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Installation of Immanuel's Associate Pastor

Thanks be to God, Candidate Alex Schrader has been placed at Immanuel to serve as our Associate Pastor. His service to Immanuel will have an emphasis on spiritual care, family life ministry, and community outreach. We look forward to welcoming Pastor Schrader and his wife, Vicki, and children, Sophia, 18, Erik, 16, and Leo, 15.

The installation service for Pastor Schrader is scheduled for Sunday, July 25, at 2:00 pm. Watch for details and opportunities to meet and welcome the Schraders to our midst.



WHAT'S INSIDE...

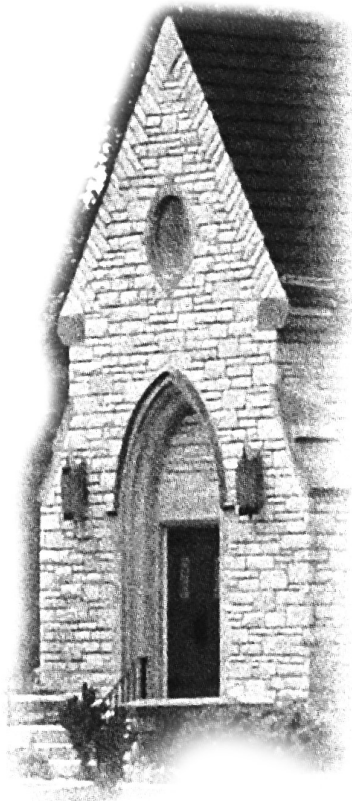
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Welcome to Immanuel!

A number of new members have joined the Immanuel family in the last few years. Following is a brief introduction of some of those.

HEATHER SPRENGEL was baptized at Immanuel as a young child, but her family did not become active. Now as an adult she has returned to Immanuel as an adult confirmand. Heather recently left her job as a research coordinator for cancer patients to go to medical school. Due to COVID she has put off her wedding to Johan Paul, who works for the Maryland Heights Police Dept. He was born in India and came to America in 2002. Heather enjoys spending time with her family, babysitting and kick boxing.

LINDSAY BLOCH transferred from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Staplehurst, NE. She is a part time Latin teacher at Providence Classical Christian Academy. Her husband, Andrew, is a PhD student at Concordia Seminary, planning to be a teacher, not a pastor. They have a 1 year old son, Philip, and are expecting a 2nd child in August. Lindsay likes to play the guitar in her free time.

THOMAS HARRIS came to Immanuel from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Overland, MO. He is a union laborer for McCarthy Construction. Tom has two grown boys and a daughter, Gabrielle, 7, who is a first grader at Immanuel School. In his spare time he is rebuilding a Chevelle.

MARTIN & REBECCA WELLS transferred from Our Redeemer in Overland so their children could go to Immanuel School when Our Redeemer closed theirs. Conner, 10, is a 4th grader and Annaliese, 7, is in 1st grade. Marty is a project manager for Negwer Materials, and a carpenter with his own business. Becky is a pre-school teacher aid at Our Redeemer. She is a former curator for CHI, Concordia Historical Institute. Marty enjoys woodworking and video games and is a track and field coach at Lutheran North. Becky likes crafts and reading and loves Broadway theater. She is a season ticket holder for the Fox and the Munny. There is a rivalry in this family as Marty is a graduate of Lutheran North and Becky is a graduate of Lutheran South.

RAE MOHRMANN, mother of Immanuel member, Greg Mohrmann, is a life long LCMS member who stayed with Unity Lutheran Church in Bel Nor when it left to join ELCA. She has now come full circle and is happy to be back in the LCMS with her family. Rae is a retired public educator in the Normandy School District. Currently she is teaching water exercises at UMSL and Silver Sneakers in Ferguson. Rae likes to read and run and has completed over 100 marathons. Her goal is to have run an additional 75 half marathons before she reaches 75 years of age – she has 10 more to go.

SUSAN & JEFF WICKELL are former members of Signal Hill Lutheran Church in Belleville, IL. They are both retired. Susan has been a confirmation mentor for the past 3 years. She enjoys reading and is a dog sitter in the dog's own home. Jeff plays computer games, especially card games. Their daughters, **ASHLEY** and **ELISE** no longer live at home, but are also new members.

COLLIN CAMPBELL transferred to Immanuel from Zion Lutheran Church in Belleville, IL. He is a structural engineer for Boeing. In his spare time Collin likes running, biking and swimming and his end goal is to participate in a half Iron Man marathon. He also enjoys theological discussions and is comparing the Lutheran Church with the Catholic religion.

PATRICIA THORNE came to Immanuel from King of Glory Lutheran Church in Elgin, IL. She has been a widow since 2002 and moved to St. Louis to be near her daughter, Pam Bunte. Pat loves to travel and spends many hours crocheting and doing needlepoint and cross stitch. She has framed many of her handiworks and they adorn the walls in her apartment at Mason Pointe. She had a distant relative who was an actress and starred in the movie, High Noon.

MELANIE HUBER came to Immanuel from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Overland, MO. She has two children, Blake, 14, an 8th grader and Scarlett, 11, a 5th grader, both at Immanuel School. Melanie is a business analyst at Centene Corp. She enjoys her family and attending concerts.

BRIAN & PAM BUNTE transferred from St. John Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL to be closer to family. Brian's parents are Bill and Eileen Bunte and Pam's mother is Pat Thorne. Brian is a nuclear and sustainable energy engineer. Pam is a former junior high and high school teacher. Pam's hobbies include crafts – making T-shirts, greeting cards, etc. Brian loves golf and any kind of cards, especially pinochle, plus he keeps busy with handyman projects.



Partnering with Families to Prepare God's Children for the Future Immanuel Lutheran School's Mission

Responding to God's grace through Christ, Assisting families with whole child development, and Preparing children for God's service.

Theme 2020-2021 *Be Kind, Gentle, Humble, and Patient* – Colossians 3:12

By Principal Wendy Morris

Immanuel Lutheran School Update

By the time you read this, the 2020-2021 school year will be complete. Thanks be to God, our heavenly Father, who has been our stronghold throughout the year. God graciously led us, walked with us, cheered us on, and comforted us. In the words of our theme "Be Kind, Gentle, Humble, and Patient – Colossians 3:12. I am thankful for a God who shows us the importance of extending kindness, gentleness, humility, and patience.

Thank God for our Lutheran school where there is a congregation who lovingly supports us prayerfully and financially. Thank you, God, for Lutheran teachers who are called to serve God faithfully. Please join me in lifting up all of our teachers in prayers of thanks – Matt Springer, Brenda Hente, Jamie Hart, Clayton Erdmann, Esther Dunlop, Cathy Tanney, Chris Meyr, Beth Carter, Jenn Riley, Bethany Greatens, Kim Cullen, and Cheri Fitzgerald. Thank you to our teacher aides who come in early and stay late so that our families who need extended care can come to our school – Jenny Hackmann, Vicki Lu, Cheryl Schaff, and Linda Zhang. Also, this year our preschool teachers rotated coming in at 7:00 am three days a week to staff the before care – Thank you. Thank you to our administrative team – Connie Baur, Dorothy Glenn, Ksenia Mirly, and Helen Qui for working behind the scenes to support the work of the school. Finally, thank you to Pastor Rory Karg, Pastor Ed Lim, and Vicar Sam for your spiritual care.

The teachers will wrap up the year reviewing our mission, vision, core values, and curriculum maps and learning standards June 1st through the 4th. I pray they have a restful summer as they will be back in the classroom on August 16th getting ready for the students' first day on August 25th.

Summer Camp

We again are offering a summer camp. Between June 1st and August 13th there are 11 weeks of camp. We have a Jr. Camp for our rising 3 and 4 year old preschoolers and a camp for rising kindergarteners through rising 6th graders. I am super excited to work with our eager camp staff who will provide a fun camp experience for 32 – 42 campers each week.



Meet our summer camp staff:

Christopher Braggs Jr. Counselor 	Mya Copeland Jr. Counselor 	Isabelle Hefele Director 	Jackson Holmes Jr. Counselor 	Will Knehans Jr. Counselor	Carrie Meyr Jr. Counselor 
Nakyma Pearson Jr. Counselor 	Zach Roeglin Counselor 	Christian Salemink Counselor 	Mikaela Williams Jr. Counselor 	Vicki Lu Substitute 	Linda Zhang Substitute 

Not pictured: Danielle Budner and Bradley Malone

From the Vicar...

A year I will never forget

I've lived most of my life as a student. I didn't take a gap year in-between high school and college, and I quickly enrolled into Seminary before my college graduation. I've held many part time jobs, but most of my life has been dictated by a variety of due dates with regards to papers, projects, readings, and tests. With nearly six additional years of school experience under my belt, I was ready for a change of pace. In fact, I needed a change of pace. This vicarage not only provided that change of pace but provided an opportunity of deep growth and learning. I want to share a few things I learned while serving Immanuel this past year.

There is no "I" in team

I grew up playing soccer as my main sport. This being a team sport, I quickly learned the benefits of working with other people. I didn't have to be the best player on the field, being skilled in all positions on the field. But I relied on my team to compensate for my weaknesses. If I played left wing, I relied on the center. If I played striker, I relied on the defense to protect the keeper and regain control of the ball. I didn't have to do everything on my own.

When I heard that Immanuel Lutheran Church was a team ministry, I was excited to learn and experience what that meant in a ministry context. The biggest impact I experienced was during the Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Outreach. Due to my limited timeframe, I was overwhelmed by the amount of planning and outsourcing of turkeys I needed to do. But the team around me quickly came to aid in my endeavor. I didn't have to do all the planning and organizing on my own. Not only did the team come to help, but the congregation around me asked how they could help.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 writes, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." No soccer player really scores a goal on their own, but it is through passing the ball that they are able to score together. No person can really do ministry on their own, but it is through a faithful team, a faithful congregation, and the Holy Spirit that we can boldly share the Gospel.

I need Jesus every second of the day

This pandemic has challenged me in ways I could not have imagined. I couldn't have predicted a vicarage full of masks and social distancing. I came into vicarage strong and well energized, but with holidays, pandemic events, and filling in for absent staff, I realized I could not do this on my own strength. There were several days where I didn't want to get out of bed and face the unknown challenges that awaited me. But in those moments I realized my true need for God for everything I do. God would fill me with His peace. He would calm my heart of fear and doubt and give me strength to get up each day.

Psalm 37:7 writes, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" What I have learned this year is that God will be exalted among the nations and across the earth no matter the situation. No power or pandemic will thwart His glory that He bestows upon His creation. No matter where I go or what church I lead, my constant need of Jesus will always be in the center of my life. He is my source of life and strength that will strengthen and preserve me through any trial or tribulation.

Thankfulness

I am sad that my days at Immanuel are numbered. I am sad that my vicarage must come to an end. But the relationships I have made here will never end. The lessons I have learned here will never go to waste, but will be with me for the rest of my life. Even in the midst of a pandemic, God has used my environment, the church, Pastor Karg, and many people to help me hold fast to His Word, to call upon Him in prayer and praise daily, and to boldly proclaim His Grace and His Mercy. May God bless you as you continue to connect people to the Word of God and His message of salvation. You will always be in my prayers.

- Vicar Sam

Switching Rooms on Immanuel Campus

Just when you thought you knew what was where, things change...but for the better! Immanuel's new Associate Pastor's office will be the first room on the right of the atrium long hallway. (The room that was most recently the Light of Christ office, and the volunteer room before that.)

The Light of Christ office is now in the room which had previously been the school library, across the hall from the school office. The upstairs still houses upper grades' library books until another place for them is decided upon.

The library for all of the lower grades is now located in the East Building in the room that was the Eagles' Nest (first room down hallway to the right of front doors), making it very convenient for our early childhood classes. The Eagles' Nest coffee center moved to the teachers' workroom. It's amazing how it all works out!

Summer Son-Shine (VBS)

Immanuel will offer a summertime family experience on Wednesday evenings, June 30-July 28. Dinner, music, games, crafts and Bible story are included. Everyone is welcome; feel free to include guests! Plans are to offer this at no cost to participants. Keep your eyes open for more information to come soon, including how to sign-up.



News from North

One of the treasured traditions at Lutheran High School North is the Senior Honors Assembly at the end of the year. Celebrating the Christian education students receive at LHSN, special recognitions are given to deserving students. Immanuel members Ellie Jander and Christian Salemink were among the recipients this year. Ellie was named Lutheran North's Scholar Athlete in the St. Louis Post Dispatch/Cardinals Program, having excelled in academics, cross country, track, and swimming. She also received the Outstanding Art Student and Choir Student awards. Christian was recognized as the Outstanding Drama Student. Ellie delivered the salutatory address at the graduation commencement.

Both Ellie and Christian also received one of the Christian Character Awards, given annually to seniors whose lives exemplify the qualities and characteristics of ten of our greatest Biblical examples. Ellie received the David award: *This student is a Christian example through the use of his/her gifts and talents in athletics. "For you equipped me with strength for the battle; you made those who rise against me sink under me." Psalm 18:39.* Christian received the Paul award: *This student shows a zeal and conscientious spirit for the work of Christ and the church, despite difficulties and challenges that may*





Support Immanuel with Gift Cards

Immanuel School is still selling gift cards to benefit all students! Our SCRIP ladies are still selling in person after some services and the website is available 24/7. You can order online and pick it up at church the following week.

Check out the SCRIP site: <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>

NEW APP! SCRIP also has a new app (RAISE RIGHT) that is really easy to use and you can get your gift card within minutes on your phone.



Contact Katie Krenning at the number or email below and the gift cards can be left at church for pickup.

You can also order online for physical cards, electronic gift cards, or to reload your current gift cards at:

www.shop.shopwithscrip.com and enter code:
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contact Katie Krenning:
immanueldayscrip@gmail.com or call
314-567-5828

Order forms are also available at church.

Retailer	Re-bate	Denom	Qty	Total \$
Amazon	3%	\$25		
AMC Theatres	8%	\$25		
Applebee's	8%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble	9%	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$10		
Bath & Body Works	13%	\$25		
Best Buy	4%	\$25		
Bob Evans	10%	\$10		
Buffalo Wild Wings	10%	\$25		
BRANNEKY	10%	\$10/25		
Build-a-Bear	8%	\$25		
Burger King	4%	\$10		
Dick's Sporting	8%	\$25		
Dierberg's	4%	\$25		
Disney	4%	\$25		
Foot Locker	9%	\$25		
Gap/Old Navy/Athleta	14%	\$25		
Hardee's	5%	\$10		
Home Depot	4%	\$25		
iTunes	5%	\$25		
Jack in the Box	4%	\$10		
Kohl's	4%	\$25/100		
Lowe's	4%	\$25		
Macy's	10%	\$25		
Maggiانو's/Chili's	11%	\$25		

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Michael's	4%	\$25		
Olive Garden/Red Lobster/ Longhorn	9%	\$25		
Panera	9%	\$10/\$25		
Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Shop N Save	4%	\$25		
Starbucks	7%	\$10		
Subway	6%	\$10		
Target	3%	\$25		
Total Wine	5%	\$25/100		
TJ Maxx/	7%	\$25		
Walgreens	6%	\$25		
Walmart/Sam's	3%	\$25		
Wendy's	4%	\$10		
Whole Foods	3%	\$25		
Shutterfly	9%	\$25		

LIGHT OF CHRIST 2020

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever." – Psalms 136:1

Below is a brief testimony given by Brother Roy Liu who was baptized at our worship service on May 2nd 2021. Thanks be to God that His Kingdom keeps expanding one at a time!

My name is Roy Liu and I am from China. My first encounter with the Christian faith was when I was a junior in college. My neighbor shared the gospel with me but I did not take it to heart at that time. After graduation, I came to America and met a missionary who reached out to me but due to my busy work schedule, I eventually lost touch with him. However, there was a Bible verse that stayed with me – "I was blind, but now I see!" Thanks be to God!



After working for a few years, things started to slow down due to last year's pandemic and I was able to find time to read the Bible and realized I should find a church where I can worship God and associate with people in the church. I wanted to develop a deeper relationship with Jesus and God's love made me realize that when one is at the lowest point in life and has nowhere to turn, that's when God can raise you up and begin to work in your life! I am so thankful the Lord Jesus, the Savior, found me! He's my eternal hope! Thanks be to God.

After I believed in the Lord, I became aware of some unhealthy or bad habits I used to have – being selfish, proud and resorted to drinking and smoking heavily. At the beginning of this year, when I got connected to Light of Christ, I was instructed in a course of Basic Christian Faith for over 3 months. I began to understand God's mercy and forgiveness and that God will forgive my sins when I confess and repent. I also learned what it means to follow Jesus and live a Christian life. It's my prayer that God will help me to earnestly learn from the Scripture and to regard a worshipful and prayerful life as important aspects of my daily living. I pray that my pastor and the brothers and sisters will be my constant help.

Thank you!



WOMEN'S GUILD

LWML



Women's Guild – Calling All Ladies!

Women's Guild will meet in person on Tuesday, June 1, at 7:00. Business will include election of a new President and Secretary. Also, names will be drawn for new Secret Pals. We will also kick off summer with an old fashioned ice cream social! Please plan to attend. If you cannot attend, but would like to participate in the Secret Pal program, please let one of the members know so your name can be in the drawing. ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!

What's for Dessert?

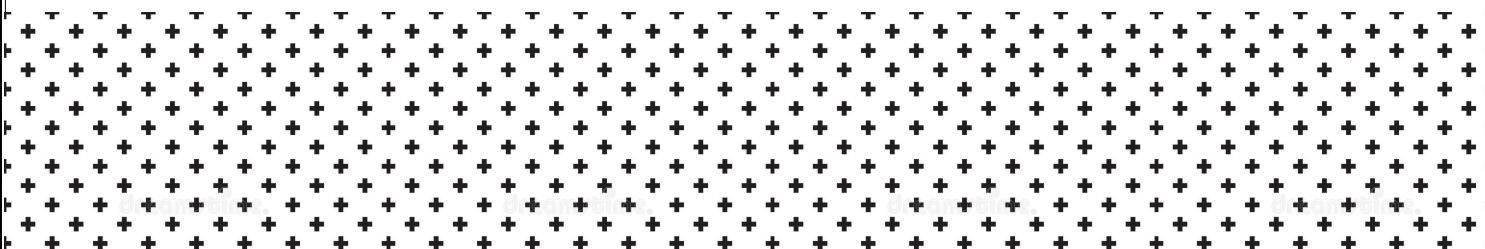
Perhaps you are aware that Immanuel has a history of having excellent cooks! Consequently, an Anniversary Cookbook was published for our 150th year. There are still some of those books available for \$4 each from the Women's Guild. Here's one of the recipes from the sainted Bette Hoke.

Dirt Pie

- 1 c. cold milk
- 1 pkg. chocolate Instant pudding
- 8 oz. whipped topping, thawed
- 20 chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed
- 1½ c. rocks*
- 1 graham cracker pie crust

*Use granola chunks, chocolate chips, peanut butter chips, chopped peanuts, or a combination.

Pour milk into medium bowl. Add pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk until well blended, 1-2 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes. Fold in whipped topping. Stir 1 cup of the cookies and all the "rocks" into pudding mixture. Spoon into pie crust. Sprinkle remaining cookies. Freeze until firm, about 4 hours. What child wouldn't enjoy eating Dirt Pie?!





Care Team

Our Mission: To reach out in compassion and care to those in need in our community in the name of Christ.

15th Annual School Supply Collection

The collection will take place during the month of June; however, while COVID protocols are still in play, we're going to operate the collection this year as we did last year. The Community Care Team will use our own funds to purchase \$2,000 of gift cards to the four organizations we're supporting this year. The gift cards will be purchased through our school's PSCE and used as follows:

Visa gift cards of \$500 each will be given to our Immanuel Lutheran School and Lutheran High School North to be used to purchase the supplies as they see fit;

The CCT will use \$1,000 in gift cards to purchase school supplies which will be given to Christian Friends of New Americans and the Concordia Seminary Food Pantry – they will each receive \$500 of school supplies.

Any members who would like to contribute to the collection during June can mail a check to church or place a check in the white envelope in the offering plate. **Please make checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church and write "School Supply Collection" in the memo line.** \$25 buys a set of supplies, but we will gratefully accept contributions of any size.

The school supplies are VERY appreciated by our recipients. Thank you for helping students get their school year off to a good start! Please contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 or Suzanne Hough (314) 346-6310 with any questions.

Feeding the Homeless

The first Monday of each month the Community Care Team prepares and delivers a supper meal to the homeless men at Sts. Peter and Paul Shelter in Soulard. Due to COVID restrictions, we are still unable to serve dinner inside the shelter; we can only drop off the food. Beginning in June, the capacity will increase from the current 30 men back up to the normal capacity of 60 men. We look forward to being able to serve dinner in person sometime soon, and to share prayer and Christ-centered hospitality with our friends. All the meals for the remainder of 2021 are covered by our generous members. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

June 7 - Cheryl Rohan

July 5 - Suzanne Hough

August 2 - Diane Tallyn

Immanuel Inbound Family

Your birthday cards sent to them mean so much! In **June** our Inbound members are: Christina Chancellor, Joan Gansman, and Lois Greenway. Cards will be picked up on **Sunday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m.** from the mail box in the atrium for delivery. Be sure their name is on the envelope. Contact Diane Tallyn (314) 910-2032 or diane_tallyn@hotmail.com with any questions.


Food Pantry



The Lenten collection donations (247 total) were delivered to the Concordia Food Bank and Jewish Food Pantry. The personal hygiene and paper products are greatly appreciated. The Community Care Team is thankful for your generous support of this ministry!

The Food Pantry **Wish List** is available at the Food Pantry table near the church elevator. The pantries cannot accept expired food, food without expiration date, medications, or anything other than pantry/personal care items. Only non-perishable food items are accepted at this time.

THANK YOU for supporting this ministry so generously! Your donations enable us to serve many families in need. Food pantry donations may be put in the **red tote** at the church entrance or on the **food pantry table** located near the church elevator at any time. **Travel size** items and **grocery bags** with and without handles are accepted. Contact Diane Tallyn (314-910-2032 or diane_tallyn@hotmail.com) with any questions.



From the
Pastor's Desk

Green! The very color radiates life. It didn't take long for the drabness of late fall and winter here in St. Louis to give way to the vibrancy of trees and plants filled with the greenness of life. When it comes to plants, green is a good thing. Life is present! In our gardens the absence of green is an indicator that things might not be going so well.

The Church has come again to what is sometimes called the "Long Green Season" or the season after Pentecost, meaning that the color of the paraments and vestments are green and will be so for most Sundays until the Last Sunday of the Church Year. The liturgical colors serve as both a teaching device and a way of marking days and seasons. Green is the color of growth, leaves, foliage, fruit and life, suggesting a time of spiritual growth within the church. The Sundays after Pentecost bring the Church to a focus on the teaching of the Lord and its application to the lives of Christians.

The very first psalm appropriately makes the correlation of growth and life, for when a man is connected to the Lord through His word, **"He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither."** There are certain things necessary for a plant to remain vibrant, healthy and green. Certainly in the heat of summer one of the most important is water. My next door neighbor knows this, which is why every morning as I greet him he is watering the plants in his garden. Without water, there wouldn't be much of a garden. Without water, there would not be a green garden full of life, but rather dirt filled boxes with wilted and dying plants.

The Christian life is no different. The green of the season after Pentecost reminds us that the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to be one of growing in the faith; a faith life that brings forth the fruits of a life lived in the Spirit. However, just as the summer heat can take its toll on plants and leave them lifeless and wilting if they are not watered, in the same way, life can leave us sapped, wilted and lifeless if we do not have regular watering with the Water of Life—God's Word made flesh, Jesus Christ. And while in summer we step up the watering to keep our plants healthy, summer is also the time when many of us feel compelled to take a break or vacation from the regularity of God's Word. Unfortunately, COVID has had that same effect on many lives; lives devoid of God's Word are left dry and in need of spiritual nourishment.

The color is green—inside and out. This summer, I pray that everywhere you look you will see green and be reminded not only of the blessing of our Creator in creation but of the blessing of faith granted in baptism and the life you have been granted in the Holy Spirit. Wilted plants cry out to us that every living thing needs water. We know this to be true! Most of us would never deny our physical thirst, but too often it is easy to ignore the eternal, life-giving water Jesus offers: **"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."** The color of the season is green,—the color of growth, leaves, foliage, fruit and life. In the Church this green season suggests a time of spiritual growth—a time of spiritual growth for all us watered with the life giving water of Jesus.



Steward Builders

To help you grow as a steward.

Giving God our First Priority

Have you ever worked and worked to see very little result from your big efforts? In the Old Testament book of Haggai, the work of God's people was producing no fruit. They toiled in the fields, but there was no harvest. God was upset with them so He made their efforts fruitless. Because their priorities were focused only on themselves rather than God, God *"called for a drought on the fields and the mountains"* (Haggai 1:11). He even *"blew away"* (verse 9) what they had brought home.



The reason for God's wrath was expressed in verse 4: *"Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"* God had finally had enough of their self-centeredness. His priorities were not His people's priorities. He got their attention by making life difficult for them.

God's people responded. They *"obeyed the voice of the Lord their God and the message of the prophet Haggai"* (vs. 12). God's priorities became the priorities of the people. In the same way as the people in the time of Haggai examined and changed their priorities, we need to make sure that we are putting God's priorities for our lives first. Our focus can't be on building bigger and better homes or larger retirement accounts for ourselves. God is calling us to make a difference in people's lives. We need to ask God what He wants to accomplish through us.

On the Lighter Side

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The

attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of the minister in line at the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

A Sunday school teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" answered the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know—Our Father, who does art in Heaven . . ."

Give me a sense of humor, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humor out of life,
And pass it on to other folk! Amen.

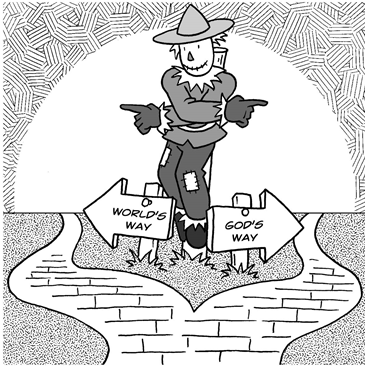
A Month's Wages

The Reverend J. Ross Stevenson, when pastor of the Fifth Avenue Church, New York City, received a letter enclosing a month's wages from a Swedish servant girl, just before the annual offering for foreign missions was to be taken. She wrote that she had been making the offering a subject of special prayer and it had been put into her heart to give this sum. Lest Satan should tempt her not to give so much, if she waited until Sunday, she sent it at once. When the pastor read the note from the pulpit, there was a profound silence, and the offering that day was doubled by the example of one girl's sacrifice.

Two men who had come over from New Jersey for that service walked down the avenue afterward together without either saying a word for some distance. One asked the other whether he could lend him some money to get home; then his friend

confessed that he, too, had put into the offering every cent he had with him. Both were obliged to walk to the ferry and find a good Samaritan in Jersey City to assist them to get home.

(Author Unknown)



Choosing Our Path

God wants us to follow Him, but He gives us the freedom to choose what path we will take and whom we will serve. As we stand at the crossroads of life,

God continually reaches out to us through His Word. In Jeremiah 6:16 we read, *“This is what the Lord says: ‘Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.’”* Daily we are at the crossroads of life. The choice we make is our own. As Yogi Berra said, “When you get to a fork in the road, take it.” The road we take will have eternal consequences. Will we choose God’s way or the ways of the world? With God’s help, our answer can be like Joshua’s: *“But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will*

serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

Joshua’s choice was that he and his family would be servants and stewards of the Lord. When you reach crossroads in life, you will hear God’s call, “Follow Me,” but the call to serve yourself and the ways of the world will be loud and boisterous. If you don’t reject God’s call and you follow, as Jeremiah did, the ancient paths, you will turn away from your self-interests and focus on ways to serve the Lord. Your lifestyle will reflect your relationship with Him. As followers of Jesus, we acknowledge God’s ownership and love. We become stewards of what He entrusts to us. As followers of the Lord, we see others as brothers and sisters in Christ. We live with an eternal perspective.

Blessings on Your Stewardship Journey!



LUTHERAN RESALE SHOP SPECIAL SALE

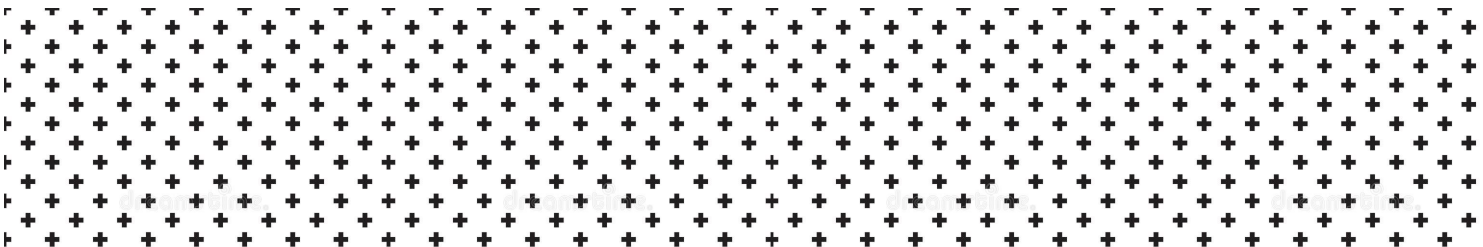
The Resale Shop is holding a giant sale at the Salem Lutheran Church bus barn. The church is at 5180 Parker Road in Florissant. The bus barn is across the street. For sale is an entire household of very nice furniture, décor, collectibles, plus much, much more. The sale is **June 12, 8:00-Noon**. All profits go to Lutheran Senior Services and Lutheran Family and Children’s Services.

Save the Date!



Immanuel Golf Tournament
Sunday, September 26
1pm Shotgun Start
at Florissant Golf Club

For more information, please contact Tara Copeland at tcopeland@ilsolivette.org



Men's Club Meeting and Dinner Tuesday, June 1

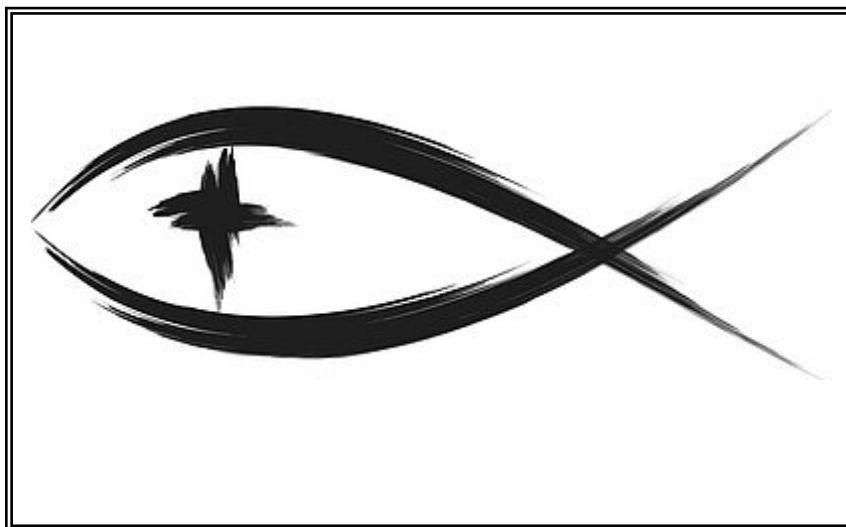
All men are invited to join us as we gather for the first time since March, 2020. Fellowship time will begin at 6:30, dinner at 7:00, followed by a short business meeting.




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JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*
Psalms 122:1

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Schedule

Worship Services with Holy Communion Celebrated:

Saturdays – 5:00 pm (Masks required)

Sundays – 8:00 am and 10:30 am (also Live streamed on [YouTube](#))

Sunday School/Bible Classes

Sundays – 9:30-10:15 am

Light of Christ Worship

Sundays – 10:30 am (also Live streamed on [YouTube](#))

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