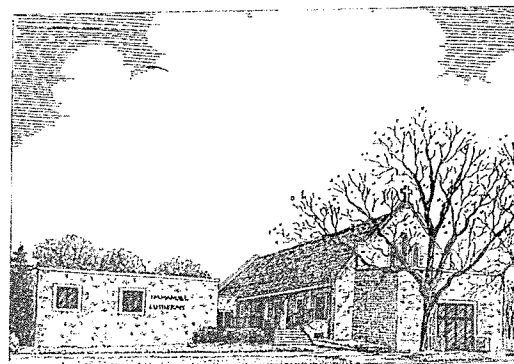


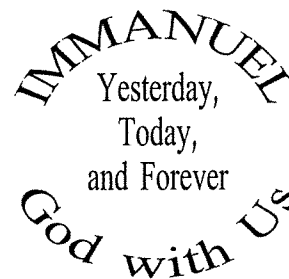
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# September 2020



## Newsletter Article

In today's society, we have a message that all people need to hear. The message of the Gospel is for all people, it does not matter where they are from, their financial status, their ethnicity, the color of their skin. The message of the Gospel, of our Savior, Jesus Christ, is the only message that will help heal our hurting world.

But many get the message wrong. Many think that they do not need a Savior, that they can save themselves, that they are okay by what they do. But that is not what we hear from God. We all need a Savior, we all need to rely on Jesus and know that it is because of what He has done that we have eternal life. That is the message we need to get out.

Our society today reminds me of the man who asked Jesus a question. Basically he was asking:

How Much, Lord?

We read in Mark 10:17-27:

<sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> And Jesus

said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.' " <sup>20</sup> And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." <sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were

amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” The question is directed to Jesus. We are bold. We want an answer.

“You know the commandments.”

Indeed we do. It’s the answer we want. We are confident. “All these I have kept from my youth.”

“You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

This we didn’t expect. “How much, Lord?” Our question betrays our nature. Our way is to bargain with Christ. The “all” of Jesus is unacceptable to us. We cannot sell “all,” let alone give away “all.” Our way is not God’s way. Our way is not the way of faith. We leave the presence of the Lord grieved. We cannot follow Jesus.

## Stewardship Corner

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the

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Jesus’ statement leaves the disciples astonished. It leaves us astonished. “Then who can be saved?” Our question betrays our futility and hopelessness. We betray our unbelief. To be saved at all is impossible.

“With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

God’s way is not man’s way. God does not bargain or withhold. That is our way; the way of the Law. God does the giving. That is His way; the way of the Gospel. He gives the gifts. He gave His only begotten Son to die for us. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Eternal life is what God gives to us in Christ Jesus. It is His gift and all things are possible with Him.

Lord, it is too great a task for me to give up all and follow You. Help me, O God, with my unbelief. Strengthen me. Teach me in Your way—the way of grace in Christ Jesus. Lead me. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

May our Lord bless and keep you in His grace and care today and always.

Pastor Mueller

duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil (those who live contrary to God's will) and to reward those who do good (those whose lives are lived in conformity with God's will). Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God's temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God's own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God's will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are

to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God place a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence; on our prayers; and our time, talents, and treasures. So, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might" (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.



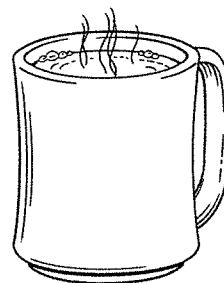
**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School will begin with Education Sunday on September 13<sup>th</sup>. We are asking parents to register their children this year. There will be 3 classes: Pre-K (3 yrs old and potty trained) thru 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex or you can contact Samantha Steinman at 760-2833 (call or text) or [samantha.steinman@outlook.com](mailto:samantha.steinman@outlook.com).

As a reminder, **ALL** children ages pre-k thru 9<sup>th</sup> are welcome to join us.

We are also asking for help in the youngest classroom and for a part time teacher in the 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. The Sundays in which we would like some extra help in the pre-k thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom are listed on the sign up sheet also located in the narthex. If you are interested in being a part time teacher in the 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, please contact Samantha Steinman or Tammy Lore.

## SEPTEMBER COFFEE SCHEDULE

- 6 - Samantha Steinman
- 13 - Education Sunday (Board of Parish Ed.)
- 20 - Tammy Lore, Marlene Stewart
- 27 - Cindy Brown, Virginia Dennison



## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES...

Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 9 am Fellowship Hall.

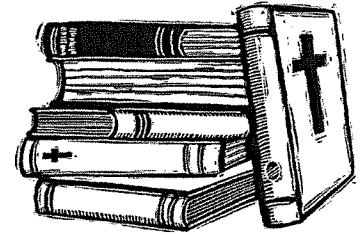
Bible Break - Thursdays, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

## MONTHLY LWML BIBLE STUDIES:

**LYDIA CIRCLE** will meet Wednesday September 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Deb Moore will be the hostess and Janice Brixius will lead Devotion and Pastor will lead the program .

**MARTHA CIRCLE** Will meet on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Becky Herian will lead devotion.

**TABITHA CIRCLE** will meet Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Pastor Mueller will lead the prayer service.



## Bible Studies

Friendly  
Reminders

**When making out your contribution checks**, the church has many different funds. (i.e., General, Building, Missions, School, Raising Disciples, Memorial). It is very helpful to make out SEPARATE checks to these funds to make the counting more efficient. It is very difficult to split up a check into two or more different funds for depositing. Thank you for your help!

**RETURN TO SENDER:** A reminder to notify the church office of any address changes. *We are required to pay a fee for undeliverable mail.*

**NORTHWEST COMMUNITY ACTION** has a food pantry and emergency services available in Alliance and multiple other locations in the Panhandle. Please go to the website at [ncap.info](http://ncap.info), go to the bottom of the page and click on the COVID-19 Updates page for the latest information. Here is the direct link <https://www.ncap.info/programs-and-services/emergency-and-community-services/covid-19-updates.html> There is a simple inquiry form to click on for food or services. Once we receive it we will reach out to that family. Our mission is to alleviate poverty and our staff is working hard to reach those in need.

**JC PLAY ZONE** is a Lutheran Hour Ministry Program on line for children. There are games, music, crafts, Bible stories, devotions, recipes, card making and coloring pages. Go to : [JCPlayZone.com](http://JCPlayZone.com)

**ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS:** Used bedding is needed by the quilters. Canceled postage stamps are needed for mission projects. Old eye glasses and outdated hearing aids are useful to others. Bedding may be left in the quilting room. Other items can be left in the cupboard under the guest book.

**RAISING DISCIPLES** total receipts to date as of August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 are \$559,806.79.

**GREETING CARDS:** If you plan to send greeting cards for any occasion please consider purchasing cards from LWML. We have a nice selection of birthday for both adults and children, anniversary, wedding, get well, thinking of you, encouragement, congratulations, thank you and other cards to let someone know you're thinking of them. During this time of Covid 19, a greeting card with scripture and a Christ centered message are an exceptional way to keep in touch with friends, neighbors and loved ones. You'll find these cards located in the main church entrance near the front door.

# SCHOOL NEWS

The school will **NO LONGER** be accepting aluminum cans as H&H will no longer be taking them. If you have cans, please take them the KAB.

Grace and peace to you all in the name of Jesus, Amen! What whirlwind the last couple of weeks have been at the school. We have a total of 107 kids and will add preschool after Labor Day! We have gotten into a nice routine of temperature checking each student before they enter the building and releasing them to parents outside the building at the end of the day. All of this will work well until the weather turns yucky!! Please continue to pray that COVID will end and we can return to a life that is normal at home and school.

The three new teachers are settling in nicely and have a wonderful love for the kids and for Jesus. The complete roster is as follows:

Head Teacher/Preschool – Miss Jill	Preschool Para – Ashley Rose
Kindergarten – Christa Horn	K-8 Para – Liz Johnson
1 <sup>st</sup> grade – Danielle Gilliland	K-8 Para – Becca Kollé
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade – Tessa Walker	K-8 Para – Robyn Jensen
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade – Alyssa Dye	Office Manager – Stephany Hausmann
4 <sup>th</sup> grade – Tessa Oestman	Janitor – Jeff Schmidt
5-6 <sup>th</sup> grade – Carly Scherbarth	
7-8 <sup>th</sup> grade – Karena Soriano	

We have the best staff in town and are so thankful for them all!

The students will share music with us on Sunday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 am service. Our chapel offerings this year will go to support the ongoing ministry of the Wolf family in Africa.

We are looking for people who would be willing to come on Friday mornings to listen to memory work from the students. The only requirement (at this time) is that you wear a mask to ensure the safety of yourself as well as the students. If you are willing to help, please just let me know.

Many thanks to all who helped us be ready to start school! A special thanks to Ron Mischnick who always answers the phone when I call for help and also Ellen and Merlin Wilcox for the new swings.

We ask for your continued prayers of safety, health and strength for our school, its families and staff. God Bless!

Jill

## **Kindergarten**

Hello! Miss Horn report for kindergarten. So far this year, we have learned the sounds of the phonograms o, c, a, d and how to write them correctly. In math, we have learned how to write the numbers 0-9 and are working with various types of math manipulatives! In religion, we learned about Creation, Cain and Abel, Noah's Ark, and God's Promise to Abram.



# September

## BIRTHDAYS

9-1 - Jordan Klinkerman  
 9-1 - Chris Eggink  
 9-2 - Devin Garcia  
 9-2 - Shalisa Schmidt  
 9-2 - Casper Brixius  
 9-4 - Alexandra Clear  
 9-4 - Lenora Kolle  
 9-5 - Carolyn Hoff  
 9-6 - Phoenix Stich  
 9-7 - Richie Stanec  
 9-8 - Charlotte Schmidt  
 9-8 - Jen Foster  
 9-9 - Robert Freeze  
 9-10 - Jason Eckhardt  
 9-11 - Annabelle Lynn  
 9-11 - Roger Schnell

9-11 - Kenton Dietrich  
 9-16 - Kimberly Eggers  
 9-17 - Tamika Hoppes  
 9-17 - Makayla Luce  
 9-17 - Dillon Journey  
 9-18 - Alyssa Dye  
 9-19 - George Clear  
 9-20 - Shirley Vogel  
 9-22 - Cody Boness  
 9-22 - Kysen Harris  
 9-22 - Peggy Jensen  
 9-23 - Eden Foster  
 9-24 - Heather Jones

9-24 - Tom Lore  
 9-24 - Roger Seidler  
 9-24 - Wanda Morrison  
 9-24 - Bridger Mischnick  
 9-25 - Bart Dye  
 9-26 - Noah Freeze  
 9-26 - Betty Vaughn  
 9-28 - Berlyn Clear  
 9-28 - Frank Johns  
 9-28 - Phoenix Steinman  
 9-28 - Bradyn Palmer  
 9-29 - Dezyrae Hausmann  
 9-30 - Darius Clyburn  
 9-30 - Alvin Fritzler  
 9-30 - Ethan Korth  
 9-30 - Marshall Sheldon



9-1 - Larry P. Schnell  
 9-1 - Jack Evert  
 9-1 - Kysen Harris  
 9-1 - Darius Clyburn  
 9-5 - Richard Toedtli  
 9-6 - Matthew Luce  
 9-7 - Chris Eggink  
 9-8 - Elizabeth Lynn  
 9-8 - Samantha Kresl  
 9-8 - Jepsen Stark  
 9-10 - Jonathan Fintel  
 9-11 - Michael Eggink  
 9-11 - Sophia Collett  
 9-11 - Kimberly Walker  
 9-11 - Wyatt Walker

9-11 - Kenneth Mount  
 9-11 - Tate Smith  
 9-12 - Lanny Schnell  
 9-14 - Cooper Heusman  
 9-14 - Jason Rowley  
 9-15 - Avery Gomez  
 9-15 - Michelle Hunter  
 9-15 - Jennifer Swanson  
 9-15 - Vickie Henton  
 9-17 - Megan Heath  
 9-17 - Chris Seebohm  
 9-17 - Shalisa Schmidt  
 9-18 - Richie Stanec  
 9-19 - Zachary Childers  
 9-19 - Jen Foster

9-20 - Bob Mischnick  
 9-23 - Brandi Pohlman  
 9-23 - Starla Endsley  
 9-24 - Brooklyn Crowley  
 9-24 - Samantha Steinman  
 9-25 - Alexandra Clear  
 9-25 - Leah Krebs  
 9-25 - Heather Jones  
 9-25 - Ellen Christensen  
 9-26 - Aubrey Schledewitz  
 9-26 - Jakob Schledewitz  
 9-26 - Teri Schledewitz  
 9-27 - Kelli Richter  
 9-28 - Jordan Klinkerman

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church & School  
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Treasurer's Report

	8/1/19 through 7/31/20		8/1/18 through 7/31/19		07/31/19
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	TOTAL
General Fund Account--January 1		\$ 2,819.43		\$ 793.81	\$ 793.81
Receipts:					
Current Offerings		220,448.39		189,481.18	189,481.18
Mission Offerings		21,130.00		21,312.00	21,312.00
Other receipts		81,226.21		54,575.58	54,575.58
Total Accountable Funds		\$ 325,624.03		\$ 266,162.57	\$ 266,162.57
Disbursements:					
I. Board of Elders	\$ 155,957.00	\$ 170,661.30	\$ 160,082.00	\$ 147,121.40	\$ 147,121.40
II. Board of Parish Ed	11,300.00	3,199.85	11,300.00	3,381.25	3,381.25
III. Board of Missions:					
Missions	20,000.00	26,227.00	20,000.00	22,060.00	22,060.00
Other Mission Board	6,260.00	2,716.34	6,260.00	1,990.62	1,990.62
IV. Board of Trustees	70,197.00	50,714.72	70,197.00	48,632.91	48,632.91
V. Board of Stewardship	1,500.00	263.49	2,500.00	200.00	200.00
VI. Administration	18,500.00	13,377.80	18,500.00	13,521.67	13,521.67
Non-budget disbursements	0.00	28,976.27	0.00	26,435.29	23,071.68
Total Expenditures	\$ 283,714.00	\$ 296,136.77	\$ 288,839.00	\$ 263,343.14	\$ 259,979.53
General Fund Account Balance--		\$ 29,487.26		\$ 2,819.43	\$ 6,183.04
Less Accountable Funds		0.00		4,805.22	
Less Pending Checks		0.00		0.00	
Net Checkbook Balance		\$ 29,487.26		\$ (1,985.79)	
New School Fund--January 1		\$ 163.49		\$ 1,340.02	\$ 1,340.02
Receipts		607,687.30		475,541.75	475,541.75
Disbursements		(581,674.57)		(467,405.68)	(467,405.68)
School Operations funds		\$ 26,176.22		\$ 9,476.09	\$ 9,476.09
Raising Disciples Campaign Offerings		\$ 1,050.00		\$ 1,795.00	\$ 1,795.00
Raising Disciples Offerings Disbursed		0.00		(11,107.60)	(11,107.60)
Raising Disciples funds		\$ 1,050.00		\$ (9,312.60)	\$ (9,312.60)
New School Fund Account Balance--		\$ 27,226.22		\$ 163.49	\$ 163.49
Less Raising Disciples funds to be disbursed		2,670.00		1,620.00	
Less Pending Checks		0.00		28,103.43	
Net Checkbook Balance		\$ 24,556.22		\$ (29,559.94)	
School Building Payment Account--January 1		\$ 71,946.47		\$ 95,117.95	\$ 95,117.95
Receipts		540.19		712.29	835.77
Disbursements		(24,007.25)		(22,007.25)	(24,007.25)
School Building Payment Account--		\$ 48,479.41		\$ 73,822.99	\$ 71,946.47
Building Fund--January 1		\$ 15,935.54		\$ 12,498.86	
Receipts		2,848.13		3,251.14	
Disbursements		(4,931.96)		0.00	
Building Fund--		\$ 13,851.71		\$ 15,750.00	
Memorial Fund Bank Account		\$ 12,303.55		\$ 9,267.00	
Endowment Fund		\$ 247,929.45		\$ 106,707.31	
Debts Owed					
Internal debt (Net checkbook balance - General Fund)		\$ 0.00		\$ 1,985.79	
District/Synod Support owed		0.00		5,097.00	
Internal debt (Net checkbook balance - School Fund)		0.00		29,559.94	
District/Synod Support owed prior year		0.00		0.00	
Owed to Special Funds Account		43,400.00		49,200.00	
First National Bank - Operating loan		0.00		13,326.47	
First National Bank - PPP loan (thru SBA)		117,649.00		0.00	
Ralph Hoxworth - Skateland Building (School)		46,000.00		70,000.00	
Total debt		\$ 207,049.00		\$ 169,169.20	

### Lutheran Church

There will be German service next Sunday. Rev. A. Walter from Sheridan, Wyo., will occupy the pulpit. The world of today is swamped with reading material. People are subscribing to magazines and periodicals in order to educate and guide them both in the literary and business world. But how few have subscribed to the Book of all books! On our way through this life to the life beyond the grave we are sorely in need of a dependable guide. If you are one who looks upon the Bible with disdain, come to the Lutheran church next Sunday and hear of what paramount importance the Bible is to you.

Holy Communion will also be celebrated next Sunday. Confessional service begins at 10 a. m. and German service at 10:30 a. m.

F. Worthmann, Pastor.

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