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November

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Pastor's Message

I apologize for not writing more these past few months. I guess I am in need of better time management. This month, I wanted to put before you the fourth petition from the Large Catechism. However the elections turn out, God's grace and mercy remain. His word is from everlasting to everlasting. As we live through another election season and approach the end of the month with Thanksgiving, may the Fourth Petition give you strength and peace.

The Fourth Petition

71 "Give us this day our daily bread."

72 Here we consider the poor bread-basket—the needs of our body and our life on earth. It is a brief and simple word, but very comprehensive. When you pray for "daily bread" you pray for everything that is necessary in order to have and enjoy daily bread and, on the contrary, against everything that interferes with enjoying it. You must therefore enlarge and extend your thoughts to include not only the oven or the flour bin, but also the broad fields and the whole land which produce and provide for us our daily bread and all kinds of sustenance. For if God did not cause grain to grow and did not bless and preserve it in the field, we could never take a loaf of bread from the oven to set on the table.

73 To put it briefly, this petition includes everything that belongs to our entire life in this world; only for its sake do we need daily bread. Now, our life requires not only food and clothing and other necessities for our body, but also peace and concord in our daily business and in associations of every description with the people among whom we live and move—in short, everything that pertains to the regulation of our *domestic and our civil or political affairs*. For where *these two relations are interfered with* and prevented from functioning properly, there the necessities of life are also interfered with, and life itself cannot be maintained for any length of time.

74 Indeed, the greatest need of all is to pray for our civil authorities and the government, for chiefly through them does God provide us our daily bread and all the comforts of this life. Although we have received from God all good things in abundance, we cannot retain any of them or enjoy them in security or happiness unless he gives us a stable, peaceful government. For where dissension, strife, and war prevail, there our daily bread is taken away, or at least reduced.

75 It would therefore be fitting if the coat-of-arms of every upright prince were emblazoned with a loaf of bread instead of a lion or a wreath of rue, or if a loaf of bread were stamped on coins, to remind both princes and subjects that through the office of the princes we enjoy protection and peace and that without them we could not have the steady blessing of daily bread. Rulers are worthy of all honor, and we should render them the duties we owe and do all we can for them, as to those through whom we enjoy our possessions in peace and quietness, since otherwise we could not keep a penny. Moreover, we should pray for them, that through them God may bestow on us still more blessings and good things.

76 Let us outline very briefly how comprehensively this petition covers all kinds of relations on earth. Out of it one might make a long prayer, enumerating with many words all the things it includes. For example, we might ask God to give us food and drink, clothing, house, home, and a sound body; to cause the grain and fruits of the field to grow and yield richly; to help us manage our household well and give and preserve to us a good wife, children, and servants; to cause our work, craft, or occupation, whatever it may be, to prosper and succeed; to grant us faithful neighbors and good friends, etc.

77 Again, to ask God to endow the emperor, kings, and all estates of men, and especially our princes, counselors, magistrates, and officials, with wisdom, strength, and prosperity to govern well and to be victorious over the Turks and all our enemies; to grant their subjects and the people at large to live together in obedience, peace, and concord.

78 On the other hand, to protect us from all kinds of harm to our body and our livelihood, from tempest, hail, fire, and flood; from poison, pestilence, and cattle-plague; from war and bloodshed, famine, savage beasts, wicked men, etc.

79 It is good to impress upon the common people that all these things come from God and that we must pray for them.

80 But especially is this petition directed against our chief enemy, the devil, whose whole purpose and desire it is to take away or interfere with all we have received from God. He is not satisfied to obstruct and overthrow spiritual order, so that he may deceive men with his lies and bring them under his power, but he also prevents and hinders the establishment of any kind of government or honorable and peaceful relations on earth. This is why he causes so much contention, murder, sedition, and war, why he sends tempest and hail to destroy crops and cattle, why he poisons the air, etc.

81 In short, it pains him that anyone receives a morsel of bread from God and eats it in peace. If it were in his power, and our prayer to God did not restrain him, surely we would not have a straw in the field, a penny in the house, or even our life for one hour—especially those of us who have the Word of God and would like to be Christians.

82 Thus, you see, God wishes to show us how he cares for us in all our needs and faithfully provides for our daily existence.

83 Although he gives and provides these blessings bountifully, even for wicked men and rogues, yet he wishes us to pray for them so we may realize that we have received them from his hand and may recognize in them his fatherly goodness toward us. When he withdraws his hand, nothing can prosper or last for any length of time, as indeed we see and experience every day.

84 How much trouble there now is in the world simply on account of false coinage, yes, on account of daily exploitation and usury in public business, trading, and labor on the part of those who wantonly oppress the poor and deprive them of their daily bread! This we must put up with, of course; but let exploiters and oppressors beware lest they lose the common intercession of the church, and let them take care lest this petition of the Lord's Prayer be turned against them.

For the Fruits of His Creation

LSB 894



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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+ Sola Deo Gloria +
Rev. Dr. Joel G. Koeppe

President's Piece for Peace

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The national holiday of Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. It used to be a time when the nation recognized the abundance of sustenance God provides this nation that we may be free and prosper. It has now turned into the springboard for Christmas shopping, and even that has lost it's focus on the birth of the Christ Child for the sake of redemption and deliverance.

We in the Holy Christian Church have need to honor Thanksgiving Day for what it is originally for. In fact, Thanksgiving Day is not even an American invention. The Old Testament has festivals for that exact purpose, to thank God for His never-ending mercy.

We do well to do the same today. Luther gives us a plethora of reasons to give thanks in his explanation to the first article of the Apostles' Creed. He lists at least 20 benefits we receive from the Lord's hand that our lives may be lived in comfort and blessing. Yet, there is more than just the first article to Thanksgiving Day. I say this because the items listed by Luther are also given to those who have no relationship with God at all.

The unique nature of Thanksgiving from the Old Testament is laid out for us in Psalm 107 which begins with, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, and His mercy endures forever." The reason for giving thanks to God is first that He is good. He is good in every way. His goodness is not simply a measure of the quality of His handiwork, which in and of itself is perfect. His goodness is His very character. God is by nature good. What He thinks, what He does, what He says; it is all good for it comes from He who is good. A good orange makes good orange juice. Whatever He who is good does, is always good. It cannot be otherwise.

This means that God's providence and provision is what is good for us. It comes in different amounts for different people. It comes in various sizes based on His divine wisdom. Nonetheless it is good for it comes from He who is good. What we receive is for our good and always has our salvation in mind as the fruit.

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That is where the second reason for giving thanks listed in Psalm 107:1 comes from. God is everlasting mercy. Mercy is often thought of as kindness, which it certainly is. Yet, there is much more to mercy than kindness. Mercy is a love so deep for another that it gives of itself for the benefit of the other. Mercy can also be defined by not giving someone what they deserve.

Luther's explanation to the second article of Apostles' Creed is most helpful with mercy. Luther says, "my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil." From this sentence we can be very thankful we don't receive what we deserve. Sinners deserve to be punished, cut off, abandoned, left to the Evil One. The mercy of God does not let that get in the way of His goodness toward us.

We who deserve nothing but death are redeemed (purchased back from the Devil) by the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. We who were rightly condemned for disobedience have been rescued and delivered from darkness. Mercy did not let God the Father punish us, it held Him to His covenant He made through His Son for our sake. That is what mercy does, it remains faithful to its promises. God promised to send a savior, and He did. He promised that savior would be stricken, smitten and afflicted in our place, and He was. He promised

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life over death and Jesus proved that to be true with His resurrection. Our promise now is that, in Christ, His resurrection is our resurrection to eternal life. This is true because His mercy endures forever.

The sins of our past and present need not dictate our future. The goodness and mercy of the Lord is always there and ever ready to splash His cleansing waters of baptism, speak His forgiving words of absolution, feed us His redeeming Body and Blood with all its heavenly treasures. Is there any better reason to, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, and his mercy endures forever"?

Thanks be to God now and always.

Rev. Dr. Brian S. Saunders
District President

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Newsletter Article – November 2024

The consequences of shallow thankfulness

Can you imagine a Thanksgiving dinner without turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie? I know I can't! To not have these on the menu, or worse, to run out of them with the family around the table, would be a culinary sin of epic proportions. An attempt to serve bratwurst and hamburgers in place of the standard fare would ring hollow and seem totally inappropriate and out of place. It isn't that the food would be bad; brats and burgers are pretty tasty. But not for Thanksgiving — they just don't go together!

This month, as we continue to walk through the stewardship hymn, "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788), we turn our attention to verse three. Here, William Watkins Reid, Sr., the man who penned this text, draws attention to some things that do not go along with faithful, thankful stewardship.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise ...

We see this often with small children. They greedily snatch the candy out of a grandparent's hand, savagely destroy the wrapper, and attempt to stuff the entire delicacy in their mouth in one bite, only to have a parent say, "Tell grandma thank you." This is followed by the pro forma thanks that is uttered between chocolate chews. It isn't really thankfulness; it is simply checking a box to keep mom or dad off their backs.

We never really outgrow this either. Our shallow thankfulness takes the form of feigned humility when praise is being offered. We are thankful that our admirers noticed and called us out: "Look at me! Aren't I special?" No thought at all is given to the fact that the Lord was the One who gave us the ability and opportunity for accomplishment. Our false blush is really only masking our selfish, credit-seeking gain. Once again, we find ourselves idolatrously thanking ourselves.

For words that speak at variance with deeds ...

What carries more weight: words or action? The steward who gives voice to the Gospel in the Divine Service but then lives like a pagan in the world does great damage, not only to others but to the Gospel itself! This is the consequence of failed stewardship. It is idolatry that separates the steward from the Lord.

Worse yet, it also impacts others negatively. When the failed steward is the reference point outside the Christian community, there are those who want no part of being Christian or following the Christ they claim. We see this play out in the impact of overt political activity among Christians based on governing policy as opposed to fidelity to the Word of God. When our lips and our lives are out of sync, like what used to happen with old movie projectors, the impact isn't funny — it obscures the Gospel!

*Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways
unmindful of a broken brother's need ...*

Our creature comforts often become an obstacle to faithful stewardship. This is true of both individual and corporate stewardship. Financial stewardship is often limited by our desire to be comfortable and have the latest toys and gadgets. Congregational stewardship is often limited by the desire to focus on what is best for the congregation as opposed to how resources might be best stewarded to reach the community with the Gospel.

When we see someone in need, or broken by the world, we often look at them as freeloaders. We admonish them to get a job. We insist that they learn our language, learn our customs, and make them their own. But this gets in the way of seeing every human being the way that Jesus sees them. Remember, that broken person is one for whom Jesus went to the cross to die and rise. When we are unmindful of these needs, our shallow thankfulness also stands in the way of the Gospel.

This stanza reminds us of the challenge we face. Our hearts are master idol-makers. Our shallow thankfulness threatens our souls and hinders others from seeing Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Stewardship is serious business. It is a task for which we were created. In our sinful failings, we are never relieved of these duties. In our Baptism, we are restored to be stewards of the Gospel. Our faithful stewardship is all about that Gospel.

Forgive us when our thanks are shallow, O Lord! In this month of Thanksgiving, grant us the grace to offer heaping helpings of this stewardship so that others may see Jesus!

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:36-38

In response to Overture 1.01 of the 2018 Iowa District East—LCMS District Convention, a district task force has been commissioned to, within the Iowa District East, to aid efforts to recruit and retain church workers in the LCMS. The synod has also launched Set Apart to Serve, an initiative of the LCMS to recruit church workers. This IDE Task force met in May, September, and November of 2022 and has developed the following vision statement:

We pray for God, through the intentional efforts of faithful mentors and ministries, to raise up and sustain well-qualified Lutheran church workers who are full of the love of God and are supported in their physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual well-being so that they may joyfully serve Christ and His church in their lifelong professional and personal vocations.

In addition, three initial goals were established: 1) Congregations, schools, ministries, families, and individuals regularly pray the Lord would send workers into the harvest; 2) All church workers view themselves as mentors; and 3) Cultivate a culture of well-supported workers. Achieving these goals will happen over time, but beginning with the Professional Packet, we hope to provide resources aimed recruiting and retaining church workers, beginning with providing prayers to be included for use in Divine service, school assemblies, classrooms, staff meetings, or at home.

This month's prayers for worship, school, and home:

Heavenly Father, through the washing of Holy Baptism You have put off our old self and have put on us a new self, created after Your likeness in true righteousness and holiness. Give Your church pastors and teachers, DCE's and Deaconesses, and whatever else is needful so that we abound in Your Word and prosper in all good works. Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For men who enter the seminaries, for faithful laborers in the Lord's harvest, and for all pastors, that they prepare and equip the saints to put on the whole armor of God, to stand against the schemes of the devil, and to pray at all times in the Spirit with prayer and supplication, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

More on LCMS Set Apart to Serve here: lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve

Through *Set Apart to Serve*, the LCMS is intentionally working to identify, encourage and form future church workers for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ until His return. Visit lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve to learn more.

SET APART TO SERVE
LCMS CHURCH WORK RECRUITMENT



Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca



November 2024

Winding Down & Starting Up

Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca had another great retreat season this fall! We had the opportunity to fulfill our mission by serving numerous groups within and outside of Iowa District East! Those groups got to enjoy various classic camp activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, and archery as well as getting to study God's Word. Though our retreat season is winding down, we still have a couple more important retreats for those in the IDE. On November 1-2, Camp will be hosting the IDE Pastors' Wives' Retreat. This retreat is intended to be a weekend of relaxation and fellowship for the wife of each pastor within our district.

On November 9th, Camp will be hosting a Church Revitalization Retreat. Pastors, laypeople, and congregational leaders are all encouraged to attend! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn a confessional Lutheran approach to replanting or revitalizing dying or shrinking LCMS churches.

Additional information on these two events can be found by going to the IDE website and opening up the "Events" dropdown menu.

As we enter the final two months of the year, we get to reflect on how blessed Camp has been this year. We are grateful to have received all of your support, from donating and volunteering to attending summer camp and retreats! Your support has helped us navigate another year of rising expenses. It has also helped us keep up with projects to improve the facilities and our programming. Some of the improvements we've made are replacing the roof of the amphitheater shed; building a new retaining wall and hitching posts in our main horse pasture; and building a new Air Square course.

As we begin looking toward next year, we would greatly appreciate your continued support. We already have a couple high-cost projects that we'll need funding for over the next year. The first is repairing the filtration system in the sewage lagoon to keep that up to code. The second is fixing the lights over the recreation area by Alpha Lodge to create a space where campers and retreat guests can enjoy swimming as well as playing basketball, volleyball, gaga ball, and human foosball all after dark! We ask that as you consider any end-of-year giving, that you prayerfully consider continuing to support Camp and our mission to promote and provide Christ-centered education, recreation, and inspiration for individuals and groups of all ages. Thank you for all of your support in helping make this ministry possible!

Coming Soon: SUMMER 2025 Theme Announcement

Registration will open at 1:00pm on January 20th!

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SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION



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NEW MISSIONARIES

Meet the Synod's newest missionaries! These families began their service in 2024 with missionary orientation at the LCMS International Center in St. Louis.



The Rev. Jason and Emily Groth will serve as missionaries in Belize. They will help plant Lutheran churches and coordinate the operations of Camp Concordia in Belmopan, Belize. In addition, they will support short-term mission teams and facilitate acts of mercy. Jason is from Lawrence, Mich. and earned his Master of Divinity at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Emily is from Paw Paw, Mich. and has a bachelor's degree in food service administration.



Vicar Jesse Liebmann will serve as a missionary in Brasov, Romania. Jesse will assist in ongoing evangelism and outreach activities; help provide pastoral care; and be active in many aspects of congregational life, such as visitation, catechesis, preaching, liturgy, music and the mentorship of lay leadership. Jesse also will focus on reaching out to the Ukrainian refugee community. Jesse is from Eureka, Mo. and has a bachelor's degree in Russian and Political Science. He is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.



Vicar Paul and Courtney Mroczenski will serve as missionaries in Puerto Rico, where he will spend his vicarage before returning to Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Paul will teach and preach at various churches and sites in both Spanish and English. Paul will also assist with church planting and other evangelism and mercy work efforts. Paul is from Athens, Wis. Courtney is from Torrance, Calif. but calls Aurora, Co. home.



Deaconess Melissa Pflug will serve as a missionary in the Eurasia region, based in Romania. As regional care coordinator, she will work with the Eurasia regional leadership team to ensure that all the Synod's missionaries and their family members are supported during their service. This care includes warmly welcoming new missionary families to the field; providing logistical

support for families in finding housing, schools and trusted health care providers; and assisting them with the visa process. Melissa is from Belleville, Ill. and has a bachelor's degree in English and Germanic Studies.



Vicar Joshua Wareham will serve as a missionary in Sri Lanka, where he will spend his vicarage before returning to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis to complete his fourth year of seminary. His responsibilities as vicar will include preaching and helping lead worship services, teaching catechism classes and Bible studies, and assisting in ongoing evangelism and outreach activities. He will also encour-

age other local pastoral candidates with a clear example of the training process for pastoral ministry. Joshua is from Acworth, Ga.

Supporting Missionaries as Individuals!

Mission Senders is a network of families and individuals committed to funding the Synod's career and GEO missionaries.

As a Mission Sender, your prayers will encourage an LCMS missionary to share Jesus with the world. With a financial partnership, you help send a missionary to the field and sustain them in their work.

By partnering with a missionary through the Mission Senders program, you get to go "with them." What can you do? Get a piece of our assorted "missionary pies," with each piece representing a different region of the world.

PRAY

Prayerfully consider your response in helping support missionaries.

INVITE

Invite congregation members, family, friends and co-workers to join your missionary support.

ENCOURAGE

Encourage your congregation and community to become involved in supporting missionaries.

SHARE

Share your excitement and joy with friends and family.

TO PARTNER WITH A MISSIONARY

Please contact Michelle Beckmann, Mission Senders coordinator, at 888-930-4438 or via email at michelle.beckmann@lcms.org to get started or find out more about Mission Senders.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Your congregation can partner to:

DEVELOP a personal relationship with your missionary through letters, email and Zoom.

ENCOURAGE your missionary in the work to which God has called them.

OFFER HOSPITALITY to your missionary when on home service, showing them that they are an integral part of your congregation's life.

PRAY regularly for your missionary and your joint efforts in ministry.

"Pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you" (2 THESS. 3:1).

INVEST financially in a specific missionary as they proclaim the Gospel globally.

Example: If 25 families in the congregation each give an extra \$5 per week, your congregation will generate an additional \$6,500 per year.

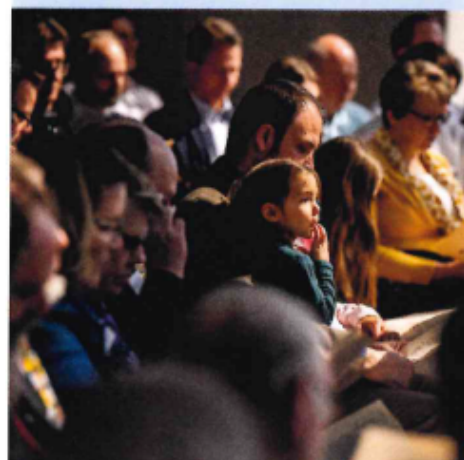
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BECOMING A PARTNER

To begin partnering with a missionary through Together In Mission, call the TIM office at **888-930-4438** or visit lcms.org/TogetherInMission.

Please be prepared to provide your congregation's name and mailing address, as well as a contact person's name, phone number and email.

You can also visit lcms.org/prayercards to find a missionary that matches your area(s) of interest.



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Disaster Response



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View the latest stories, videos and podcasts, as they become available, at lcms.org/hurricane-response.





November will be picture taking time for the new pictorial directory for Immanuel.

The dates and times for picture taking are:

Tuesday, November 5

11:00am-3:00pm; 4:00pm-7:00pm at Cory Hall

Wednesday, November 6

11:00am-3:00pm; 4:00pm-7:00pm at Cory Hall

Sunday, November 10

11:00am-3:00pm; 4:00pm-7:00pm at Cory Hall

Members will be able to order picture packages, which will arrive by mid-December.

We will also ask you to proof your names, address, phone number, and email address.

*Any questions please contact the Evangelism Committee
Dianna Kelting, June Routier, Bev Huebner*

Give
Thanks
to the
LORD

Day of Thanksgiving/Harvest Service

Wednesday, November 20th at 6:30pm

Potluck Supper before the service at 5:00pm

There is a sign-up sheet on the entryway table
if you would like to bring a dish.



Childrens Christmas Program



Calling families and children from 12th grade and younger.

The Board of Education is beginning to plan for the Christmas Program which will be December 15th at 10:30am.

Practices will begin November 17th and will take place during Sunday school time, with one more practice Saturday, December 14th.

Please let us know if you are wanting to be a part of the program or not, so we can plan accordingly. Also, if you are wanting to play an instrument for the pre-program music that day, please let us know that as well.

To best prepare, let the Board of Education know as soon as possible.

Thank you!



Confirmation

MEMORY WORK SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

5th & 6th Grade Memory Work

November 13: 9th & 10th Commandment, Close of the Commandments

November 20: Test over Commandments

November 27: No Class

8th Grade Memory Work (Class time for Nov. is Thursdays 7-8:30pm)

November 7: Luther Movie

November 14: No Class

November 21: 1st Article & Meaning

November 28: No Class

ALL WOMEN OF IMMANUEL

SO THAT ALL WOMEN, YOUNG AND OLD OF OUR CONGREGATION CAN ATTEND, LWML WILL BE CONDUCTING ALL FUTURE MEETINGS ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING NOVEMBER 10TH AT 10:30am IN THE BACK SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM.

THIS WILL GIVE ALL THE WOMEN OF IMMANUEL THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT WE DO AT LWML AS WE JOYFULLY PROCLAIM CHRIST, SUPPORT MISSIONS THROUGH PRAYER, MITES AND SERVICE... AND HOW YOU CAN TOO!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

“SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS”

PSALM 100:2



Mid-Week Advent Services

A meal will be served from 5:00-6:15pm

Service begins at 6:30pm

December 4th

December 11th

December 18th

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Monthly Meeting of the Church Council
Sunday, September 8, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on September 8th at 8:00 AM.

Present: Pastor Koepp, Steve Haase, Keith Thorpe, Kevin Schultz, Diane Schultz, Chris Christinson, Joel McDonough, Sherri Baker, Dianna Kelting, and Kathy Stanek

Steve called the meeting to order, and Pastor Koepp opened with prayer. Chris motioned to approve the June minutes and Diane 2nd. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Board of Elders: Joel McDonough

- Continue to plan and schedule member visits.
- Working on Monthly Devotions

Treasurer's Report: Chris Christinson

- All bills have been paid with current balances reflected.

Board of Trustees: Kevin Schultz

- Four trees were taken down and removed from the property
- MSG Internet service was installed. The new church email address is: lcms.immanuelgrinnell@gmail.com
- Signed a 5-year lease on the copy machine
- The new component to fix the outside cross light has not arrived.

Board of Evangelism: Dianna Kelting

- Drake Library has changed their treat program and Immanuel will not be supplying treats for an after-school program.

Board of Education: Sherri Baker

- Sunday School classes resume today.
- Very pleased with the Sunday school teachers who signed up.

Board of Stewardship: Diane Schultz

- Giving is steady with no issues to report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Koepp

- Providing spiritual leadership to members of Immanuel church, preparing weekly sermons, preaching, and conducting worship services. Leading Confirmation and Bible Study classes.
- Counseling/home visits, attending board meetings, visiting sick/shut-ins as allowed and providing Communion to those who cannot attend Sunday Divine service.

Unfinished Business:

- There are still a few blank positions for the 2025 Council Board. Elections will be October 20 at the Voters meeting. Asking members to prayerfully consider becoming a board member.

New Business:

- Motion approved for a one-time donation of \$200 each to Tiger Packs of Grinnell, who provide food for students to take home, and Renewed Home Furnishings, providing furniture (mostly beds) to those in need.

With no other business Steve adjourned the meeting.

Next Council Meeting: October 13, 2024, 8:00 AM

Submitted by:

Kathy Stanek

