! God empowers us to face new challenges and provides new opportunities. As Lutherans, we are a reforming Church! Church and family life will never be what it once was. God can make it even better! I truly believe that.

Our Director of Education Ministry, Susan, has put forth a plea and leads us in praying for new leadership, new energy, and new ideas to reach and serve our young people. As I write, we are still trying to hire a Youth and Family Ministry leader. Please pray, confident that God will provide, and direct interested and qualified persons to the job description link on our website. <http://ilcpville.org/help-wanted-interim-youth-family-ministry-coordinator/>.

God's peace,
Pastor Tom

All Congregational Dinner honoring Immanuel's Senior Members will be held September 16th in the Parish Hall after the 11am service. Fajitas 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 met in August with twenty-two present. A group of enthusiastic Day Schoolers sang "Kindergarten Here We Come", "The Devil is a Sly old Fox", "Baby Bumblebee song", and "I'm in the Lord's Army". Some interesting geographical facts were shared. Thanks to UP for adding the "sweet" table decorations and Vernagene for her music. We had a special birthday that Wednesday celebrating Vernice Krueger's 92nd birthday with a lovely cake provided by her granddaughter, Tasha. The birthday door prize went to James Bohls and others to Brenda Bubert and Lonna Duncan.

Please join us for another potluck on Wednesday, September 12th, at 11:30 am. 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, Robin Gumm, 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, Connie West, Donald Wiederhold, Glenn Wieland, Beverly Wolff.

Women Of The ELCA

Lutheran World Relief: Personal Care kits are the focus of Immanuel's WELCA group during the months of September and October. These 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 to keep clean and healthy. Donations can be dropped off in the WELCA room or in designated baskets. A bath towel (between the sizes of 20"x40" and 27"x52") -Shop for a light or medium-weight towels as recipients hand wash and 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. One adult-size toothbrush, in its original wrapped. (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 for Lutheran World Relief.

For the months of September, October, and November the WELCA circles will be discussing Repentance. For September, "We will ponder how repentance shapes our relationship with God." (Gather Magazine) Please join us. The Elizabeth Circle will meet Sept. 4, at 2pm, in the narthex; the Mary Circle will meet Sept 4, at 7pm, in a member's home; the Rebecca Circle will meet Sept. 4, at 6:30, in the narthex; and, the Crafter's Circle meets at Candy Hansen's studio on Mondays.

The **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will hold its next meeting at 9:00am on Saturday, September 8th, in the lower narthex. All are welcome to as we knit/crochet comfort for others and enjoy each other's company. Contact Bonnie Sassman at bsassy55@aol.com or Elizabeth Arndt at earndt0@gmail.com for more information.

The Altar Guild Committee is in need of more volunteers to help with keeping the Altar area neat and clean. We also are responsible for setting up communion each weekend. Training is available and anyone may serve: women, men, or couples. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this committee, please call Mary Jo Beene at 512.801.6965.

Stewardship Committee: Beginning in October, information concerning pledge cards for the 2019 General Fund budget development will be included in bulletins and the Image.

Mini-Treasurer's Report	
General Fund	
Balance 7/20/2018	\$ 29,927.41
Income 7/21-8/24	\$ 80,789.82
Expenses 7/21-8/24	\$ (76,347.97)
Balance 8/24/18	\$ 34,369.26
Building Fund Balance 8/24/2018	\$ 136,166.74
Day School	
Balance 7/20/2018	\$ 71,054.57
Income 7/21-8/24	\$ 123,812.35
Expenses 7/21-8/24	\$ (113,942.21)
Balance 8/24/18	\$ 80,924.71

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

- Garden of Prayer/Labyrinth Fund
- Cemetery Endowment Fund
- Pre-Theological Fund
- Technology Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- Food Pantry

Food Pantry News for July
 Number of clients assisted—85
 Number of Family Members—273
 New clients included—6
 Pastors Fund assists—

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

Thanks to everyone for their generosity in contributing towards Aaron Farrow's mission work. The total amount raised was \$4536.00. You may continue to contribute through July of 2019 through ILC.

From Your Church Council

Due to schedule conflicts, and since there was nothing urgent on our agenda, Council did not meet in August. Several committee and staff reports were submitted and distributed to Council members, and these are available for review in the Church Office. Council will meet at its regularly scheduled time in September.

I close by repeating my invitation to attend committee and Council meetings each month. The meeting times and places for several committees are listed below. If you're interested in a group or committee that isn't listed, please contact the church office and you will be put in touch with a member of that group or committee.

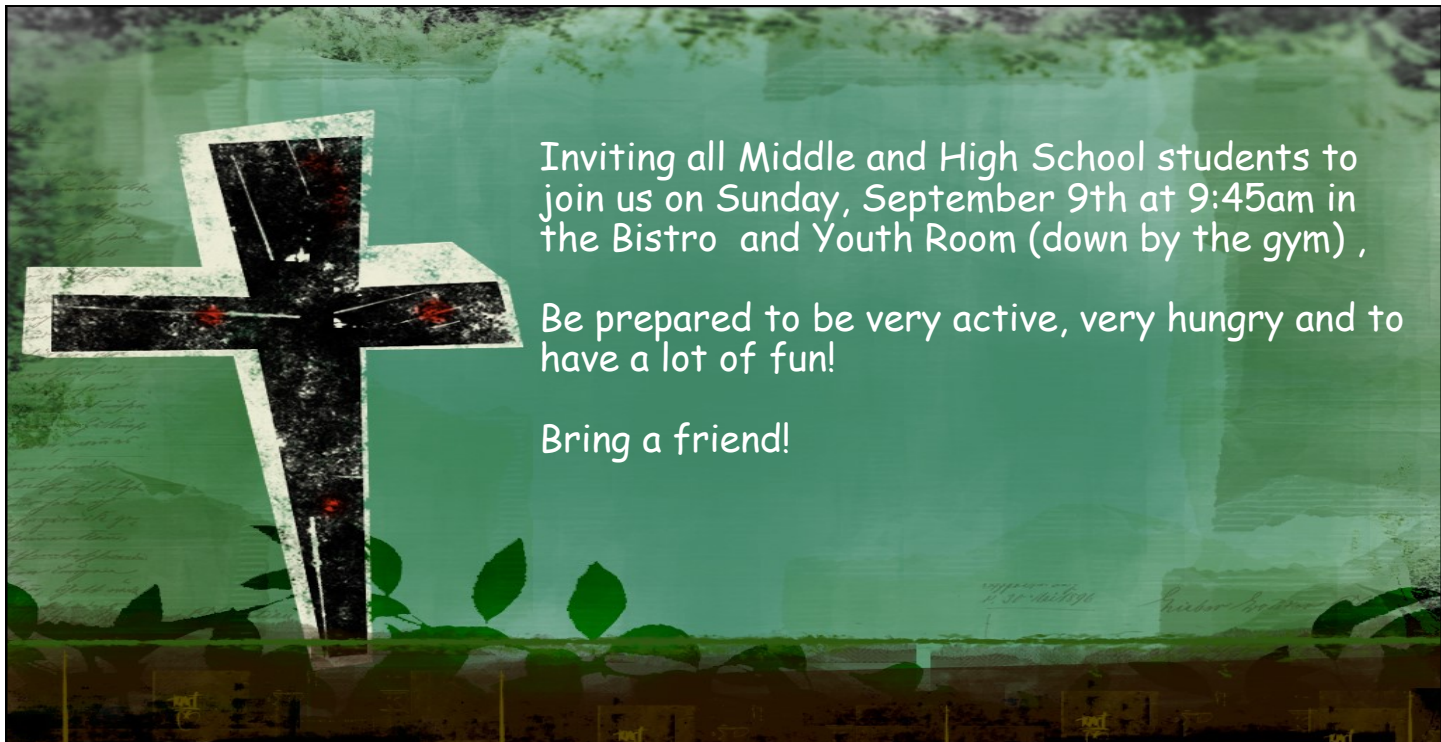
- Long Range Planning - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., Lower Narthex
- Day School - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., Conference Room
- Stewardship - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m., Lower Narthex
- Worship and Music - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:15 p.m., Parlor
- Parish Education - 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., Parlor
- Congregation Council - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

Yours in Christ,
 Chris Rankin
 Council President

EDUCATION MINISTRY

September 2018

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



Inviting all Middle and High School students to join us on Sunday, September 9th at 9:45am in the Bistro and Youth Room (down by the gym),

Be prepared to be very active, very hungry and to have a lot of fun!

Bring a friend!

Sunday, September 9th at 9:45am



Pre-K through 5th grade will meet in the basement to be greeted by their teachers as we start our 2018-2019 Sunday School session.

Pathfinders Adult Class will meet in the Parlor and continue their study on "relevant topics of today". Stop by the class for a cup of coffee and a great discussion on Sunday's lesson.

Adult Class 1 will continue meet in the Conference Room to delve into the daily gospel lesson. This class is lead by Dorothy Kraemer.

Adult Class 2 will meet in the Cry Room. This class is lead by Barbara Bohls.

Middle and High School students will meet in the Bistro by the gym.

Merry, Martha & Me: We aren't able to get the minimum number of hostesses we need to orchestrate this event this year. Thanks to everyone who has participated in the past.

Come on out to help with this HUGE community event. Thursday, October 25th set up between 3:30p and 5:45p. Event is from 6p—8p. What? You just decorate the trunk of your car or bed of your truck, bring candy to hand out (last year we had 350+ kids) and have a great time. Sign ups start September 2nd. Pick up applications on the table in the breezeway by the Parish Hall or email susan@ilcpville.org for one. Spooktacular (ILDS event) runs simultaneously with this event.



Parish Ed Committee.... We meet 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 Sept. 10th.

Upcoming Dates:

- Sept 9th Rally Day
- Oct 1st Parish Ed meeting at 6:30p—Parlor
- Oct 25th Trunk or Treat/Spooktacular

Sunday School: Classes start for all ages (Pre-K through adult) on Sunday, September 9th at 9:45am.

Contact: susan@ilcpville.org for more information
Reach, Teach, Equip

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 9th to receive the presentation of their Bible. **On Thursday, Sept. 13th, at 6:30pm** Pastor Tom will introduce the 3rd graders to using their Bibles. A parent is asked to attend the class with their child.

Serving in September 2018

Acolytes

Sept 2: Tate Reiland & Stella Rachui (8:45) Emerson Perisho & Ava Owen (11:00)
Sept 9: Elliott Weiss & Shelby Weaver (7:45) Kyle Ward & Kadie Van Houten (11:00)
Sept 16: Connor Herring & Reese Krause (7:45) Catherine & Jacqueline Kruse (11:00)
Sept 23:
Sept 30:

Elders for September: Barbara Bohls (Early) Marie Davis (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 2: Mary Jo Beene (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Sept 9: Candy Hansen (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Sept 16: Annyce Bohls (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Sept 23: **1 needed** (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)
Sept 30: **1 needed** (7:45) **1 needed** (8:45) **1 needed** (11:00)

Communion Assistants

Sept 2: Mary Jo Beene, **1 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11:00)
Sept 9: Candy Hansen (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)
Sept 16: Annyce Bohls (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) Grace Lin, **1 needed** (11:00)
Sept 23: **1 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)
Sept 30: **1 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **2 needed** (11:00)

September Chapel Assistants

Early Service: Carlton & Marilyn Lorfing, Ralph Kirkley
Late Service: **1 needed** (2) Bruce Freudenberg (9) J.B. Marshall (16) **1 needed** (23 & 30)

Altar Guild

Sept 2 & 9	Sept 16, 23 & 30
Kristin Adix & Sherri Hoefling	Candy, Lori & Mike Hansen

Ushers

Sept 2: **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Sept 9: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Sept 16: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Sept 23: **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)
Sept 30 **4 needed** (7:45) **4 needed** (8:45) **4 needed** (11:00)

Children's Message

Sept 2: Melissa Malinowski (8:45) Debbie Wiederhold (11:00)
Sept 9:
Sept 16:
Sept 23:
Sept 30:

Console Operators/Parish Hall Projectionist

Sept 2: Charles Mott (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
Sept 9: Brent Reeder (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)
Sept 16: Matthew Krieg (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)
Sept 23: Charles Mott (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Charles Kleen (11:00)
Sept 30: Brent Reeder (7:45) Rick Cox (8:45) Willard Hebbe (11:00)

Flower Calendar

Sept 2:
Sept 9: Altar—Sutton
Sept 16: Altar, Chapel, Parish Hall—Sr. Members
Sept 23:
Sept 30:

Coffee Maker for September:
Kristin Adix