

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD
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VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's spiritual blessing or to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all confirmed members of Immanuel and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

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Closing Hymn: #924, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

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DATES TO REMEMBER THIS WEEK

Monday:		Happy Labor Day!
Tuesday:	7:00PM	Board of Elders
Thursday:	7:30PM	Women's Bible Class
Friday:	10:30AM	KWNG Recording Session
Next Sunday:		13 th Sunday after Pentecost
		Fall Schedule Resumes
	9:00AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:00AM	Fellowship Time
	10:30AM	Worship
	3:00/4:00PM	4H Meeting in Fellowship Hall

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today	- Rebecca Augustin, Randy & Donna Meyer
Tuesday	- Leslie Hutter, Don & Judy Kliewer
Wednesday	- Dan Banitt, Lucas Stumpf, Kevin & Vicky Hoffman
Thursday	- Jordan Taylor
Saturday	- Todd Burns

IN OUR PRAYERS

Philip Sorenson (recovering from full pancreatectomy), Dave Dicke (for successful transplant surgery), Mark Yahn, Jean Bateman, Melissa Barbey, Thor Starch and Fred Voth.

Life Quotes

September 4 "If we are to have a genuinely honest debate on abortion we cannot arbitrarily airbrush the unborn child out of the debate or the many testimonies of women who regret their abortions ... All human beings share a common dignity by virtue of their humanity. To deny the right to life simply because the unborn child is at an early stage of development completely undermines an authentic vision of human rights." *Dr. Berry Kiely, Pro-Life Campaign (Ireland)* – **A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org**

Fall Schedule to Resume

On Sunday, September 11, Immanuel will begin the fall schedule. Sunday mornings will be structured as follows: 9:00AM Adult Bible Class and Sunday School, 10:00AM Fellowship Time, and 10:30AM Worship. Confirmation instruction and choir practice will resume on Wednesday, September 14th. 5th and 6th grade confirmation will be at 4:30PM (every other week), 7th and 8th grade confirmation will be at 5:30PM (every week), and choir will meet at 7:30PM (every week).

Sunday School Teachers Needed Now!

Sunday School begins in a week, but right now we only have teachers for two out of the four classes. We still need teachers for the 1st and 2nd grade class and the 3rd and 4th grade class. Team teaching is encouraged (that way you can trade off between weeks). Note: Sunday School teachers should be committed to attending Sunday morning worship services on the mornings that they teach. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board for those who are willing to help.

Explanation of the Small Catechism - Review

How is human reason to be used in understanding Holy Scripture?

A)

Holy Scripture is given in human language. To determine what it says we need to apply rules of language, such as grammar and logic. It is right to use reason as a servant of the text, but the guidance of the Holy Spirit is essential for its proper understanding.

B)

Unlike all other books, Holy Scripture is God's Word and truth. It is wrong to question or deny the truthfulness of the sacred text (as happens, for example, with historical criticism).

This Week's Mission Challenge

For the week of September 4th, every member of Immanuel is encouraged to memorize one Scripture passage that may prove helpful in telling others about Jesus. If you don't remember John 3:16 by heart, this passage might be a good place to begin! Pray to the Lord for guidance in how to best share the love of Jesus with those who do not know Him as Savior and Lord.

Sunday Morning Bible Class

From September through May, Bible Class is offered every Sunday morning for adults high school age and beyond. The plan is to continue our study of selected topics of interest. However, for the first few weeks Pastor will discuss and provide an overview of the epistle of St. Jude. If you would like a specific topic to be considered in a "mini-session" (one or two classes), Pastor would love to hear from you. Some recent topics have included: The relationship between the sentence at death and the Judgment on the Last Day, the meaning of Christ's descent into hell, polygamy in the Old Testament, the Missouri Synod (and Biblical) view of anti-Christian lodges, when the angels were created and when some of them fell away from God, etc. Come join us for some great conversations about Holy Scripture and what the Word of God teaches us for our faith and Christian living!

Women's Bible Class

Come and learn about about women in St. Luke's Gospel in a Bible study led just for women by Sara Sorenson. The sessions are held bi-monthly with the first being offered this coming Thursday night (September 8th) at 7:30 PM. Sara Sorenson is a graduate of Concordia University, St. Paul, where she majored in Church Music and minored in Confessional Lutheran Theology. The studies she leads are informal, conversational and fun! The ladies who participate have a great time and support one another in fath and life.

Fellowship Time Treats

A sign-up sheet has been posted for those who would like to bring treats for church fellowship time. This twenty five minute period is a time of conversation and snacks between the education hour and the worship hour on Sunday mornings. All are welcome to attend!

“THE LUTHERAN HOUR” – Sunday, September 11

8:30AM on KCUE-AM; 6:00PM on KDHL-Faribault (920)

”Forgiven Forgivers – That’s What the World Needs Now”

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

God’s justice may keep evil at bay, but only God’s grace can overcome sin and reconcile enemies. “Forgiven forgivers” become extensions of God’s grace to others. (Matthew 18:21-35)

To the Members of Immanuel

Thank you to Pastor Sorenson for his visits and prayers. Many thanks to the congregation for their prayers. They were very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Burnetta Dicke