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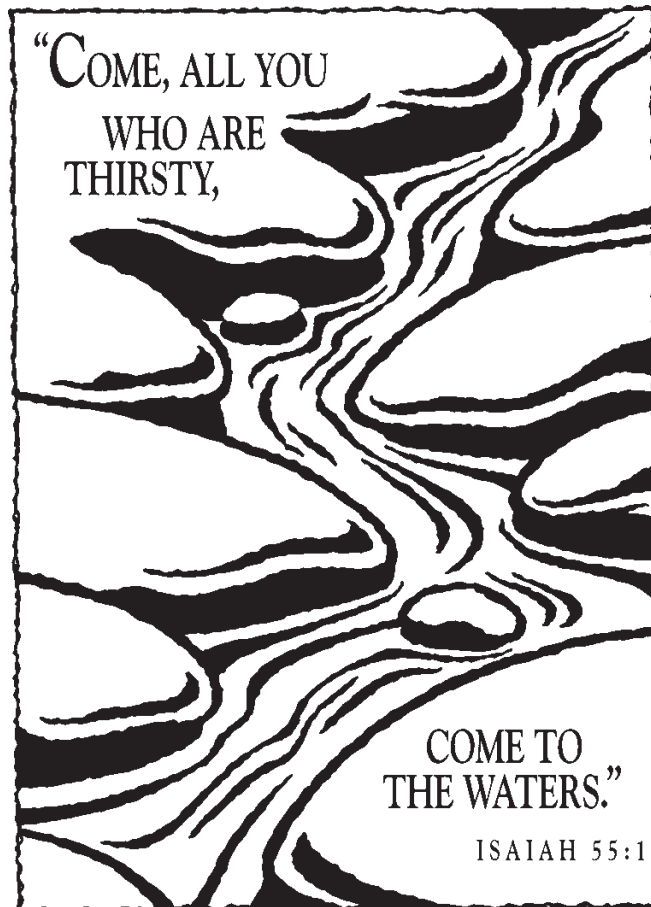
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The **OUTREACH**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 3 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

August 10 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

August 17 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

August 24 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion

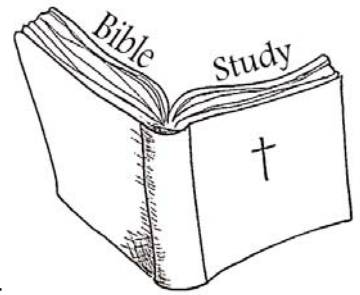
10:00 a.m.Fellowship

August 31 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS



Women's Afternoon Bible Study

The Women's Afternoon Bible Study will meet Tues., August 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Women's Morning Bible Study

All women in the community are welcome to join us weekly on Tuesdays from 8-9 a.m. You can start any time...come and join the conversation! Meeting locations are listed on the Outreach calendar.

Men's Bible Study Breakfast

The Men's Bible Study will be meeting at 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays at Jimmy's Pizza this summer. We eat breakfast, study a portion of Scripture, and pray together.

FROGS WITHOUT LEGS CORNER

A Review of our Lenten Theme

The Four Keys are the "keys" to growing in Christ. The Search Institute's research has revealed that parents have the most influence on the faith maturity of their children. Christian faith that does not grow in a person is not a living faith. These keys help all of us grow in knowledge and maturity as God's people.

The Four Keys Are:

1. Caring Conversations
2. Family Devotions
3. Family Service
4. Rituals & Traditions



The Five Principles Are:

1. Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships, often in our own homes.
2. The church is a living partnership between the ministry of the congregation and the ministry of the home.
3. Where Christ is present in faith, the home is church, too.
4. Faith is caught more than it is taught.
5. If we want Christian children and youth, we need Christian adults and parents.



SECRETARY'S

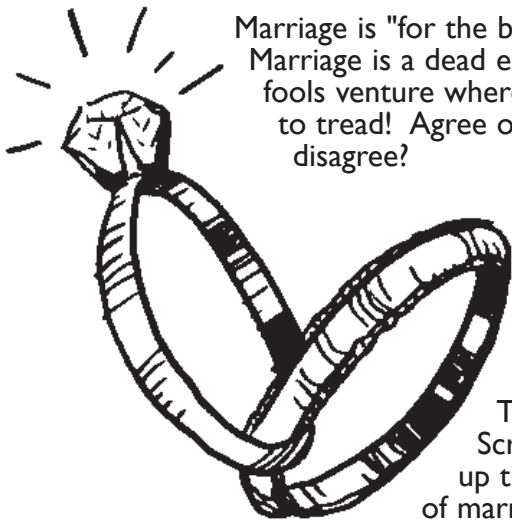
August Office Hours

- 8/5 - Tuesday9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- 8/8 - Friday9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- 8/11 - Monday9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- 8/18 - Monday9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- 8/20 - Wednesday9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- 8/25 - Monday9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- 8/26 - Tuesday9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- 8/27 - Wednesday9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

***If possible, office hour changes will be posted in the office window. Hours are subject to change.*

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Marriage is a piece of cake! Marriage is a bowl of cherries! Marriage is a slice of heaven on earth! Agree or disagree?



Marriage is "for the birds"! Marriage is a dead end! Only fools venture where angels fear to tread! Agree or disagree?

Marriage is a relationship that many of us find ourselves in. The Scriptures lift up the *blessing* of marriage (confer, e.g., Genesis 2: 18- 25,

Song of Solomon). Marriage is certainly a gift of God. "It is not good for man (*or, woman*) to be alone," (Genesis). Not that being single isn't fine. It is. (But that's another column). Marriage can be a great blessing for community and children.

Statistics on divorce force us to recognize that marriage also *can be* a difficult relationship. Not all last. Divorce is a painful loss. Most people who go through one say it is *like a death*. Certainly no couple that falls in love and decides to join their lives in the union of marriage thinks their marriage will end.

Theologically, we know that marriage is intended to be "till death do us part." By faith we trust and desire a life-long commitment of trust, love and mutual support. When marriage fails, we usually feel sorrow and a deep sense of loss for those who go through it. When people you know divorce, please don't forget them - or the pain they are going through. Continue to support them, and be in touch. It will help them.

And marriage is a blessing. It is an opportunity to grow, to love, and to learn. Companionship is there in marriage. I think that one of the important things in marriage is for both members of the couple to be open to learning and to growing. We all change as we grow older. Can we value the dreams and goals of each other? It is important to recognize the other's need to "be a self" and to find and assert their goals in life and their values. To love another person means to desire spiritual growth. At the same time, self-giving is important. Both have their place.

When was the last time you prayed for your spouse? Not a prayer that they would change into your desire, but that God would bless them to be whom God wants them to be? When was the last time you prayed together? When was the last time you asked your spouse "What are your dreams?" When was the last time you told your spouse: "These are things I want to accomplish in the next five years. These are my goals for us, for me, for our marriage." When did you last go out on a date? (I need to work on that...).

Marriage is an amazing, complex, relationship; it takes work, effort, love, forgiveness and the grace of God! Marriage is also a blessing for spouses, children, and it can be a true blessing and gift for community, providing trust and stability. I know that I have grown in many ways, and learned so much by being a partner to my wife and a parent to my two children.

Almost all "experts" on marriage tell us that communication is crucial for marriage. Can you keep the lines of communication open? All of us would do well to pray for our relationships - and our marriage relationship. If you are married, God bless your marriage!

Pastor Dan Belgum-Blad

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH DEADLINE

August Outreach **articles are due** in the church office on Sunday, August 17.

We will be **folding** the September Outreach Wednesday, **August 27** at 9:00 a.m. Helping hands are needed.

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RADIO BROADCASTS

Listen to Peter Marty, on **Grace Matters** each Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on station KWLM 1340, 10:30 p.m. on WCCO 830 or on KDUZ 1260 AM at 11:30 am.

August 3, 2008 – Wayne-Daniel Berard – Retrieving Our Jewishness: Mark 6:3

If Christians are not careful, we have a dangerous tendency to view the Bible as an exclusively Christian book. Where this perspective exists, we do a serious disservice to both the Jewishness of Jesus and the Jewish roots of our own faith. Wayne-Daniel Berard, professor and author, who was born of a Jewish parent and adopted by a Catholic family, practices his faith today as a Christian and a Jew. He calls on Christians to explore "with open heart and mind" the Jewishness not only of Jesus but of themselves.

August 10, 2008 – Francis Collins – Faith in Science, Faith in God: Genesis 1

Among the top tier of scientists in the world, there is Francis Collins. Longtime director of the human genome project that has mapped over 3 billion letters of the human genetic code, Collins is an articulate spokesperson for the glories of science. But he is also a person of deep faith who is not shy to speak about the place of God in biological science. Repudiating both anti-scientific thinking and shallow spirituality, Collins offers a clear-headed way for understanding the beauty of how science enhances one's reading of the Bible.



August 17, 2008 – Philip Yancey – Part I: The Magnanimity of Grace :

Ephesians 2:8

Philip Yancey, popular author and reliable spiritual guide, remains the "go to" person for any memorable discussion on the amazing character of grace. With his candor as a journalist and his honesty as a Christian pilgrim, Yancey outlines both the reliability and the unpredictability of grace. He walks listeners through a love we had not counted on and a kindness we may not think we deserve.

August 24, 2008 – Philip Yancey – Part II: Relationship in Prayer: Luke 18: 1-8

Award-winning author Philip Yancey returns to take a close-up look at the shape of prayer. If you have ever wondered what difference prayer can make in your life, this program is for you. Yancey covers the whole terrain of prayer, tackling some of the biggest questions surrounding its mystery. With program host Peter W. Marty, he explores the importance of relationship and why a meaningful prayer life will never evolve without some genuine hunger on our part to be in God's close company.

August 31, 2008 – Eboo Patel – The Dangers of Religious Totalitarianism: Acts 2:1-21

If you are tired of trying to make sense of why certain expressions of religion irritate you so thoroughly, you need to meet Eboo Patel. Chances are good that what is bothering, or even infuriating you, is what Patel calls "religious totalitarianism." Or it could be your own mistaken assumption that no one knows the truth unless they know your version of it. Eboo Patel is an articulate man of faith who is founder and executive director of Interfaith Youth Core - an organization devoted to advancing religious understanding and respect.

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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.



GLLM RETREATS

Registration forms for these retreats are available online at gllm.org. For more information, call Green Lake Lutheran Ministries at 320-796-2181.

Fly South for the Winter Quilt Retreat

GLBC, Spicer

October 26-29 or October 26-31

November 9-12 or November 14-16

Retreat Fee: 2-Day \$139, 3-Day \$173,
5-Day \$267

Birds fly south, we shall, too! Grab your sun bonnet, sun screen, shades & quilting supplies and get ready for a great trip! You'll join other passengers as we embark on an expedition of fabrics, patterns, and fun!

Knit Retreat: November 7-9

Medayto Lodge - GLBC, Spicer

Retreat Fee: \$95.00 (\$50 deposit)

Join us for a wonderful weekend filled with faith, fellowship and fun. Besides working on your own knitting projects we will be Shortrowing scarves and helmet hats. This is a great opportunity for all knitters, regardless of skill. The Medayto Lodge will be the perfect setting for that relaxing and re-energizing weekend you've been longing for.

Scrapbook Buzz Retreat: November 7-9

GLBC, Spicer

Retreat Fee: \$105.00 each or mother/daughter special \$137 (\$50 deposit)

Join us at camp to learn, create and share your fondest memories through scrapbooking. It will be a time to share memories and ideas, while in a Christian environment. Besides scrapbooking, there will be time for devotions and worship.

SW MN HEARING

on the Draft ELCA Social Statement on Human Sexuality

The Southwestern Minnesota Synod will conduct a hearing on the Draft ELCA Social Statement on Human Sexuality Thursday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel Lutheran Church in Willmar.

This hearing is so that the Synod can listen to the comments members of ELCA churches have on the draft. Feedback from all synodical hearings will be recorded and submitted to the Task Force for the ELCA Studies on Sexuality.

There are several ways to receive a copy of the Draft Social Statement on Human Sexuality:

Online at www.elca.org/faithfuljourney

A complimentary copy can be ordered through a special resource line at 800-638-3522 ext. 2996.

Multiple copies for group study will be available from Augsburg Fortress (800-328-4648). Ask for: Draft of a Social Statement on Human Sexuality; item number 978-6-0002-2079-2; cost is \$.25 per copy.

To learn more about the social statement or the synodical hearing, please visit www.elca.org/faithfuljourney or call the synod office at 507-637-3904.



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EVANGELIZED & EVANGELIZING: LIVING IN THE GOSPEL

You and I are invited to read the Gospels together as a synod during the next twelve months. In July we read the Gospel of Matthew, and in August, we will start the Gospel of Mark. (For those not familiar with the Bible, the Gospels are the first four books of the New Testament. And the word "gospel" means 'Good news'). There are blue colored papers on the table in the narthex/entry for you to pick up, as well as study questions on a separate white sheet. The weekly study questions are also available online at <http://www.swm-nelca.org/>. Then, together with others in our synod, we can read these letters/gospels. There is a daily reading list and brief comments/questions for each day.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Nordland Lutheran Church



You are invited to an Ice Cream Social at Nordland Lutheran Church Wednesday, August 13, from 4-7:30 p.m. Menu includes hot dogs, BBQ's, homemade buns, potato salad, veggies, baked beans, homemade pies and cakes, ice cream, coffee, lemonade, and milk. A freewill donation will be accepted.

CAMP MEETING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Grove City

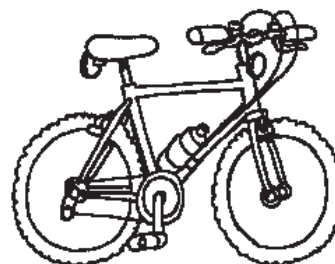


There will be an 1850's Camp Meeting and Ice Cream Social in the Grove City Park (Windmill) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 14, in honor of Minnesota's 150th year (Sesquicentennial). Historian Steve Keillor, musicians, and preacher. Bring lawn chairs or sit on blankets. In case of rain, the event will be held in the park shelter.

BIKE RIDE WITH THE BISHOP

August 20

The Lac qui Parle conference is sponsoring a bike ride from Big Stone Lake to Mankato in an effort to raise \$10,000 for AIDS education in our Sister Synod in South Africa. The Bishop and Lutheran Men in



Mission are joining them in this effort for the Wednesday ride from Redwood Falls to New Ulm. Each rider is asked to support the ride with a \$100 donation if possible. Food and support vehicles will be provided. For more info in the week-long ride, contact Tom Opoien at 320-734-4455 or topoien@hotmail.com. For more information on the single-day event contact Lowel Krogstad at 507-794-2448 or lowellkrogstad@sleepyeyetel.net.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION EXERCISE PROGRAM

Presented by Atwater Living at Home Block Nurse Program

There is no known cure for most forms of arthritis. But, there are definite things you can do to lessen your pain and disability. This program has been proven to reduce arthritis pain and fatigue. The program will be Mondays and Thursdays, September and October, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the Atwater Community Center. Contact Connie or Karen at Atwater LAHBNP: 974-8236.

RICE HOSPICE EDUCATIONAL RETREAT

"Share the Spirit: Chicken Soup for the Caregiver's Soul"

Rice Hospice has a very special "Share the Spirit" conference this fall, September 11. We will spend the day with LeAnn Thieman, co-author of the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books.

As a nationally recognized professional speaker, author, and nurse, LeAnn inspires audiences to balance their lives, truly live their priorities, and make a difference in the world. She has struggled through extraordinary circumstances and found the courage to succeed. Her audiences include health organizations, women's groups, contractors and corporate America. As an advocate for caregivers, she has been a featured guest on CNN, Fox-TV, BBC, and PBS.

This conference will be Thursday, September 11, from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Willmar Conference Center. Registration cost is \$60/person before by August 28, \$80/person after August 28. Registration form and information is available in the church office.

CORNER

Christian Education

good news Bearers

All 3rd-6th graders are welcome to join Good News Bearers. This is a free activity that includes after school snacks, fun, fellowship, and learning bible stories through drama and music. Good News Bearers' meet after school until 5 p.m. two Wednesdays each month. Dates will be announced in the September Outreach.

christmas Program

The Christian Education Ministry Team is looking for someone who would be willing to coordinate our Sunday School Christmas program. Please prayerfully consider helping out with this special annual event. Please contact the church office if you would like more information.

bible Presentation

Bibles will be presented to our 3-year-olds and our 3rd graders this fall. Parents of 3-year-olds and 3rd graders, please watch the September Outreach for more information about the Bible presentation date. Bibles will be presented during worship, with a short parent meeting following worship.

memory Work

All Sunday School youth will be participating in a new "Memory Work" plan, beginning this fall. A short parent meeting about the program will take place on Rally Sunday, September 21. Watch the September Outreach for more details.

bible Camp

Bible Campers: Please use the disposable camera that you were given May 18 to take lots of pictures of your time at Bible Camp! Please bring in 5-6 (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 info to the church office by 9/1. You can also email the info to imman@frontiernet.net.

sunday School

Our annual Sunday School kick-off, Rally Sunday, will be September 21 at 9:00 a.m. We will be celebrating this day with a special teacher installation and student blessing during worship. Sunday School classes for PreK - 9th grade will begin at 10:15 a.m. and finish at 11:30 a.m. We will have closing music with all students each Sunday in the Sanctuary from 11:10-11:30.

TEACHERS: We are planning to have a Sunday School teachers meeting Sunday, August 24, at 5 p.m. in the church library. We will be discussing several topics, including the 2008-09 schedule, classroom assignments, curriculum, room supplies, and expectations. Please make every effort to attend!



Christian Education Ministry Team Members

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

christian education Calendar of Events

(watch for monthly updates!)

DATE	TIME - PLACE	EVENT
August 24	5:00 p.m./Immanuel	Sunday School Teacher Meeting
September 21	9:00 a.m./Immanuel	Rally Sunday & Teacher Installation
September 24	Time TBA/Immanuel	Confirmation Classes Begin for 7th-10th Graders
September 28	10:30 a.m./Immanuel Library	Adult Study Resumes

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - July 8, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Starz

DEVOTIONS: Paul Hedberg

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Dan, Daryl Winkelman, Bob Starz, John Hagstrom, Dana Hedberg, Jennifer Schwartz, Dan Pirsig, Paul Hedberg, Harlan Madsen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Report presented to members via email. Motion to approve, 2nd, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Julie was present to discuss the report that was presented via e-mail. Motion to approve, 2nd, passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from SW Mn Synod- a draft of the statement of human sexuality is available on line at "elca.org"- will be a meeting for discussion at Bethel in Willmar 9/25/08 7 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education: Sunday School "Memory Plan" nearly complete. Sept. 21 is 1st day of Sunday School.

Worship and Music: Vacation Sundays are covered. Jennifer has completed a goal sheet for Worship & Music.

Evangelism/Faith in Action: Mission Statement work to be put on 'hold' until fall.

Finance and Stewardship: Pace of giving has slowed which comes from smaller numbers in attendance at services in summer. The general fund (including the reserve) less designated funds has changed from April \$17,751, to May \$14,143, to June \$11,874.

Property: Sunday School Room remodeling is progressing well. Looking for a volunteer to help with outside general maintenance.

SUB-COMMITTEES: No report.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Written report presented and available in church office. Regarding upcoming youth mission trip: chaperones have been found. Discussion about moving council meeting night from the 2nd Wednesday to 2nd Thursday to avoid conflict with confirmation class. Motion made, 2nd, passed to change meeting day to 2nd Thursday beginning in October 2008.

OLD BUSINESS: Dana is getting the Stewardship/informational flyer plans put together. No volunteer for the open council member positions. President Starz gave each council member an assignment to ask 2 people before our August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Harlan presented information from the synod about how other churches' altar guilds are organized. Main points are that the group is under the control and supervision of the council and the responsibilities are a privilege and should be carried out with awe, joy, gratitude, and love for their Lord. If anyone is unable to do this, a replacement for them should be sought. *(This is a paraphrase from a guide book provided by the SW Synod office).* Lutheran Men In Mission have several events coming up- information available in church office. Roast Beef supper coming up in September, need someone to be in charge.

Motion to adjourn meeting, seconded, approved.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Daryl Winkelman, Secretary**

COUNCIL AND MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE

Christian Ed. Meets:
August 10, 5:00 p.m.

Ministry Teams Meet:
August 13, 6:30 p.m.

Council Meets:
August 13, 7:30 p.m.

Lunch/Devotions:
Sheryl Stranberg

Memorial Gifts - Mar 24 - July 20, 2008

In Memory of Harlan Hoffenkamp	
To Altar Guild	\$5.00
To Building Fund	\$10.00
To Building Fund	\$20.00
To Altar Guild	\$5.00
In Memory of Autumn Sik	
To Altar Guild	\$5.00
In Memory of Michael Nelson	
To Altar Guild	\$5.00
In Memory of Vincent Shriver's Daughter	
To Altar Guild	\$5.00
In Memory of Eileen Gratz	
To Altar Guild	\$5.00
In Memory of Lois Yarmon	
To Altar Guild	\$5.00
To Building Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Kathy (Kragenbring) Fernilius	
To Altar Guild	\$5.00
In Memory of Joan Brandt	
To Altar Guild	\$5.00
In Memory of Arley Rossell	
To Building Fund	\$10.00
To Building Fund	\$20.00
In Memory of Velma Witte	
Undesignated	\$5.00
In Memory of Pastor Jonathan Bomgren	
To Youth Group	\$25.00
In Memory of Margaret Johnson	
To Building Fund	\$10.00
To Immanuel Music	\$5.00
In Memory of Olivia Winkelman	
To Sunday School Renovation	\$5.00
To Sunday School Renovation	\$45.00
To Sunday School Renovation	\$10.00
To Sunday School Renovation	\$25.00
To Sunday School Renovation	\$20.00
To Sunday School Renovation	\$5.00
In Memory of Art & Evelyn Williams	
To Sunday School	\$100.00
In Memory of Michael Nelson	
To Courtyard Flowers	\$25.00
In Memory of Elaine & Ila Nelson's Brother	
To Building Fund	\$10.00
In Memory of Don Evenson	
To Sunday School Renovation	\$10.00
To Sunday School Renovation	\$10.00
Undesignated	\$10.00
To Youth	\$20.00
To Sunday School Renovation	\$20.00
To Sunday School Renovation	\$20.00
Undesignated	\$10.00
In Memory of Don Peterson	
To Youth	\$25.00
To Building Fund	\$15.00
Undesignated	\$10.00
To Building Fund	\$5.00
In Memory of Dennis Evenson's Uncle	
To Building Fund	\$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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Simply Giving is an automated giving program. It's designed to help you conveniently, consistently, and joyfully give financial gifts to our congregation's ministry. By participating in Simply Giving, you can use an electronic funds transfer to give your weekly, semi-weekly, or monthly offering to our congregation. To learn how you can participate in Simply Giving, call the church office at 320-974-8695. Let Simply Giving help you build better stewardship by turning a simple choice into a generous response.

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.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Don Evenson. Don passed away June 27, and his funeral was June 30 at Immanuel. May God bless our memories of Don.



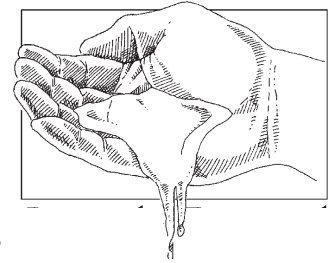
We also extend our deepest sympathy to both Donn Peterson and to Andrea Carruthers. Donn's father and Andrea's father each passed away in July.

May God bring all these families comfort and peace during this time of grieving.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Britta Kay Sorenson

We welcome into the Lord's family, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Britta Kay Sorenson, daughter of Matt & Karin Sorenson. Britta was born June 9, 2008, in Willmar, and was baptized July 27, 2008. Britta's sponsors are Amber Gullickson and Tom Borsch.



God's blessings to Britta and her family!

LOST & FOUND

There is quite a collection of items in our Lost & Found box. Please take a moment to check in the box to see if anything belongs to you.

**"I ONCE WAS LOST,
BUT NOW AM
FOUND!"**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - FAMILY WORSHIP



It is important for families to worship together. The God who created each and ordained marriage knew the importance of family worship. To a woman who had miserably failed in her family life, Jesus said, "The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him" (*John 4:23*).

The Father does not need our worship to be a better being. One cannot improve on perfection, but the Father knew each of us needed to worship. The old adage, "A family that prays together stays together," is true. One just does not find those that are truly committed and serving God in the divorce courts.

Families should worship for three major reasons: (1) God commands it (*Hebrews 10:25*); (2) it helps us influence one another (*Matthew 5:15*); and (3) it enhances our spiritual and marital lives (*Romans 12:1-2*).

No family can be completely balanced when there is a major spoke left out of their wheel. Families are to grow physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually (*Luke 2:52*). The family that does not worship is missing at least a quarter of this designated growth.

Do you want to offer a major blessing to your family? Here is a simple yet life-changing answer: Begin this week to worship God! We hope to see you at worship this week.



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

An Anniversary This Month

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| 8-4 | | Nichole & T.J. Fetrow |
| 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 |
| 8-20 | | Lloyd & Darleen Hovey |
| 8-21 | | Blake & Lori Schroeder |
| 8-23 | | Brad & Jill Bengtson |
| 8-25 | | Philip & June Miller |
| 8-31 | | Brent & Jolene Garberich |

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



