



September 2020

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

This month's article comes from a Concordia Publishing House (CPH) blog that I found. As the school and church year begin to come alive again, I thought it appropriate to read and enjoy. I'd also like to remind you of a few things. First, continue to pray for and reach out to one another. While we are certainly blessed that we have volunteers who make it possible for our Sunday morning livestream, it's also important that we make phone calls, send cards, and visit our shut ins and nursing home members.

Second, our typical rally day is scheduled for Sunday September 13. However, this year, instead of rally day, which focuses on the new start of the Sunday school year, we will be having Homecoming. The purpose is to come home. Home to our family and friends and most of all back home to Jesus. It's open to anyone of course but I hope you'll invite those who maybe are around and for whatever reason no longer attend. Also, invite those who cannot physically worship with us and encourage them to come home with us during our livestream. It'll be a beautiful service with great music, a lot of Jesus, and wonderful fun and fellowship at the James T. Wright Park in Preston after the service.

Finally, I just wanted to say thank you for your patience, love, and grace with my family and I these past three years. I've said it once and I'll keep saying it, I am blessed to be the pastor of the best church in our circuit, our District, and yes, even in the LC-MS. We aren't perfect. No church is. But, we love Jesus and each other and I wouldn't trade that for anything in the world. So again, thank you.

With a Shepherd's Heart,

Pastor David

P.S. Alright now, without any further words from me, here is this month's article from CPH:

As I write this, I am listening to the decisions made by my home state of Minnesota about school this fall. After this spring and the experience of distance learning, my children and I are ready for school to be back in session.



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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

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Prior to the “school at home” mandate, we attempted homeschooling. I adored parts of homeschooling and abhorred others. Both while we were homeschooling and while we were distance learning, I had a constant fear looming over my head that I was missing something. When I hear the word “teach,” all of my insecurities and shortcomings come to mind. I see visions of worksheets and red pens, wrong answers, and questions I do not have answers to.

The same insecurities and shortcomings come to mind when I think about teaching the faith at home. But teaching the faith to our children does not have to be anxiety-inducing like schooling at home may have been. You don’t need a craft every time you sit down and read your Bible. It does not have to be at the kitchen table. It does not need to be rigidly scheduled and planned. There is no need for a red pen to mark answers right or wrong, because the answer is consistently the same: Jesus. All you need is family and the Word, because the Holy Spirit is at work on account of the work Christ has already completed.

Teaching the faith does not hinge on abilities or insecurities or strengths or our weaknesses. The Holy Spirit is working through us to teach our kids.

If you are looking for a resource other than a Bible, there are a plethora of them. There are new resources available, along with ones that have been around for hundreds of years. As Lutherans, we have a phenomenal resource that can sometimes be forgotten after confirmation: *Luther’s Small Catechism*. It was designed to give the head of the household help in teaching the faith. After all of these years, it is a helpful place to start and become rooted. With the help of Scripture, it asks and gives answers to questions like “Who is God?” and “Where is Church?” and “What is sin?”

In our household, we often feel rushed. A resource that helps us slow down and look at *Luther’s Small Catechism* is the *Illuminated Catechism*. It takes pieces of the *Small Catechism* and pairs them with coloring pages, hymn verses, and devotionals. It helps us to linger together and around the Word longer, and it may be a suitable resource for you and your family too.

When thinking about family devotions, it’s important to think about what your family is like and ask questions such as,

- How and when do you communicate well?
- What time of the day are you routinely or usually home?
- How much time do you have?

These are good questions to ask when thinking about how to get started teaching the faith at home. Christian families are called to teach the faith, but there is not a one-size-fits-all recipe for how to do it. Look at your family and talk about what would work for you. It could be a devotional podcast to listen to during a commute. It could be passing a devotional journal back and forth to ask and answer questions. It could be simply reading through a book of the Bible a chapter at a time.

Whatever you decide on, remember:

“Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17

And:

“He who started this good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6

Whatever plans you implement or resources you use, know that each time you read the Word or talk about the faith, the Holy Spirit is at work. Teaching the faith is not about what you do; it is about the completed work of Christ and the continuing work of the Holy Spirit for you and your family.

To find everything you need to teach the faith at home, check out the CPH homeschooling page below to find devotions, Bibles, catechisms, and more.

-written by Katie Koplin. For more of Katie, check out her blog at lovedinspiteofself.com.



From the

President's Pen

During the Summer months we were able to begin live-streaming our worship services via Facebook. Ron Andrew has been facilitating the camera work during services but could use some help. Let Ron or Pastor David know if you would like to volunteer to man the camera in the choir loft during service. The live stream can be viewed here: <https://www.facebook.com/immanuel.l.church.1>

If you are wondering about coming back to services in person, please know that we are doing our best to keep everyone safe. The capacity of the building is over 300, so social distancing is easy for us with around 40 attending regularly. Masks and sanitizer are available as you enter the building, and communion has been worked out to keep everyone separated.

As we move into September, I can report that all church books have been audited. A special note of thanks to Connie Overington for her volunteer work again this year. The Church Budget for 2021 is in process and will be provided in the October Newsletter prior to our next Voter's meeting on October 11th after the worship service. Also, Elections will be held at that meeting:

Up for election are the following offices:

Evangelism – Shelly Kapitan and Marsha Kenton

Recording Secretary – Lynn Short

Stewardship – Lynn Faulstick

Treasurer – need candidate

Thank you for continuing to send in your gifts and pledges. Our expenses continue, and you can drop off or mail in checks, or go online to <https://www.ilcpreston.org/> and click on the Donate button at the top to give via PayPal or credit card.

As you may remember, Pastor David successfully applied for a grant in October of 2019 toward his student loans for seminary. It is a requirement of this District grant that the congregation commit to contribute some funds in advance of his applying for the grant. Last year, the Council approved \$1,500. Earlier this year, we setup a Special Funds designation (Pastor's Grant Fund) for collecting gifts toward a contribution this year. That fund is currently at \$939. It would be great if we can reach \$1,500 or more again this year. Please consider a gift prior to September 15th, so we can work on the application early this year.

Also, if you want to donate stocks or other legacy gifts to Immanuel, remember that we can receive stock through the LCMS Foundation. I am including that information on the next page.

Finally, regarding the Ulrich Dembowski pending Estate gift, the current Personal Representative is awaiting a ruling from the IRS before he is able to finalize the Estate and disburse. I hope to hear something later this year.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Preston, MD [Updated 6/8/18]

Instructions for giving a stock gift through the LCMS Foundation to benefit the Church:

The LCMS Foundation's DTC transfer instructions are listed below.

Broker: Charles Schwab

DTC Participant Number: 0164

Acct Name: LCMS Foundation

Acct Number: 61780941

FBO: Donor's Last Name – Immanuel Lutheran Church, Preston, MD

In the event your transfer department needs to contact Schwab the Broker Dealer number is 602-355-9003.

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Please let her know what is coming (name of security and number of shares). She will also need your address so that she can send you an acknowledgement letter. As soon as the shares arrive in our account, they will liquidate them and send a check for the sale amount, less 1% for its ministry service (with a minimum fee of \$25), to the ministry or ministries that you direct. We will include a cover letter advising the ministry that the gift is from you, with a full accounting. Let them know if you prefer that your gift be anonymous and/or if there are any specific purposes that the gift is to be used for.

Helpful website: <http://www.lcmsfoundation.org/gift-planning/gift-types/> just scroll down to the Gifting Securities section for the five attached PDF documents. The Word document has been replaced on the website as an interactive form entitled "AppreciatedSec Instructions-Interactive" but it may still be used or an email sent to us with all the specifics about the gift.

In order for the Foundation to process gifts in an efficient and timely manner we ask that you or the donor please contact us to clarify the proper transfer instructions as not all securities may be transferred in the same manner. It all depends upon how and where the securities are held. One of our goals is to ensure a smooth and trouble-free gift transfer process and we've found that by taking a few extra minutes upfront does minimize potential problems. The information we ask for is:

Name of the security(s)

Security(s) Ticker Symbol or CUSIP number (if known)

Where do you currently hold the security (i.e.; Charles Schwab, eTrade, Computershare, etc)

How are the shares held (i.e.; physical certificate, electronically via DTC, in a Dividend Reinvestment Account or some other specialized account)

Number of shares or approximate market value being transferred

Specific LCMS entity(s) gifting to both the name and address of the entity

Percent Breakdown of gift this applies to a gift that is being distributed to multiple entities (must equal 100%)

Donor's contact information (name, address for the receipt letter and a phone number and/or email address in case there are any questions about processing the gift)

We hope you understand the importance of this notification process and due to the critical nature of using stocks and mutual funds for making gifts of appreciated securities to an LCMS ministry time is of the essence. We encourage our donors to always contact us to obtain the proper transfer instructions before sending any gifted security as not all securities can be transferred in the same manner it all depends upon the security and how it is currently held by the donor.

JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

1 THESS 5:16-18

REJOICE / PRAY / GIVE THANKS

Joy is in the water

You belong to God. Your Baptism washed you into His Kingdom. In the waters of Holy Baptism, you were joined to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. This means your sins are forgiven, eternal life is yours and you are a child of God. Though we are baptized only once, we daily remember and return to our Baptism through repentance and trusting in the promises of God for salvation in Jesus. Water reminds us of the joy of the proclamation, "I am baptized into Christ." Find out more at joyfullylutheran.org.

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

August 23 we had a picnic at Martinak State Park to give an overview of the next three months. We are hoping to have an outdoor meeting with games at church in September, date to be announced. To get our fundraising kick started, we are having a donut sale 🍩. Ask anyone of our youth group members and they would be more than happy to place an order for you.



If anyone has a grandchild who is in middle school or high school and would like to be in our group please let us know.

Jennifer Phillips

410-829-9302

Be a part of music in worship

Immanuel has a long and wonderful tradition of bringing praises to God through our vocal choirs, handbell choirs and

instrumentalists. As we begin a new season of music in worship, we are adapting the music we bring and how we bring music to the worship service to accommodate fewer musicians in the same space at the same time. This opens the opportunities for more singers, ringers, and players to participate from time to time during the year.

If you play an instrument, check out the *Reformation Orchestra* – woodwinds and brass combine with the organ to commemorate the anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. You will receive your music for two hymns in early October and we will plan one rehearsal with a warm-up on Reformation Sunday – October 25. If you would like to participate, please contact me!

If you would like to participate in other ways, but are unsure how you would do so, just ask. There is a space and time for you to join in the worship music at Immanuel. ~ Lynn Short, Its0955@gmail.com



Stewardship

Our **Stewardship theme** this year is "The Harvest". Pledge Sunday is approaching us, and as we enter the fall season, please remember to keep our Church and staff in your prayers when deciding what you can pledge for this coming year. "Whatever one sows, that will he also reap."

Galations 6:7

Blessings!
Stewardship Committee





Vacation Bible School Immanuel Lutheran Church

July 13-15, 2020



Monday: God Rescues Noah (Genesis 6:17-22; 8)

God Keeps His Promises

Tuesday: Jesus Calls His Disciples (Matt. 4:18-22; 9:9-13)

Jesus Is With Me

Wednesday: Jesus Visits His Disciples (John 21:1-14)

Jesus Helps Me Share His Good News

HOME COMING

It's time to get back "Home" to Sunday School and Church. We are excited to start a new curriculum from Concordia Publishing House (CPH). Cross Exploration will help our children explore the Old and New Testaments. Children will be split into two levels, PreK-3rd grade and 4th grade—high school. During these uncertain times it's more important than ever to explore God's Word and how to apply it to our lives. Remember—God is with us † Jesus is for us!

On September 13th at 9:15 Sunday School will start up following the guidelines put in place by Governor Hogan. Social distancing and masks are required for anyone over the age of 5. There will be temperature checks and hand sanitizer at the door. This isn't how we want to start the Sunday School year, but we have to. God wants us in His house, learning His Word and surrounding ourselves with those who share our beliefs.

Kids worship will continue during the worship service; we use Church Year Connections (also by CPH) which follows the readings of the church each year. This creates opportunity for discussion with parents and kids.

So grab your mask and come "Home" to Church and Sunday School! We will be celebrating our "Homecoming" at James T. Wright Park immediately after worship service. We will provide a bagged lunch and drinks. If possible, RSVP.

As you know, these programs cannot work properly without help. We plan to lead Sunday School and Kids Worship with a rotation of leaders so the responsibility doesn't fall on the same people all the time. Has God been nudging you to get involved? Please consider joining the Sunday School or Kids Worship team. We really need more volunteers so

we can all have time to learn and worship. You can contact myself or Karen Lyons if you can dedicate an hour of your time once a month. Please join us at the Board of Ed meeting on August 31 at 7:00 for more information on how you can help.

God is with us † Jesus is for us.

With Christian love,

Rene Langwost 410-253-8735

Karen Lyons 410-310-1488

The Compassion Place at the Lutheran Mission Society

Greetings from The Compassion Place at the Lutheran Mission Society on Race Street in Cambridge, Maryland! We hope that you are managing as well as possible during these months of COVID19 illness and restrictions.

The food pantry is in need of one pound jars of peanut butter, canned fruit, canned pastas and cereals.

The Compassion Place has had many requests for personal items such as small tubes of toothpaste, bars of hand soap, small containers of hand sanitizer and, of course, masks – purchased or made at home. Donations of these items would be greatly appreciated.

If you are not going out to shop but would like to help, cash donations are accepted. Contact Irene Wheatley – 410 – 310 – 2571 if you have any questions or would like to make a cash donation. Please keep The Compassion Place and the workers there in your prayers.





The Children's Bulletins from Visual Faith Ministries are back for September. Copies will be available on the table in the Narthex. Please bring your own colored pencils or crayons or you can have a bag of colored pencils with your family's name that is kept in the Narthex. By the way, adults can enjoy these coloring opportunities, too. They are a great way to return to the Sunday's Bible lessons later in the week. Please feel free to pick one up for home or church use at whatever stage of life. If you are watching from home, you can download the pages from their website, www.visualfaithmin.org – under worship resources.

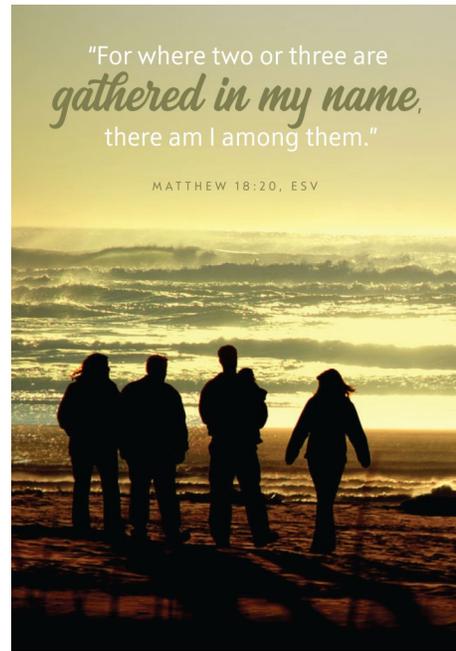
Remembering . . .

St. Matthew,

Apostle and Evangelist

St. Matthew was also known by the name Levi in the Gospels. He was originally a tax collector by trade and thus would have been viewed by the Jewish populace as a traitor and sell-out to the Romans. The account of the Lord Jesus calling Matthew is found in his own Gospel in chapter 9. Matthew was sitting at his tax booth one day when Jesus passed by. The Lord simply said, "Follow Me." The man who had devoted himself to acquiring money at the expense of his own people got up and walked away from his table, his money, his old life.

Jesus joined him at his house for a meal that celebrated Matthew's newfound calling. Many of his friends, who were also tax collectors, joined in the feast. At this the Pharisees grumbled that Jesus was not more discriminating in His choice of dinner guests: "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When He heard it, Jesus responded, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matthew 9:9-13).



Not only was Matthew then one of the Lord's disciples, but he was also sent as an apostle and finally used by the Holy Spirit as the evangelist who wrote the Gospel that appears first in the New Testament. Matthew's Gospel portrays Christ as the prophet greater than Moses. It divides into five sections, reminiscent of the five Books of Moses. Its first long discourse, given on a mountain, relates how Christ explicates the spiritual meaning of the Law. He alone recounts the perspective of Joseph in the account of our Lord's infancy (the dreams of Joseph by which the angel directs his actions, the visit of the Magi, the slaughter of the innocents, the flight to Egypt). Matthew's Gospel contains the fullest version of the Beatitudes and of the Lord's Prayer. He portrays Christ always as the fulfillment of various Old Testament prophecies, whose blood of the New Testament inaugurates the age of grace. His account of the postresurrection command of Christ to make disciples of all nations by baptizing in the triune name and teaching the baptized to hold on to all that Jesus commanded guides the Church's mission to this day.

The Church's traditions speak variously about his field of labors, but nearly all agree that he died a martyr's death.

Source: *Celebrating the Saints*, by William Weedon.
Published by Concordia Publishing House

Obituary



Leonard Harry Rieck, of Easton, passed peacefully at his home with his devoted caregivers, Karen Spies and niece, Melissa Rieck Phillips by his side on August 2, 2020. He was 102 years old.

Born in Preston, November 27, 1917, He was the son of the late Emil William and Emma Gadow Rieck. After attending Preston High School, he worked on the family poultry farm until 1938 at which time he moved to Easton where he worked for Elliott Trucking Co as a mechanic. From 1945 until 1963, he was associated with Watkins Auto Supply Co. in Easton as the head machinist. In 1963, he purchased an interest in Crockett Brothers Boatyard in Oxford where he worked as Vice President, partner, and General Manager until its sale in the late 60's. He remained with the boatyard for a brief time after its sale before becoming an employee of the Easton Firestone Store where he worked in sales and, later in service specializing in refrigeration and repair of major appliances. In 1982, he formed his own refrigeration servicing business in which he remained until retiring in 1994.

In March of 1943, he joined the Easton Volunteer Fire company. In his years of service, he served as Chief Engineer, Assistant Chief Engineer, Trustee, member of the Building Committee in 1961, a Delegate to the MD State Fireman's Association and Delegate to the Delmarva Fireman's Association. He also served on various other committees. At the time of his death, he was a Life Engineer and Life Member with 77 years of service.

In appreciation of his long-time fire company service, he was inducted in the DelMarVa Firefighters Hall of Fame in May of 2006. Additionally, he was inducted into Talbot County Hall of Fame in December of 2010, and the MD State Fireman's Association in June of 2013. In 2014 the Easton Aerial Tower was dedicated in his honor for his past years of Service for Others. In November of 2017 in honor of his 100th birthday,

Aurora Park Drive was officially renamed Leonard Rieck Drive.

A Life Member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston, he was also a Life Member of the Easton Elks Lodge # 1622. A past member of the Miles River Yacht Club and the Kent Island Yacht Club, he enjoyed boating, fishing, gardening, and eating crabs.

His first wife, the former Evelyn Harris, whom he married in March of 1955, died in April 1997. His second wife, Doris Grunden Dobson, whom he married in February 2003 predeceased him on May 1, 2018. They had the pleasure of 16 years of unconditional love and devotion.

He was predeceased by a sister Emmalene Jester, and three brothers, Alvin, Paul, and Robert E. Rieck. Mr. Rieck is survived by a stepdaughter, Nancy Wood of Easton, MD, several nieces and nephews, his loving friends, neighbors, and caregivers, especially Abby Ireland.

Funeral services were held at the Easton Volunteer Fire House, 315 Leonard Rieck Drive, Easton, on Saturday August 8, 2020 at 11 AM. Burial, with fire company honors, was at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be made to the Easton Volunteer Fire Dept., 315 Leonard Rieck Drive, Easton, MD 21601, Attn: Restoration and Maintenance of "The Old Mom" a 1919 American LaFrance Pumper.





CATHERINE L. McALLEN
(June 13, 1941 — July 3, 2020)

Catherine Louise McAllen, 79, of Preston, died Friday, July 3, 2020 at Kent Hospice Center in Chestertown.

Born June 13, 1941 in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late Clarence and Grace Carson Stivers.

For many years she operated her own real estate office in Caroline County. She is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston and the National Association of Realtors. Cathy adored all of her grandchildren and enjoyed attending their extra curricular activities.

She is survived by four children; Colleen Johansen Fuchs, John M. Johansen of Preston, Jimmy C. Johansen of Preston, and Katie M. Parmer and husband Jeff; a stepson, Ryan McAllen of Greenville, South Carolina; ten grandchildren; Catherine Fuchs, Chase Fuchs, Andrea Johansen, John Garrett Johansen, Corryn Elizabeth Johansen, Gunner Magnus Johansen, Jamie Lynn Johansen, Jacob Parmer, Joseph Parmer, Jeffrey Parmer; a sister, Barbara Morroco and husband David of Clarksville, Maryland; several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Malcolm W. McAllen.

The family received friends on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston. The funeral service was held on Friday, July 10, 2020 at noon.

Interment followed in East New Market Cemetery.

Arrangements were in the care of Zeller Funeral Home in East New Market.

SPECIAL FUNDS

Choir Fund – In Honor of Dennis Janko

Rev. Carl Kruelle

Memorial Funds

– In Memory of Bobbie Duff

Tim Duff

– In Memory of Louise Nichols

Jan Lewis

– In Memory of Leonard Rieck

Victor & Vera Rieck

Care & Compassion Fund

– In Memory of Leonard Rieck

Richard & Irene Wheatley

– In Memory of Cathy McAllen

Richard & Irene Wheatley

Pastor's Grant Fund

Richard & Irene Wheatley

Outreach Fund

Anonymous



SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm Elder's Meeting	2	3	4	5
6 10:30am Divine Service with Holy Communion	7  Church Office Closed	8 7:00pm Church Council	9 8:50am Nursery School (3s & 4s only) Handbells 6:45 p.m.	10 8:50am Nursery School (3s & 4s only) WINGS 7:00 p.m.	11	12
13 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Homecoming/Picnic	14 8:50am Nursery School	15 8:50am Nursery School Confirmation 6:00 p.m.	16 8:50am Nursery School Handbells 6:45 p.m.	17 8:50am Nursery School	18	19
20 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Divine Service with Holy Communion	21 8:50am Nursery School	22 8:50am Nursery School Confirmation 6:00 p.m.	23 8:50am Nursery School Handbells 6:45 p.m.	24 8:50am Nursery School Nursery School Board 6:30 p.m.	25	26
27 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship	28 NURSERY SCHOOL CLOSED Board of Education 7:00 pm.	29 8:50am Nursery School Confirmation 6:00 p.m.	30 8:50am Nursery School Handbells 6:45 p.m.			

THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL SEPTEMBER 2020

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Greeter	Assisting Elder	Kids Worship	Acolytes	Head Tellers
September 6	Hugh Smith Roland Limpert	Janice Isenberg		Mark Frase		Catie Casey-Motley	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
September 13	Hugh Smith Roland Limpert	Catie Casey-Motley		Rex Rosebrock		Veronica Phillips	Karen Lyons Janice Isenberg
September 20	Hugh Smith Roland Limpert	Glen Plutschak		Richard Wheatley		Kalei Durando	Dee Lambert Glen & Mary Lou Plutschak
September 27	Hugh Smith Roland Limpert	Arlene Stevens		Glen Plutschak		Molly Plutschak	David Schmidt Kathy Schmidt

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

Earleen Lozen	9/2	Dawn Johnson	9/13	John & Katie Northam	9/1
Rebecca Schmidt	9/2	Heather Plutschak	9/13	Leonard & Dolores Slyter	9/6
Madison Braband	9/4	Mitchell Morris	9/16	Jim & Marilyn Harris	9/7
Rene Langwost	9/4	Sherry Braband	9/22	Charles & Robin Smith	9/7
Roland Limpert	9/5	Vera Rieck	9/22	Dale & Marsha Kenton	9/11
Tucker Cannon	9/7	Nash Titus	9/22	Mike & Arlene Stevens	9/12
Timothy Engle	9/7	Ian Nabb	9/26	Abby & Clark Andrews	9/19
Rylee Harding	9/8	Lynn Short	9/26	Nathan & Nellie Mellor	9/19
Hannah Harding	9/8	Charlotte Casey-Motley	9/27	David & Desi Casey-Motley	9/20
Maureen Garcia	9/10	Richard Wheatley	9/29	Chris & Kelli Schanken	9/28
Sarah Durham	9/12	Rebecca Scudder	9/30		
Garland Fisher	9/12				



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

THE CREED — SEPTEMBER 1-15

We confess the three ecumenical Creeds, the Apostles', Nicene and Athanasian. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, three persons. Luther's explanation of the Apostles' Creed in the Small Catechism teaches important truths about God as our creator, redeemer and sustainer.

Rejoice in God's goodness in Christ as you pray.

1. Thank God that He is our loving heavenly Father.
2. Thank God for His creation.
3. Thank God for daily bread. Pray that all would be fed and clothed this day.
4. Thank God for family. Pray that God would guide all families love each other with the love of God in Christ Jesus.
5. Thank God for shelter. Pray for those who are without homes this day.
6. Thank God for reason. Pray that learning and intellect

are always in service of God's Kingdom.

7. Thank God for Jesus. He is our only Savior from sin, death and the power of the devil.
8. Rejoice that Jesus is true man, that He can sympathize with our weaknesses.
9. Rejoice that Jesus is true God, that our Savior is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.
10. Repent of all your sins and trust that God forgives your sins through the blood of Jesus.
11. Pray that God would empower you, by His Spirit, to live in righteousness, innocence and blessedness.

12. Thank God that He freely gives faith and salvation through His Spirit. Pray that all would hear the Word and be Baptized according to His will.

13. Thank God for the Holy Spirit. Pray that He would keep all in the true faith.

14. Thank God for the Church. Pray that she would remain faithful to her Savior.

15. Rejoice that God gives and sustains faith in the Holy Trinity. Rejoice that God is love.



PHOTOS: LARRY PETERSON/ST. LOUIS HERALD

SEPTEMBER *Pray For Us Calendar*

OFFICE OF THE KEY/CONFESION – SEPTEMBER 18-20

Jesus gave the office of the keys to the Church through His Apostles. Confession has two parts. First that we confess our sins, and second that we receive the forgiveness of our sins.

Rejoice in the gifts of Confession and Absolution as you pray:

18. That God would lead all sinners to repentance.
19. Confess your sins before God. Trust that God forgives your sins through Christ Jesus.
20. Thank God for your pastor and all pastors. Pray that God would grant them faith and strength in their Word and Sacrament ministry.
21. Thank God for corporate confession and absolution each Sunday.
22. Thank God for the opportunity for individual confession and absolution with your pastor.
23. Thank God for the vocations He has given to you. Pray that you serve Him and your neighbor faithfully each day.
24. Pray for all unbelievers, that they would repent and trust in Christ.
25. Pray for all who are caught in unrepentant sin, that they would humbly confess their sins and receive holy Absolution.
26. Pray for the Spirit to empower you to amend your sinful life, that all you think, say and do would please God.
27. Thank God for the Church. Pray that the Church remain faithful to the preaching and teaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments according to God's will.
28. Pray for those who have stopped attending church. Ask God to provide someone to share Christ with them and bring them back.
29. Pray for Christian parents, that they would model forgiveness and raise their children in the Christian faith.
30. Pray for the strength to forgive people in your life. Ask God to give the faith necessary to forgive as He forgives.



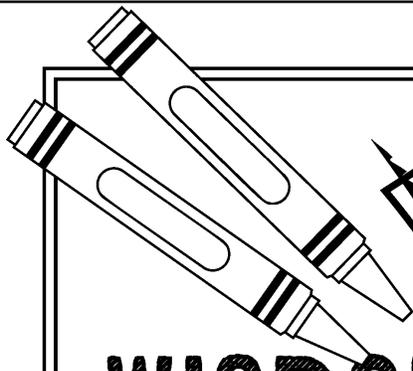
29. Thank God that He always answers our confession with words of forgiveness and life.

30. Pray that Jesus would return quickly, that sin and death will soon be finally defeated, and God's people will dwell with Him forever.

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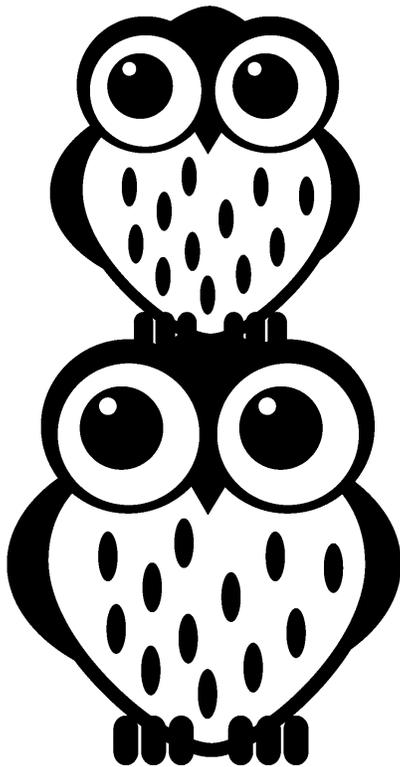


PUZZLE

WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



- school — ○ — — —
- paper — ○ —
- wisdom — — ○ —
- read — — — ○
- play — — — — —
- learn ○ — — — —
- grow — ○ — — — —
- pencils — — — — —
- pray — ○ — —
- art — — — — —
- student — — — ○ — —
- kids — — ○ — — — —
- apple — — ○ — — —

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous



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