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The OUTREACH

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 3 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship @ Bethlehem

July 10 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

July 17 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

July 24 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

July 31 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

August 7 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

August 14 - 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

August 21 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

August 28 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Please note that reminders for July 10, 17, 24, 31, and August 7 will all be mailed out the first week in July, as the secretary will be on vacation for part of July. If you have a conflict for your worship assistant assignment, please find a replacement for that day. Thank you.

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTE

There were not enough council members present June 8 for a quorum. No minutes were recorded.

VACATIONS

Secretary will be unavailable July 13-30. For assistance during this time, please make sure to get in touch with Pastor Dan.

Pastor Dan will be on vacation August 19-26.

Immanuel's Website is New & Improved!
Visit the church website to view **The Outreach, Weekly Bulletins & The Monthly Calendar.**

www.immanuelatwater.com
email: imman@frontiernet.net

Other Helpful Internet Links:

Prayer Ventures:

<http://archive.elca.org/prayerventures/>

Synod Update:

<http://www.swmnelca.org/html/Synod%20Update.html>

GLLM Retreats: www.gllm.org

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST TIMES

Our Sunday Worship is broadcast on Channel #8 every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

If you have a special request for a church service broadcast, please call 320.974.3388.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

"God's Not Done with Us"

There is no question that one look at many local churches, including ours, could easily make one wince and say: "There's not a lot of life there..." That would not have happened, however, if people had poked their head in during the week (June 5-9) of VBS here at Immanuel. Teaming up with Bethlehem Lutheran, we had a good number of kids (and adults) who were joyfully singing their hearts out, enthusiastically playing games and doing activities, and eagerly learning more about Jesus. The theme was the "fruits of the Spirit": love, joy, peace, patience, kindness..." (Galatians 5: 22). OK, it was chaotic at times. Yet, perhaps the Spirit sometimes brings chaos, like a prairie fire, to bring about new life. It was a privilege to be a part of such a fun, and meaningful week. Thanks to all the terrific volunteers who made this week possible.

In his book, Pastor: The Theology and Practice of Ordained Ministry, William H. Willimon speaks of how God isn't done *with any of us* in a moment, in a day, in a year. He writes: "Paul was stunned by the reality of the resurrection - the way God not only vindicated Jesus by raising him from the dead, but also thereby recreated the whole *cosmos*. In Easter, an old world had been terminated and a new one was being born, so Paul was forced to rethink everything that he had previously thought, including ethics." (p. 227).

It took years for Paul to understand, by God's grace and the work of the Spirit, what God was up to, and to preach and teach the law and gospel of God brought forth in Christ. Much of his thinking and its development we can read in the New Testament letters. We also need time, and years, to grow in our understanding of and growth in sanctification as Christians. It doesn't happen in a moment.

Because we have been "killed with Christ" -- baptized *into the death* and resurrection of Christ, the

old in us is also being exchanged for the new. God calls us to turn from our old ways, and cooperate with the Spirit's work in our midst...

Again Willimon writes:

There are those who might like to have new life, but at their worst do not want to give up anything for it. Something is gained in conversion to Christ, yet something is lost as well and the loss can be painful. Although the church has struggled with how to talk about the transformation that occurs in us through the work of Christ, at our best we have spoken of that new life by holding two terms in tension. Conversion is a twofold process of transformation whereby we are justified - made right with God through God's redemptive work among us, and sanctified - transformed, enlisted, commandeered, joined to the saints - in a lifelong redemptive journey with Christ" (p. 228).

Sanctification is God working in our lives, and our response to God, such that we might grow in the "fruits of the Spirit," those fruits (above) our children were learning about in VBS. And they aren't just for children.

As Willimon writes: The Reformers of the 16th century "were convinced that sin is so deeply rooted in our thinking and willing that only a lifetime of turnings, of fits and starts, of divine dislodgment and detoxification, can produce what God has in mind for us. Daily we turn. Daily we are to take up our cross and follow. Daily we keep being incorporated into the Body of Christ that makes us more than we could have been if we had been left to our own devices." (p. 229)

I think they got that right. God isn't done with any of us. Thanks be to God...

May God be with us in our fits and starts, as we "daily turn"....

Sincerely, Pastor Dan Belgum-Blad

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH DEADLINE

September Outreach **articles are due** in the church office on **Sunday, August 21**.

We will be **folding** the September Outreach Wednesday, **August 31** at 9:00 a.m. Helping hands are needed.

NOTE: July/August newsletter is combined. You will not receive an Outreach at the end of July.

WELCA NOTES

The Hog Roast is July 17, 2011, at the Atwater Community Center from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Be waiting for a call from your chair people for information and how you may HELP. We should be all able to help in some way to have our fundraiser for the Christian Education program run smoothly. Thank God you are able to contribute in some way to His good works. We hope our Hog Roast is a GREAT SUCCESS! Thank you, in advance, to everyone who will be helping in some way. We are even glad when our men and our youth can help us out!

We have received thank-you notes from Habitat for Humanity and from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries for our support of our campers and other projects we are able to help with there. GLLM is also looking for any people willing to come during summer camp and help youth with projects such as knitting, quilting, crafts, and playing games with the children. If you are interested, please call Pastor Linda at 320-796-2181 or 320-212-7823 to set up a time for you to come.

I have not received information about the total that was taken in from the quilt sale, but every bit helps and benefits our youth programs. Thank you!

Kitchen clean up is Unit 4 for the months of July and August. If you are not sure what to do, just ask yourself what you would do in your own kitchen. You can always ask your chair, as well.

We are still being hosts to church mice...be warned! Let us find them new homes outside!

WELCA will meet July 10 after worship to check how the Hog Roast is coming along. Any extra interest is appreciated.

Keep an eye out for any special events that may come up over the rest of the summer. We will try to keep everyone in the know!

Please consider helping WELCA with any talents you have! Special thanks to Janet & Robin, and others I may have forgotten.

**We are Immanuel!
Sisters in Christ,
Linda Burns, Interim WELCA President**

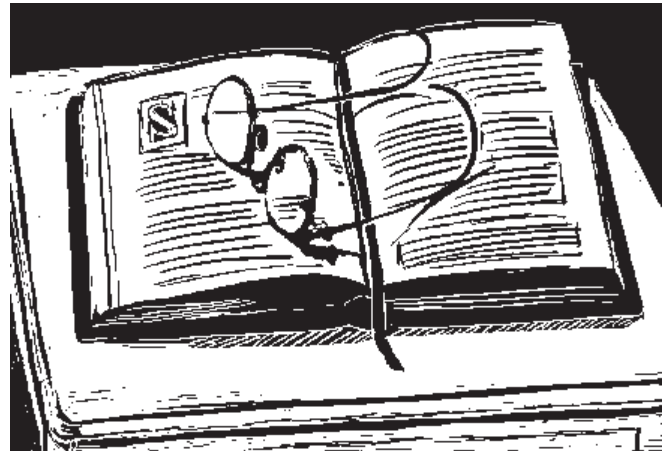
BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Women's Afternoon Bible Study

The Women's Afternoon Bible Study will meet Tues., July 12 and Tues., August 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Men's Morning Bible Study/Breakfast

Any interested men are invited to join the Men's Bible Study Thursday mornings at Peaceful Thymes (on Hwy 12) starting at 7:30 a.m. Come join in the conversation, fellowship & food!



SUMMER SCRIPTURES

This summer, for a change of pace, we will be using the following, rarely read and preached on, Old Testament lessons from Genesis and Exodus. The following texts will be used in our regular worship, replacing the lectionary Old Testament readings:

July 3Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

July 10Genesis 25: 19-34

July 17Genesis 28: 10-19a

July 24Genesis 29: 15-28

July 31Genesis 32: 22-31

August 7Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

August 14Genesis 45: 1-15

August 21Exodus 1: 8 -2: 10

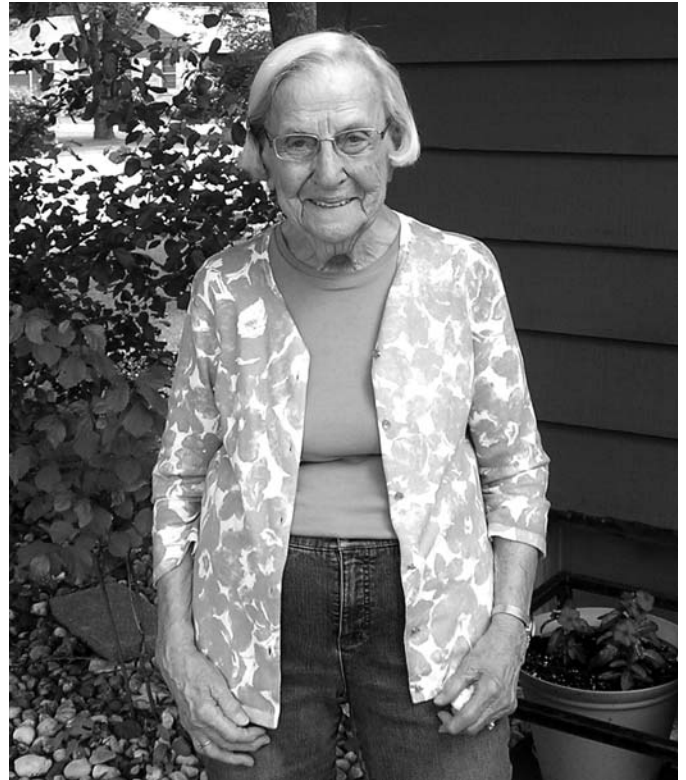
August 28Exodus 3: 1-15

SHIRLEY WALSH IS AWARDED 2011 ATWATER GOOD NEIGHBOR

Congratulations to Shirley Walsh for being named Atwater Good Neighbor for 2011 on June 18th during the coronation at the Atwater Community Center. Shirley grew up in Atwater, and never left town - except for four years of college, two at Macalaster and two at the University of Minnesota. She was baptized and confirmed her faith at Immanuel Lutheran. She also was also married to Gene Walsh at the church. Shirley's life spans 87 of the 143 years of the history of Immanuel Lutheran!

Shirley and Gene raised two children, Pat (Sandy) Walsh and Peggy (Bob) Starz, both of whom still live and work in Atwater. Besides raising her children, Shirley taught at Atwater elementary for 12 years.

Shirley was born the daughter of Bernhard and Ethel Holm, on February 16, 1924. She remembers when worship, "the first Sunday of the month," at Immanuel was in Swedish. "My mother didn't expect us to go," she said. "She said, 'We're Americans.'" Nonetheless, her mother and father did attend worship among the Swedish language worshippers in the "old world" language at Immanuel. Otherwise, though, "we didn't know about not going to church," she said. "It was just something we did." Her mother, Ethel, was the choir director here at Immanuel for around 40 years. "She saw we all sang in the choir," Shirley volunteered with a chuckle. Ethel Holm was also the first Ladies' Aid president (before that, pastors were the head of Ladies' Aid). When Shirley was growing up, the church offered vacation bible school (VBS), Junior Mission (which involved learning about the mission field, making bandages, and so on) and Luther League (which most of the kids attended).



Shirley grew up with three siblings - older brother Gerald, younger sister, Carol (both deceased), and younger brother John (Sharon) Holm (current members of Immanuel).

When asked about the church, she recounted that she was baptized by Pastor Levander, and confirmed by Pastor Nelson. Pastor Nelson "was a strict pastor who didn't believe in dancing, because he thought our bellies would touch," Shirley recalled with a laugh. "Besides, the school was only a block from a church, so dancing was not permitted anyway." In class, they had weekly assignments and spent two years in study. The two grades studied and were confirmed together in 1938.

Except for college, Shirley never left town. The village of Atwater and Immanuel Lutheran Church are fortunate for that. Shirley's faithfulness and kindness to her community, neighbors, and congregation, along with her cheerful nature, are virtues appreciated by everyone.

HOG ROAST DINNER



PLEASE COME!
Immanuel Lutheran Church's
Annual Hog Roast

When: Sunday
July 17, 2011

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Where: Atwater Community Center

Tickets available at the door.
Adults: \$7.00 - Children: \$3.00
Children 5 & Under: Free

Sponsored by WELCA.
All contributions will be given to
Immanuel's Christian Education Program.

Menu:
Barbecued Pork Roast With Sauce
Scalloped Potatoes - Salads & Pickles
Rolls, Assorted Bars
Milk, Lemonade & Coffee

GLLM QUILT AUCTION

July 23, 2011

This is an event you do not want to miss! View the beautiful quilts at Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer, MN, Friday, July 22, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 23, from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$3.00. During the quilt review, you may also shop in the craft and country store and bid on great items in the silent auction. Friday, there will be lefse demonstrations and a BBQ supper. Saturday morning there will be coffee and the traditional Hog Roast begins at 10:45 a.m. The live auction starts at 11:30 a.m. It takes many volunteers to make this event the success it is each year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sonya at serickson@gllm.org or 320-796-2181.

SUMMER MUSICAL SCHEDULE

at GLLM Camps

The summer staff at GLLM performs a musical each summer season. The musical is performed at the end of each week and is designed to be an entertaining way to see our summer theme, in yet another new way! These 45-60 minute Christ-centered performances are open to the public and all are welcome! Mark your calendar for a fun evening for the whole family.



Musicals run every Thursday night beginning June 16 through August 11. Please note there will not be a musical at either site July 7.

The musical starts at 7:30 p.m. at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp (Marble Church), and 9:00 p.m. at the Green Lake Bible Camp Chapel.

MOTORCYCLE RETREAT

August 18-21

Jump on your bike and head north. Join us at Camp House for Spirit Ride. We will start our mornings with breakfast and Bible Study. Then we will jump on our bikes and ride. You may choose to participate in guided tours or free riding. There is beautiful scenery just waiting to be discovered along the North Shore. We will spend evenings back at camp enjoying fabulous food, fellowship and campfires. Pastor Keith Pearson will lead the Bible studies and rides. This is a great opportunity for a relaxing weekend and enjoyable rides through some of God's beautiful creation.

Spirit Ride is open to individuals, couples, and groups. You may choose from our Long Weekend option of a 3 night stay or the weekend option of a 2 night stay. Cabins at Camp House can house couples, roommates, or groups. Be sure to indicate your preference on your registration form. Your retreat fee includes lodging and morning and evening meals. Lunch will be at restaurants during our bike tours.

Long Weekend: Thursday 4 pm - Sunday 12 pm

\$117.00 per person

Weekend: Friday 4 pm - Sunday 12 pm

\$80.00 per person

\$40 per person deposit should accompany registration form.

Registration form for this retreat is available online at gllm.org. For more information, call Green Lake Lutheran Ministries at 320-796-2181.

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS: REINVENTING FAITH PRACTICES FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

Are you looking for ways to connect more with God on a daily basis? Does your congregation provide concrete faith practices to try at home, but yet you never actually find time to do them? Join us at beautiful Camp House to not only learn about faith practices, but to actually DO them at camp. Explore and experience everyday faith practices for all generations while enjoying God's creation, campfire, worship, fun games, free time around the lake, relaxation and good food. Did we mention this is a event for the whole family! Presenters: Sarah Hausken, Youth Ministry Coordinator, SW MN Synod and Rev. Matt Hausken, Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church, Olivia Sunday, July 17-Thursday, July 21 Adults \$252, Youth \$126, Preschoolers are free, Family Max \$756 To register for either event, complete a paper registration from the summer brochure or print a registration form online under Retreats & Events. www.gllm.org

BLOCK NURSE CHARITY GOLF EVENT

The Atwater Area Living at Home Block Nurse Program is sponsoring a charity golf event Monday, July 11, at Island Pine Golf Course in Atwater.

This will be a 4-Person Scramble and includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, dinner, and prizes. Registration is from 12:00 - 12:45 p.m., with shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Prizes for 1st, 5th, and 10th place, plus many more! Fee is \$50/player. All ages welcome.



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

SPIRIT OF THE LAKES GOLF TOURNAMENT



GLLM will be having its 2nd Annual Spirit of the Lakes Pro Am Golf Tournament at Little Crow Country Club (Spicer) on Monday, August 8, with a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is \$80 and includes brunch before the tournament, cart, hors d'oeuvres after golf, prizes and a round of golf with a Minnesota PGA Professional. Contact Sam at LCCC, 320-354-2296, to register.

Christian Education **CORNER**

bible school *Thank You*

We had a lively VBS week in June. Thank you to all those volunteers who gave of their time and energy to make a truly special week for all our VBS youth.

bible *Camp*

Bible Campers: Please remember to take lots of pictures of your time at Bible Camp! Please bring in 2-3 (or more!) of your favorites, along with a few sentences about your camp experience, so we can display them on a camp bulletin board in the fall. We would like to share your experiences with the whole congregation.

Please submit this information to the church office by 9/1.

bible *Camp Fundraisers*

The "Book Sale" Bible Camp Fundraiser continues. Anyone who has gently used books that you are finished with (including children's books) is encouraged to donate books for our sale. **Cost: \$1/hardcover, \$.50/softcover.**

Teachers & Shepherds

Jacklyn Frericks, Becca Nelson, Tori Anderson, Gabby Lawver, Rose Snavelly, Sydney Larson, Mikayla Holm, Miranda Borchert, Erica Borchert, Katie Peterson, Katie Peterson

Music

Sally Belgum-Blad, Jason Denton, Janelle Eisenbacher, Pastor Dan Belgum-Blad

Meals

Pam Narragon, Pam Peterson, Marge Rierson, Kim Lee

Storytelling

Robin Johnson, Gabriel Eisenbacher, Tyler Johnson

Crafts

Barb Everson, Darleen Hovey, Liz Everson, Emily Everson

Farmhand Fun

Kim Lee, Morgan Erickson, Bailey Erickson, Lyle Rungee, Kala Swenson

Games

Marty Peterson, Erik Belgum, Kobe Holtz

Ice Cream Makers

Jason Denton, Harold Eisenbacher

Decorations

Eisenbacher family, Shane Hagstrom

VBS Coordinators

Kim Lee, Barb Everson

County Fair Coordinators

Valoris Anderson, Robin Johnson

backpack *Blessing*

Sunday, September 4, we will have a special "Backpack Blessing" during our 9 a.m. worship. All students are encouraged to bring in their backpacks/school bags that day as we celebrate the beginning of another school year and pray for God's guidance in our learning. Get your backpacks ready!

We are always looking for people interested in planning and participating in Christian Education opportunities at Immanuel. If you are interested in teaching, coordinating events, or brainstorming with our Christian Education Ministry Team, please contact a team member.

Christian Education *Ministry Team Members*

Pastor Dan Belgum-Blad ♦ Shane Hagstrom ♦ Barb Everson
Janelle Eisenbacher ♦ Nick Rossell ♦ Bethany Ehrenberg

vacation *Bible School*

We collected nearly \$650 for "God's Global Barnyard" through our VBS offerings this year. Thanks to all those who participated in this effort to raise money for world hunger.

christian education *Calendar of Events*

(watch for monthly updates!)

DATE	TIME - PLACE	EVENT
September	TBD/Immanuel	10th Grade Confirmation Orientation
September 4	9:00 a.m./Immanuel	Blessing of the Backpacks Milestone Event
September 11	9:00 a.m./Immanuel	Rally Sunday & Teacher Installation
September 11	10:15 a.m./Immanuel	Sunday School Begins
September 11	10:15 a.m./Immanuel	7th-9th Grade Confirmation Orientation
September 18	10:15 a.m./Immanuel	Regular Confirmation Classes Begin for 7th-9th Graders
October	TBD/Immanuel	3-Year-Olds/3rd Graders to Receive Bibles
October 31	TBD/Immanuel	Fall Fun Festival



The Parent Advisory Committee
(PAC)
of PACT for Families Collaborative
presents:



*"Hearing Tina
speak gave me
hope for my
family!"*

"Transforming the Challenging Child: The Nurtured Heart Approach"

**Free Presentation for parents, teachers, caregivers
and others who work with youth**

Parent and Teacher Coach Tina Feigal, M.S., Ed.

The Twin Cities' own Supernanny as seen on KARE 11 TV!



Author

***The Pocket Coach for Parents:
Your Two-Week Guide to a
Dramatically Improved Life
With Your Intense Child***
www.parentingmojo.com

Free-will monetary donations
will be accepted for area food
shelves

Ever wonder why typical parenting, therapy, and teaching techniques are ineffective with some children? Learn ways to bring about **real change** with proven, positive, esteem-building techniques. The approach applies to children with ADHD, ODD, autism, giftedness, attachment issues, or any child, ages 2-18, whose behavior does not improve with typical techniques.

Homework arguments, tantrums, time-outs, bad language, trouble at school, video games, problems with peers, refusal to cooperate, difficult mornings, challenging bedtimes ... learn to resolve them all!

**Tuesday, September 27, 2011
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Willmar Education
and Arts Center (WEAC)
611 5th St. SW, Willmar
Free and open to all!**

**Registration is required ~ limited seating!
RSVP as soon as possible!
Call Shawna at 231-7030 Ext. 2961**

Tina's book/CD will be available for sale
for \$19.95.

MAY OFFERING

General Fund

First Sunday	.....\$3804.00
Second Sunday	.....2182.00
Third Sunday	.....1569.00
Fourth Sunday	.....1073.00
Fifth Sunday	.....973.00
Total	.....\$9602.00

Building Appeal

First Sunday	.....\$425.00
Second Sunday	.....235.00
Third Sunday	.....280.00
Fourth Sunday	.....255.00
Fifth Sunday	.....15.00
Total	.....\$1210.00

Pony Express

First Sunday	.....\$10.00
Second Sunday	.....0
Third Sunday	.....165.00
Fourth Sunday	.....15.00
Fifth Sunday	.....0
Total	.....\$190.00

Per Sunday

Average Attendance (per Sunday)	.....76
Avg. General Giving (per Sunday)	..\$1920.00
Avg. Building Fund Giving (per Sunday)	\$242.00
Avg. Pony Express Giving (per Sunday)	\$38.00

Offering Needed

Per Sunday	.....\$2880.00
Per Month	.....\$12,481.00

Income for 2011 (Thru May)

General	.....\$51,143.00
Building Fund	.....\$7570.00

Needed for Remainder of 2011

General	.....\$84,125.00
Building Fund	.....\$8900.00

2011 Budget

(including Building Appeal):\$149,769.00

MEMORIAL GIFTS

April 3, 2011 - June 25, 2011

In Memory of Mary Karppinen

Undesignated\$50.00

In Memory of Ronald Cramlet

Undesignated\$10.00
 Choir\$10.00
 Building Fund\$20.00
 Undesignated\$10.00
 Undesignated\$10.00
 Organ Fund\$5.00

In Memory of Larry Rohloff

Building Fund\$20.00
 Building Fund\$10.00

In Memory of Loved Ones

Altar Guild\$50.00

In Honor of Marge Nelson

Courtyard\$80.00

In Memory of Chuck Messenbrink

Undesignated\$5.00

In Memory of Kathy Carity

Donna Grahn Scholarship\$5.00

In Memory of Oliver Cunningham

Donna Grahn Scholarship\$5.00

*Please read these memorials over carefully and let the church office know if there are any additions or corrections. Please note that there may be more memorials that have not yet been received in the church office at this time.

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APPLYING BIBLE PRINCIPLES - JULY

"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim. 6:10).

How would people describe you? Are you one who "loves" money? Is your life marked by a continual inordinate concern about and striving for money? If so, then perhaps you are one who truly "loves" money.

Money is neutral. It is neither good nor bad. What matters is our attitude towards it. If we view it as a means to an end, a means of exchange, and something God can use in our lives to bring glory to Himself, then we probably do not love money. On the other hand, if we are always wanting more and more money, if we will do just about anything to obtain it, and if we think about money more than anything or anyone else, we likely are guilty of loving money. In that situation, it has become a "god" to us, and we bow at its altar in continuing service in order to obtain more of it.

If you are determined to get rich, no matter what, before you continue that lifestyle, read Paul's admonition to Timothy in 1 Timothy 6:9-10. Consider Solomon's counsel in Proverbs 11:28 and Ecclesiastes 5:10-11.

And think about the words of the Lord Jesus in Matthew 6:24, who said, "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Or as Jesus would say,
"Let anyone with ears listen."



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America**
God's work. Our hands.

APPLYING BIBLE PRINCIPLES - AUG.

Suppose that God allowed you to have one wish. Without limit, you could have anything you desire. You could have unlimited wealth. You could have perfect health and live 1,000 years - or more. You could - like Solomon - have great wisdom. Whatever you want, you may have it. But you only get one wish. What would you choose?

Sad to say, many people would choose great wealth and material possessions. Unfortunately, that would not be a good choice. Listen to the counsel of God as expressed in this contemporary translation of Proverbs 27:20 through Solomon, one of the richest people who ever lived - "The eyes of man are never satisfied." The behavior and attitude which always wants more has a name: Greed, and it demonstrates itself in our lives as though we were at an auction. If we have \$5, we want \$10; if we have \$10, we want \$20; if we have \$20 we want \$30. Solomon went on to say in Ecclesiastes 5:10, "The lover of money will not be satisfied with money; nor the lover of wealth, with gain."

A better choice would be to ask for God's perspective on life and all that life entails. When we see life as God does, we realize that everything belongs to Him, that we are just managers and stewards, and that only what is done for Him will endure for eternity. When we have God's perspective, we will be able to say with the Apostle Paul, "... I have learned to be content with whatever I have."

When we have God's perspective, we will accept with a spirit of peace and restfulness whatever He entrusts to us. And when we have God's perspective, we will put into practice the truth of Hebrews 13:5 - "Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.'"

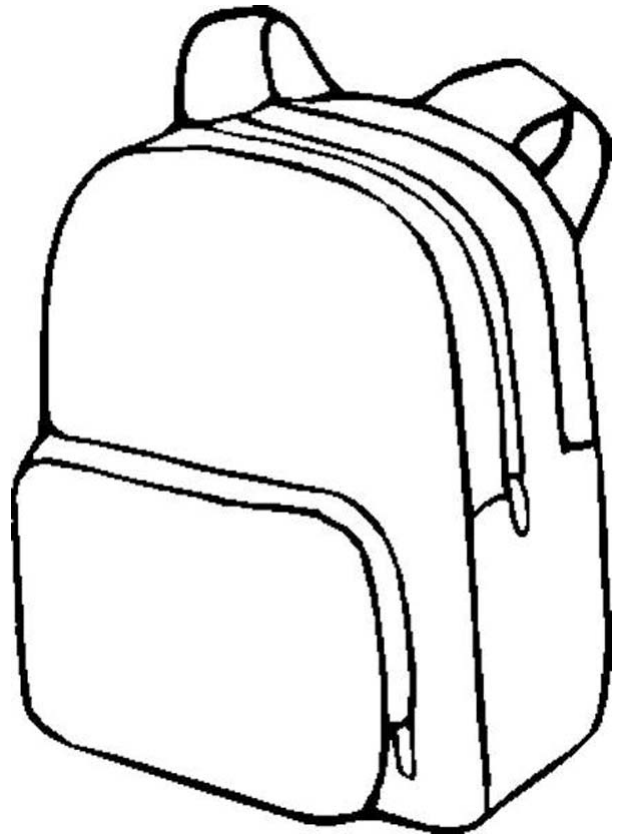
HEY STUDENTS!!!

JOIN US For a Special Milestone Event!

“Blessing of the Backpacks”

**Sunday, September 4
9:00 a.m. Worship**

Bring your backpack/school bag as we celebrate the beginning of another school year.



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Please remember our homebound members with a visit, a card, or a special prayer to bring a little added sunshine into their lives.



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SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

Simply Giving is a program designed to help you conveniently contribute to your congregation. Through Simply Giving, your offerings are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. You determine the frequency of your automatic gift—weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Your offering is deposited into Immanuel's bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account, at no cost to you or the recipient.

If you are on vacation, or unable to come to worship, Simply Giving program allows you to still, conveniently, make your offering. To find out more, just google "Simply Giving Thrivent." If you are interested, contact Dan Pirsig or the church office. Give.

Our deepest sympathy to Sheryl Stranberg & family upon news of the death of her mother, Elsie Thompson. May God bring comfort and peace during this time of grieving.



SEMINARY GRADUATE

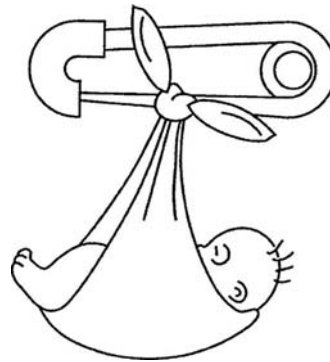


Nathaniel Anderson, husband of Carolyn Starz, has graduated from Luther Southern Seminary and is being ordained July 9 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Warwick, R.I.

Nathaniel has been called to serve as pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Wilbraham, MA, a congregation of the New England Synod of the ELCA.

SAVED
By Grace,
CALLED
To Serve.

NEW BABY



Congratulations to Jeff and Nicole Johnson on the birth of their daughter, Jaelynn. Jaelynn was born June 1 at Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar. God's blessings to Jaelynn and her family!

OFF TO COLLEGE?

If you will be attending college or other post-high school program away from home and would like stay in touch with Immanuel through the monthly Outreach newsletter while you are away, please contact the church office with your new address, and we will put you on our mailing list.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

The Donna Grahn Memorial Scholarship applications are available in the church office and must be submitted to Immanuel Lutheran Church by **July 15, 2011**.

The Martin Anderson Family Memorial Scholarship applications are available in the church office and must be submitted to Immanuel Lutheran Church by **July 15, 2011**.

The Broman Scholarship applications are available in the church office and must be submitted to Immanuel Lutheran Church by **July 15, 2011**.

NEW! Immanuel is offering a new scholarship in 2011 - the newly-established Marv Otto Memorial Scholarship. The Marv Otto Memorial Scholarship applications will be available in the church office in June and July and must be submitted to Immanuel Lutheran Church by **July 15, 2011**.

JULY

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| 7-1 Karen Skillings
Lily Rudningen | 7-17 Terry Lease
Josh Norine |
| 7-2 Jared Marquardt | Joshua Halvorson |
| 7-3 Denise Hedberg | Eric Cramlet |
| 7-4 James Wallin
Sheryl Stranberg
Brooke Schroeder | 7-18 Julie Madsen
Roger Johnson
Matthew Fordyce
Dustin Ehrenberg |
| 7-5 Christafer Evenson | 7-21 Jennifer Theis |
| 7-6 Kevin Kelbing
Hayden Krug
Cael Blom | 7-22 Elvern Bomstad |
| 7-8 Rhonda Garcia | 7-23 Jill Smith |
| 7-11 Marge Nelson
Michael Johnson | 7-24 Donald Nelson
Jeff Warszynski |
| 7-12 Ben Carlson | 7-25 Gerald Schwartz |
| 7-13 Karen Soltis | 7-26 Gwen Anderson |
| 7-14 Todd Everson
Amy Krug
Justin Hanson | 7-28 Muriel Aljoe
Sue Bohn |
| 7-15 Doris Thompson
Brooks Miller | 7-29 Linnea Johnson
Valerie Carlson |
| | 7-30 Mia Eisenbacher |



Please remember to notify the church office of any corrections that should be made to birthdays, anniversaries, names, addresses, etc., so we can keep our files updated. Thanks!

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

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| 6-6 | Dan & Tricia Pirsig |
| 7-1 | Amanda & Matthew Fusari |
| 7-7 | Ross & Michelle Johnson |
| 7-9 | Matthew & Ashley Fordyce |
| 7-10 | Michael & Angela Walsh |
| 7-24 | Michael & Sarah Maxwell |
| 7-25 | Leroy & Barbara Evenson |
| 7-28 | Carolyn Starz & Nathaniel Anderson |
| 8-11 | Dan & Cheryl Rouser |
| 8-15 | Dale & Elvern Bomstad |
| 8-16 | Pat & Sandy Walsh |
| 8-17 | Bruce & Elaine Wothe
Bill & Debra Bergstrom |
| 8-18 | Jason & Stacey Schwartz |
| 8-21 | Blake & Lori Schroeder |
| 8-23 | Brad & Jill Bengtson |
| 8-25 | Philip & June Miller |
| 8-31 | Brent & Jolene Garberich |

AUGUST

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| 8-1 Joel Edwards | 8-20 Karin Sorenson |
| 8-3 Ronald Snavelly | Blake Bolton |
| 8-5 John Hagstrom | 8-21 Jennifer Hovey |
| 8-6 Wayne Smith | 8-22 Glenn Grahn |
| 8-7 Ivan Wersal
Sandy Edwards
Jessica Christensen | Gabriel Eisenbacher |
| 8-8 Sally Belgum-Blad | 8-24 Loren Yungk
Sherri Kelbing
Chelsey Ahl |
| 8-10 Blair Fredrick | 8-25 Gary Davenport |
| 8-12 Corey Wallin | Kim Holm |
| 8-14 Barbara Norine
Derrick Johnson | Ryan Mahn |
| 8-15 Kelly Wittman | 8-26 Doris Berscheid
Marie Nelson |
| 8-17 Arlys Winkelman | 8-28 Beth Nelson |
| 8-18 Robin Kragenbring | Ryan Ahl |
| 8-19 Dorothy Anderson | 8-29 D.J. Skillings |