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Divine Worship 9:00 a.m.

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Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

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Weekly Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

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HAVE YOU...moved? ...changed phone numbers? ...changed email addresses? ...need to update birthday/anniversary dates? Let the office know! Thanks!

LET US KNOW...If you have a loved one ill or hospitalized, have a new baby, would like a pastoral visit, or if any pastoral need arises.

PRAYER REQUEST...If you would like a special prayer during the prayers of the church on Sunday, please contact Rev. Dr. Koepp:

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DO YOU...want to put something in the bulletin or newsletter? Have a prayer request? Birth/Anniversary/Graduation announcements? Upcoming events? If so, please submit the information as you want it to appear in the bulletin or newsletter by the deadlines listed below to the church secretary at immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net.

Deadlines:

Bulletin – 12 noon of each Wednesday

Newsletter – 15th of each month

For those of you without email access, please call or submit your written request to the church secretary.



From the Pastor's Desk

Alleluia Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

There is much that can be said, and by the time this come out, I assume you have all received the letter I sent in the mail. If you have not, please let me know. For the month of May, given the current state of things in the world, I wanted to share some words from Johann Gerhard.

Johann Gerhard is one of the three great classical Lutheran theologians. Most know of the “Martins”: Martin Luther and Martin Chemnitz. He lived from 1582-1637, and was a brilliant theologian. At a young age, he suffered from severe depression and health difficulties. He is most known for his extensive works in doctrinal theology, but he also wrote several devotionals. In one of his prayer books, he asks: What is prayer?

If someone wants to describe adequately the usefulness of pious, earnest prayer, he will, in my opinion, surely find a beginning more easily than a conclusion. Pious prayer offered in faith is familiar conversation with God. It is a salutary remedy to all the difficulties of life. It is the key to heaven and the door to paradise. It shows us how much we depend on God, and it is a ladder of ascension to God. It is a shield for our defense and a faithful messenger of the ambassador. It is refreshment in the heat of misfortune; it is medicine during illness. It is a winch, drawing us to heaven, and a vessel that draws water from the font of divine kindness. It is a sword against the devil and a defense against misfortune. It is a wind that blows away evil and brings earthly benefits. It is a nurse that nurtures virtue and conquers faults. It is a great fortification for the soul and gives free access to God. It is a spiritual feast and a heavenly delicacy. It is consolation for the dejected and a delight for the holy. It grants knowledge of the secret things of God and acquires His gifts. It upholds the world and rescues people. It is a joy for the heart and a jubilation for the mind. It follows God's gift of grace, and it leads ahead into glory. It is a garden of happiness and a tree full of delights. It calms the conscience and increases thankfulness. It sends demons running and draws angels close. It is a soothing remedy for the misfortunes of this life and the sweet smell of the sacrifice of thanksgiving. It is a foretaste of the life to come and sweetens the bitterness of death.

Whoever is truly a child of God through faith will, with childlike trust, address his or her heavenly Father every day in prayer. The one in whose heart the Holy Spirit has made His home will, as a spiritual priest, daily offer to God this incense of prayer. There are four immovable truths on which our confidence to pray rests. Because of these, we may be certain that our heavenly Father mercifully hears our prayers. The truths on which our certainty rests are: (1) God's omnipotent kindness; (2) God's unfailing truthfulness; (3) Christ's intercession as our mediator; and (4) the Holy Spirit's testimony.

With this as a starting point, for your edification, I share with you Johann Gerhard's prayer for the afflicted and those who are suffering:

Omnipotent, Eternal, and Merciful God, You are the Savior of all, especially those who believe (1 Timothy 4:10). You have commanded through the apostle that prayers be offered for everyone (1 Timothy 2:1). On behalf of all who are suffering under affliction and hardship, I beg You to uphold them with the consolation of Your grace and to support them with the help of Your might. Clothe with heavenly power and strength those who sweat in the most grievous agony of satanic temptation. Make them partakers of Your victory, O Christ, powerful victor over the devil. May the refreshment of Your heavenly grace encourage those whose bones are dried up by the fire of sorrow. Uphold all those who fall and raise up all who are bowed down (Psalm 145:14). Be gracious in allowing illness so physical sickness may be a spiritual medicine. May those who are ill recognize that sickness is an attendant of sin and a forerunner of death. Give to them strength of faith and patience, O true Physician of souls and bodies. Restore them to their former health, provided that it is advantageous to their eternal salvation.

Protect those who are with child; support those who are giving birth. It is You who bring infants from the confines of their mother's wombs and enlarge the human race by Your blessing. Be with those who are in the pains of labor, O Lover and Giver of life, so they are not oppressed with excessive pain. Nourish orphans who are forsaken of all help. Protect those who have lost their spouse because You who have called Yourself the Father of the fatherless and the Defender of the widowed (Psalm 68:5). May the tears of those who have been widowed break through the clouds and not be quieted until they reach Your throne (Sirach 35:15ff).

Hear those who are in danger at sea and cry out to You. Give freedom to the captives so they may proclaim Your kindness with grateful hearts. Make firm those who suffer persecution for the sake of righteousness so they may be victorious over all their enemies and receive the eternal crown of martyrdom (Matthew 5:10). Help those who are suffering dangers and misfortunes so they may possess their souls by true patience (Luke 21:19) and, denying their own will, take up their cross (Matthew 16:24). As they take up their cross, may they follow Him in whom they believe and who died on the cross. Kindest Father, I specifically entrust to Your care those who are poised at the gates of death, those who hover between time and eternity and who wrestle with all their might with this last foe. Make them firm, O powerful Victor over death. Free them, Ruler of life, so they are not drowned by the waves of temptation but are brought to the port of eternal tranquility. Have mercy on all, You who are the Creator of all. Have mercy on all, You who are the Redeemer of all. To You be praise and glory for all eternity. Amen.

President's Piece for Peace

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders
District President

As I compose this article we are all in the midst of seclusion (of one sort or another). It almost seems as though we are under attack by an unseen force with no ammunition to fight against it, an evil foe with no face or uniform. Our concerns run the gamut and rightly so. At first the enemy was far away, but now that it is on our shores and even in our cities, fear replaces complacency and caution takes over for carelessness. This too is not a bad thing, and so we wonder what is going to happen. When will normal return? Will there ever be a normal again? Are these unprecedented times or unplowed territory? We cry out in prayer to our Lord for healing, deliverance, patience and safety, all of which is good and right for us to do.

It reminds me of the situation King Hezekiah was in when Jerusalem was under attack and siege by King Sennacherib of Assyria. Sennacherib had conquered the Northern ten tribes of Israel without much effort. He carried away their citizens into slavery. The demonstration of his power was undeniable. Now he turned his sights toward a capture and demolition of God's Holy City and its residents. Fear got the best of King Hezekiah and the citizens of Jerusalem when they saw thousands of Assyrian soldiers surrounding the city. Even tribute did not deter the evil foe. All Judah had to hold onto was the Lord Almighty. This is the very Lord Sennacherib ridiculed and rebuffed claiming Judah's God was as weak and useless as all the other god's he had defeated.

All looked gloomy and dark for the remnant of the Lord. There were not enough armaments and resources to survive. No hope! So King Hezekiah goes to the Temple of the Lord and converses with the Prophet Isaiah. God spoke through the prophet and said "I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant." The next morning the Angel of the Lord smote 185,000 Assyrian soldiers to their death. He sent a plague among them and they died no longer a threat to Jerusalem. Victory, peace, rejoicing and deliverance were the topic of the day.

What do we have to fight with against this unseen enemy that lurks in our midst in the form of a virus? We pray for deliverance, victory, peace once again. We long for the day when we can once again assemble in the House of the Lord and receive His gifts without interference of contagion. We want to return to work and not have to stay a distance from one another. We look for the economy to return that we may live lives more to what we are accustomed. What shall bring this about? Will we be delivered? Who will send a plague against the virus and lay 185,000 of its contagions to rest?

While we may be looking for a more concrete answer to these questions, I wish to direct us a different direction. I don't know when the virus alert will be over. I don't have any prediction as to what our economy will look like a year from now. I hesitate to declare when we will all be able to return in full mass to our Houses of Worship and receive God's precious gifts together once again.

What I can say is that the Angel of the Lord who slew 185,000 Assyrians protecting the Chosen of God has not fallen asleep nor is He apt to slumber. In a sense He used a plague to destroy the pestilence. When Satan thought he had Jesus pinned down as He was being sacrificed on the cross, Jesus used His own suffering and anguish to defeat Satan and crush his head. The victory has been won and the old evil foe has no dominion over us. The Devil cannot have us, he cannot accuse us, nor can he carry us off to his place of torment and slavery. Jesus took our malady and made it His own. He became sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God. Proof of His victory, His success, His accomplished mission is in the fact He rose from the dead and lives for eternity. His victory is given to us in the precious waters of Holy Baptism. There we have overcome sin and death. In the washing and regeneration our soul was redeemed and we became children of God the Heavenly Father. We are safe in the Jerusalem of the Church and have a never ending supply of mercy and grace delivered in the Means of Grace.

For that reason we will not be afraid. We will not panic as if God were not paying attention. We will be patient and wait on Him. We will look to Him and His eternal promises that are new to us every morning. The virus comes and goes as it will and God is using the kingdom of the left to address it. It has its way and so be it. At the same time sin and death does not control us nor can it take us away from the peace we have in Jesus.

The time will come when we return to what we are more accustomed. In the future we will be able to gather side-by-side and not fear a contagion. Work will resume and more importantly, worship will not be hindered. This and all else is in the hands of He who destroyed death and the grave. Jesus lives and because He lives we will live too. He is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

In Christ Jesus our Lord, God be with you
President Saunders.

Worry

We all worry. Worry is feeling uneasy and concerned about a situation or problem. A little worry is normal and even helpful in some situations. It can spur us on to study harder for a test, prepare better for an upcoming interview or be more cautious in potentially dangerous situations. These are just a few examples.

There are numerous physical, mental, emotional and even spiritual effects of anxiety, distress and stress brought on when worry becomes unrealistic, excessive and chronic. Chronic worrying can affect daily life; interfering with appetite, lifestyle habits, relationships, sleep, job performance, and more. It can lead to harmful habits such as overeating, or excessive use of alcohol and drugs; also to generalized anxiety disorders, panic disorder, social anxiety, irrational and impaired thinking, depression and many other illnesses.

Let's look at what happens in our bodies as a response triggered by worry, anxiety and stress. The response is complicated and ultimately involves the "whole person" in a mind-body cycle. Three systems directly involved in the physiology of stress are the nervous, endocrine and immune systems working together and in sequence in response to worry and stress. Messages sent from the hypothalamus, through release of corticotrophin, activates the pituitary to release adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH), which stimulates adrenal glands to release cortisol and aldosterone. This flood of hormones into the bloodstream, when stress is prolonged, has an effect on every system. This includes increasing metabolism; affecting body fluids, blood sugar levels, blood pressure; causing suppression of immune system, digestive system issues, muscle tension, twitching, memory loss, headaches, irritability, pain; also pulmonary and cardiac changes leading to coronary artery disease, heart attack and numerous other imbalances. The extent of damage is greatly influenced by each individual's coping style.

There is hope for better health! Awareness of worries and its consequences and a network of support through family and friends are both important. Professional care for depression and chronic anxiety, medications or counselling may be necessary. Healthy lifestyle with a balanced diet, exercise and relaxation are crucial. The simple words of the song title, "Don't Worry, Be Happy" give great advice. Focusing on the positive, on gratitude and joy, is healing, as Proverbs 17:22 says, A cheerful heart is good medicine. As Christians, through God's word, we have abundant resources for hope, strength and true joy. From Nehemiah 8:10, The Joy of the Lord is our strength. We are told to give our worries to our loving, caring Lord in 1 Peter 5:7 Cast your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. Through His promises we are assured of His love, care, forgiveness; His peace in our lives. We pray and are confident of His continual presence to calm us. Jesus says in John 14:2, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. Thanks be to God for our Hope in Him!

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Jesus said to His disciples, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (*Mark 16:15-16*) Paul wrote to Timothy, “Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.” (*1 Tim. 4:16*)

In effort to preach the Gospel to the members of Immanuel, the Pastor and elder’s are tasked with keeping close watch on both the teaching and its hearers. There are several members of Immanuel for whom we have either no contact information, or not the correct contact information. If you do, we are asking you to pass it along to either Pastor or the Board of Elders (Joel McDonough, Steve Haase, Darlo Kelting, and Ken Mergen), so that we can, “consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” (*Hebrew 10:24-25*)

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- (c) Kiara Petersen
- (d) Aaron, Aeja, Alec, Alexi, Brian, Shannon, Valerie Schultz
- (e) Patrick Harms
- (f) Eric Heimsoth
- (g) Sara Heimsoth
- (h) Travis Puls
- (i) Tyler Puls
- (j) Bill Nagel
- (k) Michael Cadwell
- (l) Welcher
- (m) Tanner
- (n) Bryn, Carey, and Corey Ford
- (o) Cara Padgett
- (p) Marcia Tarvin

UPDATE FROM CAMP IO-DIS-E-CA

As we continue to endure the uncertainty of life in the midst of this pandemic, thanks be to God we have certain victory over sin and death through the life, death, and RESURRECTION of Jesus. It's been a little more than three weeks since we've updated you all about the Coronavirus pandemic's impact to Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. If you'd like to view this update in video form, [click here](#). A few key updates include:

The Family Campground is closed indefinitely. The governor also ordered recreational camping be stopped at least until April 30. Because of financial concern due to the pandemic, we've implemented a soft spending freeze until we feel confident our ability to spend dollars will be met with income. So once we're given direction as to when recreational camping opens up, we'll need a bit of time get our Family Campground ready to go. We'll update you as soon as we get it up and running.

With regards to summer camp, we're going to continue patience in this time. We're waiting to see what the coming weeks bring to see how our upcoming summer camp season is impacted. We're still hoping on summer camp as we have planned it, but we have also developed some alternative summer camp contingencies should the pandemic disrupt our current summer camp schedule. We're going to announce those possibilities after April 24, with final decisions no later than May 22, and we certainly want to have a decision before that. Our first day of summer camp is scheduled for June 17.

We're still receiving registrations, and if you want to secure your spot for summer camp, do so today by registering online at campiodiseca.org. Prices go up \$10 after April 27, so you have a great chance to save money by registering before then.

Our next Camp update will be on April 24, which is the end of next week. Our hope is that we'll have a better picture of what things look like at that time. After that, we plan to give you an update each Friday as we have new information.

God be with you in this time, and keep you safe from all danger, especially from COVID-19! We look forward to serving you soon!

Peace in Christ,

Daniel Sanchez
Camp Director
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry
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Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.” (John 13:15) We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God – that job’s already done!

But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow Jesus’ example of generous giving. And this is not merely an example alone. It’s also our Lord’s command. “The one who contributes, (let him give) in generosity.” (Rom. 12:8)

So, when we give to help others who are in need, and when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. So, we should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought, but according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world.

So, when it comes to our offerings to the Lord, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability – and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3) – we can and should give a generous portion of the income that God provides us to honor the Lord.

So also, we should give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. Nor do we give grudgingly. We should give freely and cheerfully because we want to out of thanksgiving. “Each as he purposes in his heart,” as the Lord says. (2 Cor. 9:7) There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us.

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of love – love for Him and for our neighbor. Genuine love is always love in deed (1 John 3:18), love such as Jesus showed us all. It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we give for a good purpose to thank the Lord and support His gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously for the service of God's gospel purposes, to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle. For that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly – so abundantly that they had to be told to stop giving. (Ex. 36:5-6)

In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord's work of bestowing His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation in our congregations through the preaching and teaching of His Word, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. We should support the Lord's work of caring for those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

Impatience

The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.

Numbers 14:18



I don't know if the story I'm going to share with you really happened or not. I can tell you, however, that I decided to wait until June to share this winter-time story with you, thinking it would be safe to wait until now so as not to remind you of the recent winter that never ended.

It was winter in Minnesota about 35 years ago. Boots and mittens were a necessity. Thirty-five years ago, without this stretchable rubber stuff, putting on boots was a struggle, a struggle a kindergarten teacher did daily, without complaint.

It was only when the teacher had almost wiggled and worked the second boot on one of her students that he commented, "Teacher, I think my boots are on the wrong foot." Sure enough, they were.

"This has been a long day," the teacher said silently to herself. It didn't get any shorter as she took to boots off.

With a heaven-sent prayer, she started the process all over again. When finished, she helped her student to his feet. The boy looked down and said, "Teacher, these aren't my boots."

In a calmed, well-controlled tone the teacher whispered through her clenched teeth: "Oh, I'm sorry, dear. Maybe that's why they went on so hard. Let's get them off and put *your* boots on."

Only after the boots were off did the boy comment, "These boots are my brother's. Mom said that I had to wear them today."

Scripture doesn't say so, but I believe there is a special place in heaven for these kinds of people like this teacher who knelt down and struggled to slide those boots on one more time.

When finished, with a sense of satisfaction, she looked at her student and asked, "Now, where are your mittens?"

He replied, "I didn't want to lose them so I stuffed them into the toes of my boots."

God bless this teacher, you, and all others who go to the ends of the earth to display patience with your students and colleagues every day of the school year. To say that you are precious and rare is hardly an overstatement. As we look at our culture, we see daily examples where individuals display a low level of patience, whether it be standing in line at the grocery store, zipping around us on

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the highway going 20 mph over the speed limit, or not getting their double latte espresso mocha grande (is there such a thing?) in a timely fashion. Yes, impatience is a common human attribute.

In contrast to our human lack of patience, we have the example of our Lord and how He deals patiently with us in the passage above. The first part of the verse says, *"The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression."* He desires that all come to a knowledge of the truth and be saved. This is of prime importance, and in order to make this happen the Father sent His Son into the world to be the single sacrifice that would save all who are called by the Holy Spirit. Patiently, the Lord waits for repentant hearts to be made.

The second part of this verse reminds us not to think God's long-suffering patience as the same things as being forever suffering. *"... but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation."* God's grace holds out salvation to all who believe, but His justice demands that those who reject His Son will be cast into darkness. There is a day coming when the Lord's patience will be at an end.

That's not a problem for you though, oh fellow believer in Jesus Christ and teacher of the faith. You and I, we personally know the Truth. He is our Lord and Savior. Have there been times when our patience has run thin and we have acted inappropriately? Yes, guilty as charged. But we know we can come to Him with a humble heart and confess our moments of weakness, always being assured of His steadfast love and forgiveness. Indeed, as workers in His kingdom we carry on throughout the entire calendar year with patience, waiting for Jesus' return.

God be with you this summer as you relax and replenish your "patience box"!

Jan Doellinger
Assistant to the President, Schools

Giving Because You Have Been Given!

Rev. Dr. Dean Rothchild
Assistant to the President

Our Lord Jesus Christ supplies His Church with all that it needs to carry out its mission of "feeding the found" and "seeking and saving the lost." St. Paul states that with these words: *"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."* (Phil. 4:19). How come it is that some churches seem to limp along with a lack of resources? It seems when there are a lack of dollars that conflict arises, and people begin to play the blame game and everyone else is responsible, and to blame.

Lest we travel too far, no one is exempt. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* (Romans 3:23). One can only stop and ask, "how can I improve in my stewardship of giving?" Maybe it is time to take *"the log out of one's own eye, before one goes speck finding in the eye of the brother."* Some people think that their "tithing" is adequate! Is it?

What we do is never adequate! Our giving can only flow from the fact of what we have been given. Paul says in (I Cor. 3:10), *"According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it."* The Greek verb is in the passive and comes from *δίδωμι*. Note some of the meanings which Thayer has: to give one something, to bestow, give as a gift, to grant, to supply, to furnish. Talk about Christ Jesus and the Gospel; it is all there in those meanings.

The Christian can and does give generously because he has been given. He has received forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in Christ Jesus. God does bestow that blessing in Holy Absolution pronounced by the Pastor, either individually or corporately. It is pure gift as evidenced in Christ Jesus, who came in human flesh to go to the cross and shed His life—giving blood, to atone and cleanse us from all sin. God does grant and supply and furnish all that we need in our lives so that His Church can have all that it needs for her mission.

John uses that same verb root in (I John 5:11) when he says: *"And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."* The Pastor needs to be giving His people Jesus in Word and Sacrament and in the Divine Service. Apart from those means what will people be receiving? People need to be taught why they are coming to the Divine Service, namely to receive the gifts of God. It is only after people have received that they, by God's grace and mercy, can begin to give. If you don't give your people what they need, how can you expect them to return generously unto the Lord? Paul adds: *"Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might rescue us out of this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen."* (Galatians 1:3-5).





Gas Gift Cards Needed

Will you help support
the young women in
our Life-Affirming Crisis
Pregnancy Program?



Lutheran
Family Service

Will you help support the young women in our life-affirming, crisis pregnancy counseling program by purchasing a gas gift card?

Lutheran Family Service is in need of \$10 gas gift cards from Casey's, Kum & Go, Kwik Star, or any other major gas station chain to support young women faced with an unplanned pregnancy.

These gas gift cards help young women in need get to doctor appointments, the grocery store, job interviews, and work.

Through Lutheran Family Service's program, we help young women with all aspects of life, not just the pregnancy. It is our goal to help her choose life and create a stable home whether she decides to parent her child or place her child for adoption. All of this support and help is at no cost to these women because of people like you supporting this program.

**Gift cards can be mailed to:
Lutheran Family Service
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