

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

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## Sunday Worship:

- 9:30<sup>AM</sup> Divine Service
- 10:45<sup>AM</sup> Sunday School/Bible Study
- Communion is served on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, New Mexico  
 Founded 1938

# Immanuel's Images

*"Reaching out to make and strengthen disciples of Jesus Christ, with emphasis in north central New Mexico"*  
 ~ the official Mission/Ministry Motto of  
 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, New Mexico ~

August 2017

Number 08

## Quote for the Month of August

**"To Him who made the great lights,  
 for His lovingkindness is everlasting:  
 the sun to rule by day,  
 for His lovingkindness is everlasting,  
 the moon and stars to rule by night,  
 for His lovingkindness is everlasting."**

--Psalm 136:7-9

Beautiful words to remember this month as a total solar eclipse over North America occurs on Monday, August 21, 2017

Life on earth is so full of anxiety. Why? Isn't anxiety really about the fear of separation from that which is secure and comfortable in our life? Ultimately, as a result of sin and our our sinful nature, we are separated from the very One in whom we were meant to find peace and rest.

It is good to remember that our Savior understands this. Jesus spoke about anxiety in his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6).

<sup>5</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

.....<sup>31</sup> "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

<sup>34</sup> "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."

...from the Pastor

## Anxious about Nothing

The month of August brings to mind an uncomfortable topic: **anxiety**. **Anxiety**: painful or apprehensive uneasiness of mind usually over an impending or anticipate contingency. (Webster)

For me, as I was growing up, August meant the end of summer and the beginning of school. I was always "anxious" about returning to school, since I had spent most of my summer at home, with family on the farm—I was perfectly content to just stay there. As school began, my jitters and reservations usually subsided. You may have felt the same way. I suspect it was a fear of separation from my comfortable surroundings that made me feel the way I did.

As millions of school children return to school this month, I can't help but think about the absence of peace in many households and about the worry and anxiety many children may be wrestling with. I have been praying for them.

Our Lord's words are not only true--they are comforting. Jesus gives us that wonderful hope and direction that we can look to when we are anxious. Through his death and resurrection, Christ's kingdom and his righteousness is the soothing antidote to our separation fears. Seeking Him is about trusting in Him, recalling His comforting words, speaking to Him in prayer--even as we head off to school!

*Life  
 is full of anxiety,  
 separation and many  
 uncertainties--that is true.  
 But for God's people, each  
 day includes Jesus.*

Life is full of anxiety, separation and many uncertainties--that is true. But for God's people, each day includes Jesus. Present, soothing, and giving us peace.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

(Philippians 4:6-7)

✠ Pr. Douglas K. Escue



## BE HAPPY IN THE LORD

Happiness and joy are frequent themes in the Old Testament book of Psalms.

**Directions:** Solve the crossword using the clues below. Then fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse.

**ACROSS**

3. A word for happy (rhymes with had)

4. What you do when you're very happy

5. A song written by David

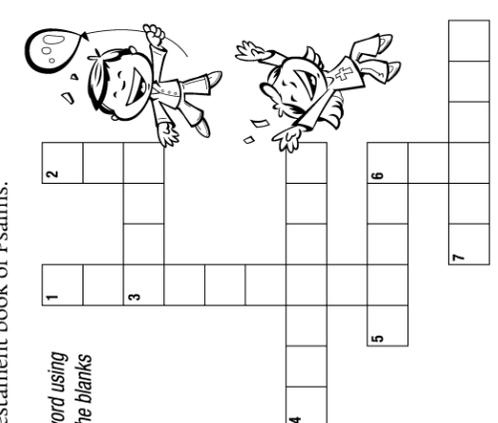
7. Full of joy

**DOWN**

1. People who obey God

2. Our Creator

6. The month after April



"But may the 1. \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_ before 2. \_\_\_\_\_; 6. \_\_\_\_\_ they  
 be happy and 7. \_\_\_\_\_" 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 68:3, NIV

Answers: (across) 3. glad, 4. rejoice, 5. psalm, 7. joyful; (down) 1. righteous, 2. God, 6. may  
 "But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful." Psalm 68:3, NIV

## Happy Feet



This summer, put your best foot forward by brightening up a pair of flip-flops.

**What you need:**

- Flip-flops in your size
- Metallic permanent markers
- Foam stickers
- Craft gemstones
- Plastic flowers
- Ribbon
- Hot glue gun (and adult help)

**What you do:**  
 Use these ideas to decorate clean, dry flip-flops:

- Draw with markers on the soles.
- Decorate the sides and soles with stickers.
- Glue gemstones along the strap.
- Glue plastic flowers on the strap between your toes.
- Wrap ribbon around the strap and glue in place.



those sponsoring flowers  
**Altar Flowers for August**

- 08/06:** Ed Lewis, in loving memory of his sister, †DOLLY M. COCHRAN† (1937-2017)
- 08/13:** Ned & Carol Jerabek, on the occasion of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (08.19)
- 08/20:** Maggie Rubino, in honor of her wedding anniversary (8/22) to †ART RUBINO†
- 08/27:** No altar flowers--picnic

**AUGUST Birthdays**

- |                      |           |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Joan Pacheco         | August 5  |
| Richard Kurman       | August 8  |
| Michael Schreiner    | August 8  |
| Cindy Madsen         | August 10 |
| David Bishop         | August 17 |
| Edvin Soininen       | August 18 |
| Ed Powell            | August 23 |
| Benjamin de Saussure | August 28 |
| Marilyn Yates        | August 28 |
| Madison Vollmer      | August 29 |

**AUGUST Anniversaries**

- |                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ned & Carol Jerabek       | 08/19/77 <sup>40 years!</sup> |
| Ryan & Karina LeFevre     | 08/22/15                      |
| Malcolm & Katie Schnitker | 08/22/64                      |

If IMMANUEL'S IMAGES has missed your **birthday or anniversary**, please, accept our apologies. Please, contact the church office so that we can correct the oversight (983-7568).

**The Church Year in August**

The month of August continues the long "green season" of Pentecost (liturgical color). Other minor festivals that occur this month:

- Aug. 15:** St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord  
**Aug. 24:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
**Aug. 29:** The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

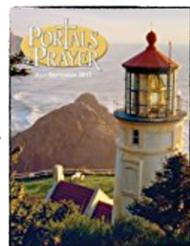
NOTE: The *Lutheran Service Book* includes on p. xii a calendar of commemorations of men and women from both the Old and New Testaments and from the first 19 centuries of the church's life. The purpose of recalling these individuals is not that we honor them for their own sake, but as examples of those in whom the saving work of Jesus Christ has been made known. You can learn more about those commemorated by typing a web search: *LCMS Commemorations*

**Commemorations**

- Aug. 03:** Joanna, Mary, Salome, Myrrh bearers (NT)  
**Aug. 10:** Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr (3<sup>rd</sup> ca.)  
**Aug. 16:** Isaac, OT Patriarch  
**Aug. 17:** Johann Gerhard, Theologian (17<sup>th</sup> ca.)  
**Aug. 19:** Bernard of Clairvaux, Hymnwriter & Theologian (12<sup>th</sup> ca.)  
**Aug. 20:** Samuel, OT Patriarch  
**Aug. 27:** Monica, Mother of St. Augustine (3<sup>rd</sup> ca.)  
**Aug. 28:** St. Augustine of Hippo, Pastor & Theologian (5<sup>th</sup> ca.)



..daily Bible devotions  
**Portals of Prayer**



Copies of the July to September 2017 *Portals of Prayer* are available on the Information Table in the church sanctuary. Daily readings include a suggested Bible passage, a short devotional message, and a prayer. Take an extra copy for the car, for school, or for work--or give a copy to a friend and/or relative.

**Rare solar eclipse**

**August 21, 2017**

**12.2 MILLION AMERICANS**

**3.8% OF THE NATION**

**LIVES WITHIN THE PATH OF TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE**

*The sight of a lifetime!*

Great American Eclipse.com

NOTE: No Second Sunday Brunch in August due to picnic at Hyde Park  
**Sunday, August 27, 2017**

... looking ahead  
**Fiesta Brunch - Sept. 10, 2017**



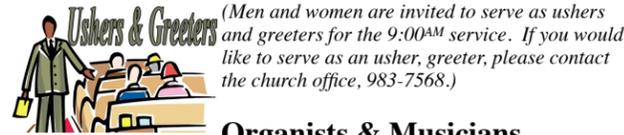
Immanuel's "Second Sunday Brunch" for September coincides with the city of Santa Fe's annual *Fiesta de Santa Fe*. Plan to bring a main "Spanish/Mexican" dish and a side or dessert dish to be shared. Tasty Sangria!  
**Viva la Fiesta!**  
Also, bring your favorite Salsa for our "Salsa Contest."

**Divine Service Assistants for August**

We thank all those who serve God's people at Divine Services this month.

**Ushers and Greeters (9:30AM):**

Todd Frybarger, Steve Madsen, Ted Price



**Organists & Musicians**

- 08/06** Marla Clark  
**08/13** Barbara Damron  
**08/20** Marla Clark  
**08/27** Picnic--Annette Baker, Steve Zappe

**Communion Assistants/Lectors:**

(Members of Immanuel's Board of Elders serve on Communion Sundays)

- 08/06** Pat Pacheco **08/20** Ned Jerabek

**Lectors:**

(Those who read the Scripture lessons on non-Communion Sundays)

- 08/13** J.R. Damron

**Altar Care:** Cindy Madsen

...outdoor worship

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

- **Sunday, August 27, 2017, 11AM**
- **Hyde Park, Campground #1** (NO parking fee this year.)

What to bring: **favorite dish, lawn chair, and a sweater**

Provided: **hot dogs, burgers, drinks, plates/cutlery**



NOTE: No Sunday morning Divine Service at Immanuel. Also, **Volunteers** are needed to help transport and return supplies. Contact Fellowship Chairman, **Christine Van Dornick**, to lend assistance:

[wildernessriders@yahoo.com](mailto:wildernessriders@yahoo.com)



Treasurer's Monthly Update

**Treasurer's Report**

(As of July 31, 2017)

**General Fund Contributions (Jan.-July): \$98,327.36**

**General Fund Expenditures (Jan.-July): \$99,922.81**

The following offerings/tithes are from members that have given to the Church Work Program (Budget) in the month of July.

			(Last Year)
• First Sunday	(July 02)	\$ 1,765.00	(\$ 3,728.78)
• Second Sunday	(July 09)	\$ 2,269.00	(\$ 4,274.01)
• Third Sunday	(July 16)	\$ 4,294.00	(\$ 2,330.00)
• Fourth Sunday	(July 23)	\$ 2,667.00	(\$ 1,894.00)
• Fifth Sunday	(July 30)	\$ 2,006.00	(\$ 2,375.00)
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$ 12,856.00</b>	<b>(\$ 14,601.79)</b>

2017 Adopted Work Program: \$ 175,017.00

(Monthly Ave. need: \$ 14,585.00)

(Sunday Ave. need: \$ 3,366.00)

July 2017 Sunday Average: \$ 2,571.00

( 5 Sundays)

...weekly proclaiming the Gospel

**Worship Statistics**

Year 2017 ( ) indicates Sundays in month	Attendance Average	Communion Average 2 Sundays/month	Sunday School/ Bible Study 3 Sundays/month
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January (5)	51.6	29 41	35 17.6
February (4)	57.5	56 41	48.5 26.3
March (4)	65.5	30 54 56	46.6 25
April (5)	71.2	52 49 98	66.3 10.2
May (4)	55.8	55 45	50 12.5
June (4)	56.8	36 39	37.5 11
July (5)	49.4	33 52	42.5 NA

SUMMER ENCOURAGEMENT:

**"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer."**

- Hebrews 10:25 (Good News Translation)

...pray every day for those in need

## Prayer Requests

What privilege and command does God give to those who believe in Jesus Christ? God commands and invites believers in Jesus Christ to PRAY. *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.* Please, contact the Pastor (983-7568) for prayer. Requests will be printed in the Sunday bulletin and offered during the Divine Service.

### Requests made and presented in July:

#### Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

- those traveling for the holiday
- thanksgiving to God for our nation!
- **Pastor & Laura Escue** on vacation
- Brandi Kiehl--stage 1 ovarian cancer (daughter of **Ken & Annette Baker**)/ also more affordable housing for Brandi and her husband
- Sophia Ramirez--3-year-old diagnosed with early stage of leukemia (parents are friends of **Annette Baker**)
- the family of Ben & Newlyn Allison--daughter, Medora, difficult birth for Medora and baby
- Zac--hospitalized in ABQ (son-in-law of **Liz Radic**)

#### Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

- Immanuel's Vacation Bible School--the students and the staff
- thanksgiving on the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Pastor Escue's ordination into the office of public ministry--07.13.1986
- fires burning in NM

#### Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

- **thanksgiving for a successful VBS**
- Judie Rck--recovering from abdominal surgery (former member of ILC)
- floods in the Midwest
- Glenn Mattox, Post Falls, ID--07.15.2017--recovering from heart attack (friend of **Ed Powell**)

#### Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

- **Richard Kurman, Pina Leffelbein, Ed Lewis, Leona Livingston**--health concerns
- **Pastor & Laura** on vacation
- Kevin Grein--recovering from heart attack 07.18.2017 (RMD Lutheran Church Extension Fund Vice President)
- Patricia Barnett Weeks--health issues (daughter of **Carolyn Barnett**)
- Keith Carter--meningitis (nephew of the **M. & D. Wahl**)

#### Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

- **Richard Kurman and Gary Runer**--health issues

*“...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God”*

*- Philippians 4:6*

## Reformation Concert



**When:** Sat. , Sept. 17, 2017 at 7:30PM

**Where:** Christ Lutheran Church  
1701 Arroyo Chamiso

**What:** Bach Cantatas accompanied by oboe, violin, cello, and organ. Conductor and Soprano Soloist: Kathlene Rich

The Reformation concert is a collaborative project of the three Lutheran Churches in Santa Fe and other Christians. If you would like to sing in this concert, please, contact Pr. Escue. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings. The first rehearsal will be Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

## VISITORS IN JULY

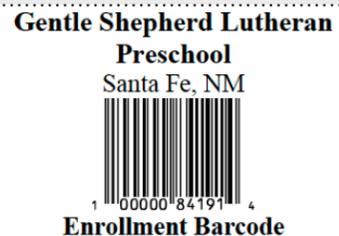
We were happy to record the following visitors at Divine Services in **July**:

07/02	David & Susan Horn Darel Letizia Rev Monte Gusewelle	Orchard Park, NY Cascade, WI Durango, CO
07/09	Darel Letizia Randy & Mary Jane Hagenson Macdonard & Roseline Ondara The Zweifel Family	Cascade, WI San Antonio, TX Santa Fe, NM Loveland, CO
07/16	Margareta Claesson The Schlauch Family Bob Swenson	Newington, NH Eldersburg, MD Winston Salem, NC
07/23	Rev. John Plump	Cedar Crest, NM
07/30	Bob Swenson Ron & Caryl Johnson	Winston Salem, NC St. Thomas, USVI

...fundraiser

## Gentle Shepherd Preschool and Smiths Grocery Stores

You can help Gentle Shepherd Lutheran Preschool earn money by shopping at Smith's. Every time you use your Smith's **Rewards** card, 1% of your total



Cashier: To enroll **rewards** card in Smith's Earn & Learn program for this school, scan customer's **rewards** card, then scan this barcode.

The cashier will scan the barcode to link the Preschool to your card. Your enrollment will be valid until July 31, 2018.

purchase will go to the Preschool.

Enrollment is easy. Detach the box at left and present it, along with your **Smith's Rewards** card, to

your cashier during your next visit.

The cashier will scan the barcode to link the Preschool to your card. Your enrollment will be valid until July 31, 2018.

### Bible Verse for August...

*“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

~ Romans 10:9

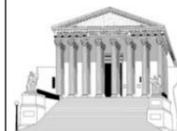
...July 10-14, 2017

## Vacation Bible School ~ “A Mighty Fortress”



We would like to thank all those who helped with VBS “Mighty Fortress”: **Carolyn Barnett, Alice Bodelson, Boots Butler, Laura Escue, Pr. Escue, Katie Frybarger, Yvonne Hickerson, James LeFevre, Liz LeFevre, Liz Radic, Julie Shepherd, Dori Smith, Jennifer Valdez, Julie Walker, and Steve Zappe.** Youth helpers: **Tyler Babcock, Lorena Bachicha, Christina Bishop, and Opal Trece.**

“Mighty Fortress” VBS materials are produced by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO--the official publishing company for congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



...Supreme Court ruling regarding Church and State

## LCMS Church in the News

Sister Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church, Columbia, MO made headlines in July. The State of Missouri had turned down a grant application from Trinity Church for the purchase and installation of safe playground surfaces because the playground was owned by a church. The congregation sued. The case was eventually accepted to be heard by the US Supreme Court.

In what has been called a landmark ruling, the Supreme court decided by a 7-2 majority in favor of Trinity. The court found that the Missouri policy violated the constitutional rights of Trinity under the First Amendment's “free exercise” clause by discriminating on the basis of religion in how it made public funds available. For more information: [www.scotusblos.com](http://www.scotusblos.com) or [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org).



...no dropped calls  
**Cell Phone vs. the Bible**

- What would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?
- What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day or googled salvation?
- What if we turned the car around to go back to get it if we forgot it?
- What if we used it to receive text messages from the Holy Spirit?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to children as a gift?
- What if we used it when we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of an emergency?

Do these questions make you go, “...Hmm, where is my Bible? And, one more thing, unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill! Hopefully, these words will make you stop and think, “Where are my priorities?” At least you don't have to worry, because with God, there are no dropped calls!



“Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”  
- 1 Corinthians 15:57

## Immanuel's Sunday School and Bible Study resumes:

- for children, ages 3-14, youth and adults
- Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:45AM

- SS and Bible Study meets following Coffee Fellowship



... fun and learning for 28 years!

## Gentle Shepherd Preschool

Gentle Shepherd Lutheran Preschool begins its 28 years of operations next month. GSLP Director, **Laura Escue** encourages you to *pray for and to seek out prospective* students (ages 3, 4, and 5) to attend the 2017-2018 school year. **Cost:** \$280 (three days-MWF--\$75 enrollment fee for new students only). Excellent Christian environment for learning, social interaction, play, and development. School begins **Wed., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**. For more information. (983-9383 or 577-5344).

**Note:** Please, remember to use your special Gentle Shepherd Preschool offering envelope at the beginning of September. Thank you!

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FOUNDED 1989

~ MISSION ~

Gentle Shepherd Lutheran Preschool is a mission outreach of Immanuel Lutheran Church. We serve children ages 3, 4, 5 and their families by providing Christ centered early childhood education in a nurturing supportive environment.

~ PHILOSOPHY ~

We believe that young children learn best when they have the opportunity to explore their environment through play and as they experience a variety of age appropriate materials and situations. Our program nurtures spiritual, physical, social, intellectual, and emotional development. The children learn in a Christian environment based on the unconditional love of Jesus—a factor essential to the development of a child's character and sense of self-worth.



## ...each Thursday Brown Bag Bible Study

The Brown Bag Bible Study meets each Thurs., 12:00 noon. Please, join us! Bring a Bible and a sack lunch. We are currently studying the book of II Samuel.

... happenings and news

## from the Rocky Mountain District and Sandia Circuits

**Immanuel Lutheran Church, Albuquerque** has a new Pastor!



Rev. Dustin Kear has accepted the call to be Immanuel's new shepherd. He will have completed his commitments in Texas by mid-August and will then begin leading worship at ILC. His wife, Jenifer, arrived in mid-July to start work in

Albuquerque. The Kears have two young children. Pastor Kear will be installed on August 13, 2017. RMD President, Allen Anderson, and Sandia Circuit Visitor, Phil Quarles, will lead the service and officiate for the installation. Pastors from the area, including Pastor Escue, will be in attendance to support Pastor Kear in his new endeavor.

**Southwest Albuquerque Mission News:** An LCMS missionary pastor, Rev. Adam DeGroot, has accepted a call to serve at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. St. Andrew's is an LCMS church plant and is a "storefront" church located at the corner of Coors and Gun Club Road, SW. Pastor DeGroot, along with his wife, Melissa, an LCMS deaconess, and their son, Knox, are moving to New Mexico from Philadelphia, PA. In addition to serving St. Andrew's, the DeGroots will minister to the needs of military and immigrant families. The "mother" congregation sponsoring St. Andrew's is Faith In Christ Lutheran Church in NE Albuquerque. Like all LCMS missionaries, the DeGroots are supported by the freewill offerings of members of LCMS congregations. For more information, visit [saintandrewlutheran.church](http://saintandrewlutheran.church) or [www.lcms.org/degroot](http://www.lcms.org/degroot).



**Tim Norton**, missionary to the Navajo peoples in Navajo, NM, will be ordained on Sunday, August 27, 2017. Tim Norton began serving at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Navajo, NM in 2013 as Director of Christian Education (DCE). One of his primary goals is to identify, recruit and train a Navajo person to become a pastor for the Navajo people. Tim also provides spiritual leadership to the people in Navajo. For many years, Tim and his wife, Heidi, served as missionaries to Muslim communities in West Africa.

... supporting children's ministry in El Paso and Ciudad Juarez

## Ysleta Mission Project

Please, help support the ministry of Ysleta Lutheran Mission & Human Care of El Paso, TX & Juarez, Mexico. In August, we are asking members of Immanuel to donate backpacks and the following items:

**Hygiene items:** soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, and comb

**School supplies:** pencils, scissors, crayons, markers, erasers, glue sticks, folders, rulers, notebooks, and tissues

Backpacks (unfilled) and supplies need to be returned by **August 6** so that the students will have the items they need before school starts. Volunteers are needed to help sort and pack items on **Sunday, Aug. 13.**



## ...biking in Santa Fe July Bike Ride

Members and friends of Immanuel enjoyed a Saturday morning Bike ride, Saturday, July 15, led by experienced bicyclists **David & Christine Van Dornick**.

After meeting in the church parking lot, the Van Dornicks began with safety instructions, maintenance checks on bikes, and helmet fittings. The 10-15 mile leisurely ride around Santa Fe, was fun and it strengthen muscles and other under-used body parts. The group returned to the church for a lemonade party!



July Bike Ride participants (l to r): Julie Shepherd, Pr. Doug Escue, Laura Escue, Christine Van Dornick, David Van Dornick

...Immanuel member

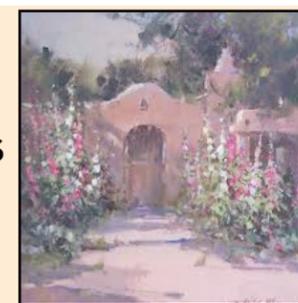
## Marilyn Yates Art Show:

**Where:**

Sage Creek Gallery  
421 Canyon Road, Santa Fe

**When:** August 04-18

(wine & cheese reception. Aug. 04, 5-7PM)



...calling all singers

## Immanuel Lutheran Choir



Choir Practice Resumes

Like to sing? Weekly choir rehearsals will resume in September. Think about joining. Speak with Pastor Escue, conductor.

(The Word of the Lord Endures Forever)

## Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum



This Latin phrase is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of

God's Word. The motto is based on 1 Peter 1:24-25. It first appeared in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court's official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike. It was used by Frederick's successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them. It was found inscribed inside churches, over doorways, on foundation stones, even on horse's helmets! The VDMA logo and statement has been used by Lutheran churches worldwide and remains an enduring motto of the Reformation to this day.

Find out more about the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation at:

[www.lutheranreformation.org](http://www.lutheranreformation.org)

~ **October 31<sup>st</sup>** ~