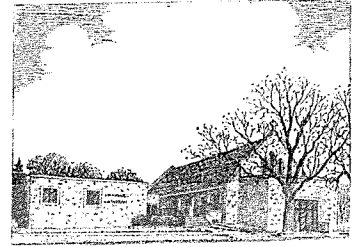


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**Newsletter Article**

The month of July is upon us, our thoughts turn to July Fourth, the beginning of the United States of America, to the freedoms that we have been given here in America. We think of the early settlers coming to this land, many coming that they may have their religious freedom. We think of all the sacrifices that have been made over the years for our country that we may keep the freedoms that we have. I give thanks to all who have served and serve in our Armed Forces, those who have given their lives that we may be free here in America.

But, are we truly free? We do have freedom of speech, freedom to bear arms, freedom of religion, to worship our true God, the Triune God. We are thankful for those freedoms, but are we truly free? Thanks be to Jesus Christ who has come to set us free from the slavery of our sin, we have been set free. Jesus came and kept the law that we could not keep, He took our sins upon Himself and went to the cross to pay the ransom for us. So we are set free from sin, from the wrath of God that our sin deserves. But are we free to do whatever we want? To live anyway that we want? Yes, we are set free from sin, but we are also set free to serve.

We read in God's Word, in Galatians 5:13: "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom

as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Your sinful nature, your flesh, wants you to only live for yourself, to fulfill the desires of self. But we have been set free to serve God and one another. Not something your sinful flesh really wants to do. Just look around you in our world today. How many people are living for self. Notice how God, Jesus Christ, is getting kicked out of everything, school, courts, even public places. Even if you say the name of Jesus in public these days, you are yelled at for shoving Christ down someone else's throat.

Thinking about freedom, there are those who are trying to change our freedoms that we have in Christ Jesus. Especially with the issues of marriage, gender identity, abortion, to name a few. When we share God's view on these issues, we may face some opposition and maybe persecution because we stand on the Word of God which tells us what marriage is, marriage is between one man and one woman, that we are born male or female (we can't choose if we want to be a man or a woman), how precious life is for the unborn or the elderly. Yes we are free to do what ever we want, but we are not free from standing on God's Word. As Christians, as God's disciples that is what we are to do. How are you going to stand on these issues that are clearly proclaimed in God's Word? Are you going

to stand up for God's Word or run and hide because you are afraid of what someone else may think about you because you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior.

We have in this country the freedom to worship our God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But many are trying to change that. We are not to use our freedom that Jesus earned for us for our own sinful desires but for His service. Confessing Jesus as Christ and Lord. We need to keep proclaiming the true Word of God, especially in a society

that has turned away from God's Word and salvation, that they may know what Jesus has done for them, that they may have forgiveness of sins and life in heaven. That is the freedom that we have, a freedom to serve our God.

“Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God” (1 Peter 2:16).

Pastor Mueller

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Last month I had the opportunity to lead our Sunday morning Bible Study through Paul's letter to Titus. There Paul encourages the young pastor on the island of Crete, to stand firm and to lead the church in sound doctrine and zeal for good works. This they must do, despite the influence of the godless and wicked Cretan culture that surrounds them.

As is always true, the ancient words of the Scripture speak to our present situation. Increasingly we find that our culture and the politics that trickle down from national and state governments are hostile toward the Christian faith and life. And on the horizon there is the potential for policies that may even threaten our church and school. Can we survive as God's people in this "Cretan" culture?

As Titus and the church in Crete faced a similar situation, the answer from Paul was, "Yes!" Yes, we can survive in a culture that is hostile toward our faith. We do it by standing firm in our confession of the truth, even if it gets us into trouble. We do it by consistently teaching our families, especially our children, that life is found not in the abundance of possessions or in submission to this "Cretan" culture, but life is found in Christ and Him crucified for the forgiveness of sins. We do it by being zealous for good works, both within the church and in the community, so that

we proclaim Christ's love not only with our mouths, but also with our hands and feet. And all this we do because we know that Christ has appeared to bring us forgiveness, life and salvation. And He will appear again to make all things new.

As Paul writes,

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. (Titus 2:11-14 ESV)

As we live with the blessed of hope of Christ, may God help us to stand firm in our faith, to live godly lives, and to be zealous for good works, even as the world is increasingly against us.

God's peace be with you all,  
Pastor Daugherty

### Stewardship Corner

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties – the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness – a license to do what we want, when we want. This license is a submission again to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when

we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He

gives to us in His service. God calls parents provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves. God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as

God's servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.



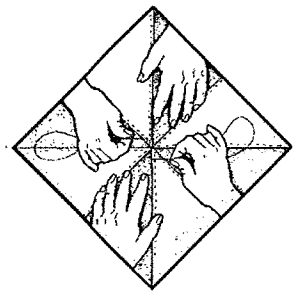
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Dr. R. Craig Dietrich  
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Virginia Dennison  
Frank Johns  
Vickie Henton  
Gary Trenkle

Brian & Deb Grant	7/2/1971
Andrew & Samantha Kresl	7/7/2012
Doyle & Jodell Conroy	7/8/1980
Anthony & Heather Wilcox	7/14/2011
Brad & Marlene Stewart	7/16/1983
John & Vickie Small	7/19/1975
Jerry & Connie Underwood	7/27/1973
Joseph & Carl Koester	7/28/2011
Terry & Donna Eckhardt	7/29/1972
Rich & Tara Stanec	7/31/1999



**Quilters Report:** Fleece throws, blankets, or yardage (of any size, color, or pattern), new or used will be used to upcycle new quilts. Christmas fabric is also welcome for this project. Please leave any donations in the quilting room in the lower level education center. Thank you!!



**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.



**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MONTH WERE FROM:**  
Jerry and Lois Iossi 50th Anniversary

**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** – Will meet again starting in September.  
**Martha** – Will meet again starting in September.  
**Tabitha** – Will meet again starting in September.

**July Duty Roster**

**Ushers:** Saturday:

Sunday: Dr. R Craig Dietrich & Mr Gary Trenkle

**Elders:** Saturday:

Sunday: Dr. R Craig Dietrich

Date	Acolytes	Coffee Duty	Counters
July 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Rozlyn Wills Miss Avery Gomez	Shirley DeVoogd	July 5 <sup>th</sup> Karen Kelly
July 10 <sup>th</sup> July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Paige Jensen Miss Jadyne Aguallo	Deb Moore	July 12 <sup>th</sup> Deb Grant
July 17 <sup>th</sup> July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Zach Childers Miss Railey Wills	Kari Narjes	July 19 <sup>th</sup> Deb Moore
July 24 <sup>th</sup> July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Josh Aguallo Mr Banyne Stark	Becky Herian	July 26 <sup>th</sup> Starla Endsley

**Stewardship of the Word Daily Bible readings for the month of July:**

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Psalms 90-95   | 4. Psalms 106-107  | 11. Psalms 140-145 | 18. Proverbs 16-18   | 25. Ecclesiastes 5-8  |
| 2. Psalms 96-102  | 5. Psalms 108-114  | 12. Psalms 146-150 | 19. Proverbs 19-21   | 26. Ecclesiastes 9-12 |
| 3. Psalms 103-105 | 6. Psalms 115-118  | 13. Proverbs 1-3   | 20. Proverbs 22-23   | 27. Song of Solomon   |
|                   | 7. Psalm 119       | 14. Proverbs 4-6   | 21. Proverbs 24-26   | 28. Isaiah 1-4        |
|                   | 8. Psalms 120-125  | 15. Proverbs 7-9   | 22. Proverbs 27-29   | 29. Isaiah 5-8        |
|                   | 9. Psalms 126-132  | 16. Proverbs 10-12 | 23. Proverbs 30-31   | 30. Isaiah 9-12       |
|                   | 10. Psalms 133-139 | 17. Proverbs 13-15 | 24. Ecclesiastes 1-4 | 31. Isaiah 13-17      |

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WYOMING LCMS DISTRICT:**

July 20-22- 2nd Annual Homeschool Retreat (Registration available at [www.wylcms.org/hsretreat2021](http://www.wylcms.org/hsretreat2021) Deadline: July 13th) Promotional materials labeled Homeschool Retreat.

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church & School  
Alliance, Nebraska  
Treasurer's Report

	8/1/20 through 6/7/21		8/1/19 through 6/9/20		07/31/20
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	TOTAL
General Fund Account--January 1		\$ 29,487.26		\$ 2,819.43	\$ 2,819.43
Receipts:					
Current Offerings		167,608.25		187,287.39	220,448.39
Mission Offerings		18,865.00		17,355.00	21,130.00
Other receipts		27,033.51		68,454.75	81,226.31
Total Accountable Funds		\$ 242,994.02		\$ 275,916.57	\$ 325,624.13
Disbursements:					
I. Board of Elders	\$ 185,787.00	\$ 116,760.79	\$ 155,957.00	\$ 152,246.56	\$ 170,661.30
II. Board of Parish Ed	11,300.00	3,583.29	11,300.00	3,037.48	3,199.85
III. Board of Missions:					
Missions	20,000.00	14,915.00	20,000.00	22,452.00	26,227.00
Other Mission Board	6,260.00	3,290.00	6,260.00	2,446.34	2,716.34
IV. Board of Trustees	73,197.00	44,513.28	70,197.00	44,837.38	50,714.72
V. Board of Stewardship	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	263.49	263.49
VI. Administration	18,500.00	12,621.37	18,500.00	11,730.13	13,377.80
Non-budget disbursements	0.00	18,261.50	0.00	27,718.40	15,215.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 316,544.00	\$ 213,945.23	\$ 283,714.00	\$ 264,731.78	\$ 282,375.50
General Fund Account Balance--		\$ 29,048.79		\$ 11,184.79	\$ 43,248.63
Less Accountable Funds		0.00		0.00	
Less Pending Checks		0.00		0.00	
Net Checkbook Balance		\$ 29,048.79		\$ 11,184.79	
New School Fund--January 1		\$ 27,226.22		\$ 163.49	\$ 163.49
Receipts		487,983.72		511,517.30	607,687.30
Disbursements		(521,495.30)		(498,301.39)	(581,674.57)
School Operations funds		\$ (6,285.36)		\$ 13,379.40	\$ 26,176.22
Raising Disciples Campaign Offerings		\$ 100.00		\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
Raising Disciples Offerings Disbursed		0.00		0.00	0.00
Raising Disciples funds		\$ 100.00		\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
New School Fund Account Balance--		\$ (6,185.36)		\$ 14,429.40	\$ 27,226.22
Less Raising Disciples funds to be disbursed		0.00		2,670.00	
Less Pending Checks		0.00		0.00	
Net Checkbook Balance		\$ (6,185.36)		\$ 11,759.40	
School Building Payment Account--January 1		\$ 48,479.41		\$ 71,946.47	\$ 71,946.47
Receipts		49,080.59		464.07	540.19
Disbursements		(22,000.00)		(22,000.00)	(24,007.25)
School Building Payment Account--		\$ 75,560.00		\$ 50,410.54	\$ 48,479.41
Building Fund--January 1		\$ 13,851.71		\$ 15,935.54	
Receipts		4,360.58		2,466.99	
Disbursements		(14,415.63)		(4,931.96)	
Building Fund--		\$ 3,796.66		\$ 13,470.57	
Memorial Fund Bank Account		\$ 16,493.55		\$ 12,133.55	
Endowment Fund		\$ 350,812.35		\$ 235,750.39	
Debts Owed					
Internal debt (Net checkbook balance - General Fund)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	
District/Synod Support owed	3,950.00	0.00		0.00	
Internal debt (Net checkbook balance - School Fund)	6,185.36	0.00		0.00	
Owed to Special Funds Account	0.00	0.00		43,400.00	
First National Bank - Operating loan	0.00	0.00		1,248.76	
First National Bank - PPP loan (thru SBA)	Forgiven	0.00		117,649.00	
Ralph Hoxworth - Skateland Building (School)	24,000.00	0.00		48,000.00	
Total debt	\$ 34,135.36	\$ 0.00	\$ 210,297.76	\$ 0.00	

7-1 - Attley Bolek  
 7-2 - Madisen McCance  
 7-3 - Shelby Leisy  
 7-3 - Karson Leisy  
 7-3 - Doug Edwards  
 7-5 - Cody Henderson  
 7-7 - Teresa Thies  
 7-7 - Johana Wills  
 7-10 - Sophia Collett  
 7-11 - Camden Gorsuch  
 7-11 - Chloe Loomis  
 7-11 - Shelly Pfeiffer  
 7-13 - Alvina Lehl  
 7-12 - Tara Gibson  
 7-13 - Mark Vaughn  
 7-14 - Trey Neeley  
 7-14 - Sharon Tiensvold  
 7-15 - Evelyn Green  
 7-15 - Corey Parkhurst  
 7-15 - Alexandra Stich



7-16 - Angela Kaiser  
 7-16 - Louie Leisy  
 7-17 - Barbara Nielson  
 7-18 - Gary Trenkle  
 7-19 - Justin Grant  
 7-19 - Lisa Softley  
 7-19 - Chris Bartels  
 7-19 - Vincent Sheldon  
 7-21 - Teresa Dye  
 7-21 - Lori Rowley  
 7-21 - Jakob Herian  
 7-21 - Katie Huston

7-21 - Laney Wills  
 7-21 - Lexey Wills  
 7-22 - Banyyn Stark  
 7-22 - Zachariah Narjes  
 7-23 - Jace Ballard  
 7-23 - Richard Toedtli  
 7-24 - John Aguallo  
 7-25 - Joni Hudson  
 7-26 - Kris Childers  
 7-26 - Frank Dye  
 7-27 - Brooklyn Crowley  
 7-27 - Kyle Kaman  
 7-29 - Michael Eggink Jr.  
 7-29 - Desilee Hinman  
 7-30 - Georgia Krebs  
 7-30 - Norma Romick  
 7-30 - LaShayne Kolle  
 7-31 - Austin Stanec  
 7-31 - Larry P. Schnell  
 7-31 - Sharon Ditsch



Baptism's

7-1 - Gene Nerland  
 7-1 - April Dye  
 7-2 - Kelsey Peterson  
 7-5 - Becky Herian  
 7-6 - Bailey Gorsuch  
 7-7 - Mark Fritzier  
 7-7 - Kimberly Eggers  
 7-10 - Becki Heusman  
 7-10 - Betty Bush  
 7-11 - Dylan Peterson

7-12 - Ryan Schledewitz  
 7-13 - Kendyl Oestman  
 7-13 - Knox Oestman  
 7-14 - Caleb Korth  
 7-14 - Conor Schnell  
 7-14 - Tyler Foster  
 7-15 - Jeff Herian  
 7-15 - Brad Schnell  
 7-17 - Aaron Korth

7-17 - Annabelle Lynn  
 7-18 - Ron Mischnick  
 7-18 - Jamie Pope  
 7-19 - Justin Grant  
 7-19 - Nathan Grant  
 7-20 - Lucas Weber  
 7-22 - Jerry Iossi  
 7-25 - Aaron Tiensvold  
 7-26 - Dustin Thies  
 7-31 - Austin Stanec