

Immanuel Image



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***Oh taste and see that
the LORD is good -
PSALM 34:8***



**We look forward to seeing
you on Rally Sunday 2017!
September 10th at 9:30 am
- Celebration Center**

**CRADLE
ROLL
PARTY!**



For: Children who are 3 years old and will be starting Sunday School at Immanuel
When: **September 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm**

Where: Immanuel Lutheran Church Basement

Why: To register for Sunday School, meet your Sunday School teacher, meet and sing with the other classmates, see

your Sunday School classroom, receive a gift from Pastor, and to eat a special treat!

RSVP: Please contact Carolyn (701-293-0905; cworral@cableone.net) if you can join us!

The LWML Welcome Circle is looking forward to hosting this special party!



**New Bible
Study Series**

The Life of Martin Luther is one of remarkable extremes, and his contribution to the Reformation and the Protestant Church is without equal. From his language skills and his

capacity for the written word to his gutsy questioning of Catholic Church authority and iron-willed resolve to be heard, Luther was bound by faith's conviction and guided by the Holy Spirit. In the face of public abuse and threats on his life, Luther sounded the clarion call that salvation is available to EVERYONE. It is free and universal. It is a gift of God's magnificent grace in Christ. There is justification for the sinner -- not from acts of penance, not by stockpiled good works, not by bogus indulgences -- but simply because God has made a way for our eternal salvation through the substitutionary life and death of His Son Jesus.

Please join us on Sept. 10th for adult Bible class, as we begin a **six-week celebration** of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We will examine the life and times of Martin Luther from his humble beginnings in Germany to his relentless work to understand Scripture and share the truths of God's Word. Martin Luther inspired a Reformation that reverberates through Christendom to this very day, and this study will help us understand why the Reformation is still important in the Church today.



Family Devotions

ATTN Parents, Grandparents, and Guardian Angels-- Stop by the **Faith-Time Favorites** book fair table and peruse the wide

variety of books we're offering for sale. We have books to read with little children that parents or grandparents or Godparents would be interested in purchasing. We have books that will make family devotions not only faith-nurturing, but also engaging and easy. We have resources to help our confirmation students learn their memory work and better understand the faith they will confess on their confirmation day. We have books and Bible covers that would make excellent gifts for guardian angels to give to their students. Please, check out our wide-range of resources--resources which we pray will excite YOUR family to enjoy regular faith-time together! All resources are 20% off retail prices! The Board of Ed would appreciate hearing from you about how this initiative impacted your life, so let us know about the impact of this program on your family!



*"Truly, you are a God who hides himself,
O God of Israel, the Savior.*

*All of them are put to shame and confounded;
the makers of idols go in confusion together.*

*But Israel is saved by the Lord
with everlasting salvation;*

*you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all
eternity." (Is 45:15-17)*

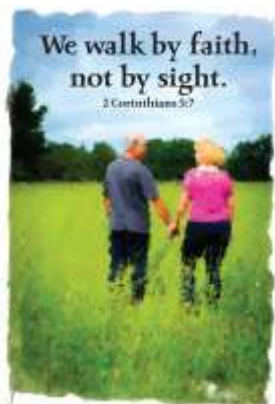
Did you know that the pagans of the early church used to call the followers of Jesus atheists?

In the history of Polycarp of Smyrna who was burned at the stake for his Christian faith, he was told to say to the Christians gathered in the arena for martyrdom, "Away with the atheists!" instead Polycarp turned to the crowd and said, "Away with the atheists!" He was then pressed again to deny his faith: "Take the oath and I will let you go, revile Christ." Polycarp said: "For eighty and six years have I been his servant, and he has done me no wrong, and how can I blaspheme my King who saved me?" (Apostolic Fathers, Kirsopp Lake, 1912)

The pagans called the Christians atheists because that had no idols. They had no temples you could visit and go and see their god. Atheist simply means anti, without, or absent, God. It is a negation of something that should be there. But the God of the Christians was nowhere to be found. At least not in a physical, visible way.

The pagans saw that as a mark against the Christians. There are times when we sense that too. God is a god who hides himself so that we might walk by faith and not by sight. (II Cor 5:17) The just shall live by faith! (Rom 1:17) But it sure would be easier to walk by sight.

God does hide himself. He hides himself in his Word and sacraments. He hides himself in Christ. He hides himself in our daily vocations. God works behind the scenes and under the cover of seeming weakness to effect his plan and purpose. Many looked at Jesus and saw only a man despite his miracles. Many look at the water of baptism, or the bread and wine of communion and



see only ordinary things. But to the eyes of faith these things are precious to us because of God's Word.

"You shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity." That means we may have to put up with these things for a time. But not for all time. That is why we walk by faith and not by sight, because our faith in in God's Word and promise.

Pastor Bernie Worral

Immanuel Youth Choir Sings on Rally Day, Sep. 10th



Who: Grades 2-12 (or any kids with strong reading skills)

What: "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It," v. 1 (LSB 794)

When: Sunday, Sept. 10, warm-up at 8am (sharp!),

sing at 8:15 and 11am services

Where: warm-up in the Student Rm, sing in balcony

Why: The older kids learned this hymn at VBS this summer and we'd like to give them a chance to share their musical gifts in worship.

Details: Please RSVP to Katie Rolf (kathryn.rolf@gmail.com) so we know how many to plan for. If your kids attended VBS then they already know the music. If they didn't, they are still welcome to join the youth choir. When you RSVP, Katie will send you a recording of the hymn and the lyrics for your kids to practice at home. Other than the warm-up and quick rehearsal on Sep. 10, there are no other rehearsals planned.

Adult Choir Rehearsals begin Monday, Sept. 11.

The choir rehearses Monday's evenings, 7:00-8:15pm, September through May, and sings for worship around once every 3 weeks. The choir

sings a wide range of music, focusing on traditional & hymn-based music. If you are interested in singing but unable to make a commitment for the whole year, talk to Katie about joining for shorter period of time. Youth grades 7 and up are also welcome to join. Contact Katie Rolf, kathryn.rolf@gmail.com or 651-336-1012.

"Prayer and praise are the exhalation of faith."
Rev. William Cwirla



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Come One, Come All!

September 17; 12:15 pm –



Student Welcome Potluck, followed by Voters Meeting

All members are asked to bring extra food for our studious guests. After getting to know our visitors, we will have a short Voters Meeting – in order to

continue the mission and ministry of Immanuel.



Adult Instruction For Membership (AIM) Class

This class is for anyone thinking about joining our congregation, or for members who just want to review what we believe. You can tell your friends and neighbors to save the dates! The classes will be held at Immanuel on **six Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Nov 5.** There will also be an orientation on November 13th and a New Member Welcome Dinner on November 19th. The classes are FREE, and there is no obligation to join Immanuel Lutheran Church when the class is finished. Please contact the church office (293-7979) or speak to one of the Pastors for more information, or to register.

Meet and Greet Your Elder Event

The Elders invite Care Groups to attend one of three Sunday evening **social gatherings** (see schedule below). Time: **5:30 pm** each Sunday evening. Pizza and ice cream will be served. This will be a chance to meet your elder, to meet others in the church – even people who go to the “other” morning service – and receive encouragement in our life together in the church. We will split up each group into their various Care Groups.

Date Care Groups Elders

Oct 8	Aas – Gor	Steve A, Jeremy R, Clint L
Oct 15	Gro – Mic	Erick E, Peter W, Jim T
Oct 22	Mil – Zot	Ray A, Rod D, Dean S, Paul M

All you need to do is let us know you plan to attend by calling Ben Duncan no later than 3 pm on ‘your’ day (293-7904).

Your friends in Christ, *The Board of Elders*



October 15th, we host Rev. Dr. Rast. Set aside this date!



Our first Unit Meeting for the Fall was held August 15th, attended by 18 members. We enjoyed hearing Corrine Reber, our Zone delegate, share highlights from the Nat'l LWML Convention in Albuquerque in June. Bonnie Kittelson also added some of her own high points and enthusiasm for the convention!

We are still looking to fill our Treasurer position as Carolyn Draeger steps down after 4 years. Thank you for your service, Carolyn!

We are hoping to get the new Member Booklets out before the end of September.

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar:

Sunday, Sept. 10 @ 12:15 – LWML Board

Meeting in Student Room
Sept. 15-17 – ND District
LWML Women's Retreat
@ Carrington – rooms were being held only till Aug. 25
Sunday, Oct. 1 – LWML
Sunday – Installation of

officers and Circle chairs. We also need 4 ushers and 2 readers for each service. Each Circle brings 4 doz. bars/cookies. Welcome Circle serves.
Saturday, Oct. 28 – LWML Fall Zone Rally @ Immanuel. More information will be coming out next month.

Patty Walla, LWML President

At the LCMS Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music, Rev. Cwirla used the metaphor of a breath during his keynote speech on liturgy. In worship God gives us his good gifts through Word and sacrament, which we receive and respond to through faith. The inhalation of faith receives these good gifts through no merit of our own. The exhalation of faith responds with prayer and praise.

In July, I had the opportunity to attend the Institute, which was held for four days at Concordia, Chicago. Here are a few highlights from the interest sessions:

- LCMS Missions is involved in helping Lutheran churches around the world develop hymnals



with liturgical settings unique to the culture. The speaker shared sound samples of liturgies from around the world: Sanctus from Kenya, Agnus Dei from Ethiopia, Nunc Dimittis from Indonesia.

- In a session on theological symbolism in the music of J.S. Bach, the presenter showed examples of how Bach's carefully crafted music communicates theology not only in the way the music sounds but also in the way he makes cross appear in the placement of music notes on paper.
- Hymn Festivals Lite gave lots of ideas on how to be musically creative in hymns and liturgy whether you have a lot of resources or a few.
- A session on acoustics went into the physics of sound and how that applies in worship spaces.

In addition to great keynote and interest sessions, I enjoyed many worship services and concerts. One of the most inspiring events of the conference was a hymn festival based on hymns of Martin Luther. The hymn "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" was interspersed between hymns and readings to tell the story of our salvation and justification by grace through faith.

Blessings in Christ,

Katie Rolf, Director of Parish Music

"MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH" TV PROGRAM SEPTEMBER PROGRESS REPORT



By the time you are reading this, we will have recorded our programs for October and November.

Since beginning this TV ministry, we have recorded 42 different LCMS pastors from our North Dakota and Minnesota North Districts of the LCMS, each leading a 30-minute worship service. These programs have been broadcast throughout the eastern half of the ND and the western half of the northern MN.

While we know that gathering together to worship in person is always the best, the reality is that many of our brothers and sisters in Christ are not able to do so for one reason or another. In addition, there are a growing number of unchurched people who have access to the gospel message through TV and internet media! We pray and trust that God's Holy Spirit will use the message of God's word contained in these programs to bring about and strengthen faith in Christ wherever it is heard!

As you read this keep in mind that as members of an LCMS congregation your involvement is needed

in two ways: 1) to help purchase the on-going TV broadcasting air time, and 2) to help spread the word to your extended family and friends! In addition to viewing the program at 10:00am each Sunday morning (on the FOX TV and/or cable station in their area), please let them know that they can watch all of the archived programs on line at www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

To add your financial support, checks may be sent to "Main Street Living North", 821-5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account at: www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com. Thank you and God's blessing in Christ!

Immanuel's 2nd Annual Bus Trip The ARK Encounter & Creation Museum Adventure **- REVIEW**



"What an amazing trip"; "The Ark was fantastic!"; "People need to see these two

Places!"; "The entire trip was very relaxing"; "What a great adventure"; "the morning devotions and Bible studies were very applicable".

Those are just some of the comments people shared from our most recent motor coach trip to Kentucky. The weather was almost perfect, the overnight accommodations in Cincinnati were 5-star, and the days spent at the Creation Museum and The Ark Encounter were almost unbelievable. It was like seeing Biblical history 'come to life' before your very eyes.

One day was spent at each place. Those going on the trip were mostly "seniors" but very young at heart. When purchasing group tickets both places schedule the buses in before the general public. The Creation Museum is experiencing record crowds this year and the Ark replica is a very popular attraction. Both places are "self-guided". We paced ourselves and each attraction took between 7 and 7 1/2 hours to complete, including resting and lunch breaks.

Feedback obtained from the group was that they would like a Branson Christmas tour, a return trip to the Ark and Creation Museum; go to the International Festival in Winnipeg, Door County, WI, a North Dakota tour stopping at FrostFire, the Peace Gardens and Medora, plus other adventures. People gave great feedback about this trip to support making future trips that much more enjoyable.

Submitted by Ed Bean, trip director

Library Hi-Lights

I recently stopped in the Library; and on my desk was a book that was falling apart with a note on it. I saw I was the only one to have read this book....30 years ago! I was happy to see someone now had found it and checked it out. I still remember I couldn't put it down and went on to read all this author's books. I took the book home, glued the binding and wonder of wonders, it held. It's still in print so if it falls apart again, I'll reorder it! It's that good!



The book is entitled ***The Hiding Place*** by Corrie ten Boom with John & Elizabeth Sherrill. The ten Booms lived in Holland and were of the Dutch Reformed faith. Corrie's devoted father read a chapter from the Bible to them every night. Anyone needing help was welcomed into their home...one aunt came for 6 wks. and stayed 40 years. Corrie's father was a master clockmaker and she later learned the trade from him as her sister Betsie was better at keeping house. Dear Betsie could always manage to make the food stretch. When the war broke out in Germany and the Nazi's came looking for Jews, the ten Booms hid them in a special small hidden room they made. But someone they knew told on them. Father, Corrie and Betsie were put in a Holland prison. Father died there. Corrie & her sister Betsie were then sent to Ravensbruck, a German concentration camp. Corrie managed to smuggle a small Bible with her and to hold small Bible readings with the women at night. Betsie wasn't very strong as the severe cold, lack of food, hard labor & beatings took its toll. But she had visions she told Corrie about – visions of helping people after the war and they should forgive and pray for their captors. Betsie's health worsened and she died. Corrie was soon told she was to be released! It wasn't until long after the war she learned her papers to be exterminated had been put in the wrong file! Now she was able to leave! She got on a mail train and made it out of Germany and finally into Holland's border. She found a hospital there and a nice nurse helped her: gave her food, a hot bath, a bed, and she finally slept! When her health returned, she was able to contact her brother who with difficulty found a way back home for her. The 2nd week in May the Allies retook Holland and the Canadian Armies rushed in food they'd been stockpiling and people that had been in hiding came out and home again.

Corrie remembered her promise to Betsie. She went back into Germany and saw the suffering of the many German people wandering amongst the rubble and no homes. She went into churches and told Betsie's story of love and forgiveness and she

was in demand everywhere. Then she was asked to open a home for refugees in a former camp that had just been opened up. She started to say she wasn't qualified, but they still took her to see this abandoned "concentration" camp. First thing she said was, "We'll have to get rid of the barbed wire, buy lots of bright yellow paint and get window boxes for flowers!" A German Lutheran church joined her in opening this camp as a home and place for renewal. It functioned until 1960. The authors Sherrills share that since the closing chapter of this book, Corrie traveled ceaselessly, carrying her message of triumph & living all over the world, especially behind the Iron Curtain. "She is a colorful, amusing speaker with a hold on young audiences. That is but one of her many intriguing personal mysteries". Those living in prisons also listened to her. In this book she tells, for the first time, the full story behind the faith that has touched and stirred and changed so many lives, everywhere. Corrie went "home" at age 91. I'll have her books on easels. Please consider reading one – you'll be blessed, as I was.

In His name, *Ardis Danielson, Librarian*

Family Serving Group - Sep 2017

Co-Chairmen: David & Vicki Gira (701-412-1171); Brian & Sue Williams (701-282-3434)

Jay & Pam Beam	David & Vicki Gira
Dave & Sally Hallman	Clint & Janel Lowe
Donovan & Hidie Larson	Rod & Kris Lym
Jim & Bonnie Martin	Chadd Piper
Bill & Donna Piper	Steve & Sue Schulz
Jay & ReNae Schaefer	Jim & Melody Spangelo
Bobby & Mary Swanson	
Dane & Jodi Tollefson	Brian & Sue Williams

2Sep – Brit & Keri Stevens (17th)
 3Sep – Brent & Rachel Templin (1st)
 14Sep – Tom & Karla Dahl (40th)
 24Sep – Brett & Ashley McDonald (1st)
 26Sep – Aaron & ReNae Simmons (19th)
 28Sep – Amanda & Troy Dilger (4th)



1Sep – Keith Lowe; Heidi Wiedeman
 2Sep – Kahlan Casebeer (2)
 3Sep – Darrell Aasland (88); Liz Danielson; Tabatha Roman
 4Sep – Trevor Dettling; Jocelyn Evensen (8)
 5Sep – Wally Lueck,

Dave Manzey; Jack Olson

6Sep – Clint Lowe

7Sep – Carl DeBoer (9)

8Sep – Kate Bickle

9Sep – Brett McDonald; Betty Thomas; Elsie Trandem (6)

10Sep – Ross Bickle; Donald Rau II; Randy Roesler

11Sep – Dylan Anderson, Brent Templin

12Sep – David Beam; Grace Sather

13Sep – Gabrielle Engebretson

15Sep – Logan Kittelson

16Sep – Claire Carr (9); Lonnie Glawe; Milan Gornowicz (9)

17Sep – Ellie Caldwell (1)

18Sep – Gunnar Eriksson (89); Brenda Preuss; Jeffrey Speidel

19Sep – Anna Danielson; Ben Kirklewski Sr.; Sara McNett

20Sep – Ethel Buehl (95)

21Sep – Ashley Nickel

22Sep – Marge Demro (92); Jim Walla

24Sep – Erica Avery; AJ Johnson (5); Alex Kosel; James Stewart

25Sep – Pearl Backstrom (87); Janel Lowe; Karen Olson

26Sep – Abbie Evensen; Elaine Hankel; Evelyn Montgomery (88)

27Sep – Kathy Nelson, Jon Stirling

28Sep – Stacie Croucher

30Sep – Janet Asche; Mitch Semanko; Christina Smith

Big Events & News at Grace Lutheran School

Beginning Aug.30 and every Wednesday is:

“Welcome Wednesday”!

Each week we will have an open house for prospective students. Share this information with everyone so that they can see what a day is like at Grace Lutheran School.

Grace Lutheran School would like to thank all our association churches for letting us be a part of your VBS this year. Kari Lugo, Grace Lutheran Marketing Director, and Principal Hagge enjoyed the time to be with you and share all about the Ministry of GLS.

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner is coming September 30th from 12 noon to 6 pm. The price is \$10.00 per person and \$5.00 for children. Many volunteers are needed for this event and we encourage you to go to “Sign up Genius” online and pick out the volunteer position you would like to help with. Any other questions – please contact the school office. Thank you and see you at the dinner.

September events at GLS!

9/4: Labor Day – No school

9/6: Fall school picture day

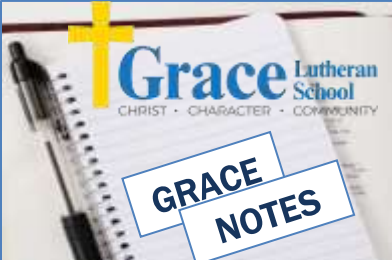
9/15: Jog-a-thon at Island Park

9/30: The Annual Spaghetti Dinner Noon -6 pm

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Website: www.gracelutheranschool.org

Blog: <http://gracelutheranschoolfargo.blogspot.com/>



**Notes from
Grace Lutheran
School**

**Red River
Lutheran School
Association**

**GRACE
NOTES**

*This Year's Theme: **The Fruits of the Spirit, Gal.5:22-23***

Red River Lutheran School Association Monthly newsletter – September

Our new theme for 2017-18 is all about the Fruits of the Spirit! **From Galatians 5:22-23 ...** But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

The Fruits of the Spirit... will be emphasized this school year. Each month will be dedicated to one of the Fruits of the Spirit and we will learn all about it. Just imagine one month to focus on Love, Joy, Peace, Self-Control, Goodness, Patience, Kindness, Faithfulness and Gentleness. It's going to be a great Year!

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
7/31/2017			
	BUDGET	2017	2016
* RECEIPTS *			
REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$536,682.00	\$325,555.22	\$294,397.53
PLATE OFFERINGS	\$12,000.00	\$5,929.25	\$7,063.67
SPEC. SERVICES & MISC.	\$25,700.00	\$12,930.36	\$11,906.78
ASSETS RELEASED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$574,382.00	\$344,414.83	\$313,367.98
* EXPENSES *			
MISSIONS	\$114,736.40	\$68,703.68	\$62,551.67
ELDERS	\$27,500.00	\$15,627.78	\$8,894.52
EVANGELISM	\$1,350.00	\$621.39	\$1,339.25
STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE	\$2,200.00	\$1,159.96	\$317.72
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$69,921.50	\$34,302.46	\$34,195.82
TRUSTEES	\$52,600.00	\$39,860.97	\$31,248.37
ADMINISTRATION	\$261,316.00	\$149,239.70	\$139,793.18
HUMAN CARE	\$2,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
CAMPUS MINISTRY	\$64,257.50	\$36,261.05	\$32,143.55
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$596,131.40	\$346,776.99	\$310,484.08
HOME PURPOSES PLUS (MINUS)	(\$21,749.40)	(\$2,362.16)	\$2,883.90
YEAR-TO-DATE REC'D			
[BOTW]-BLDG MAINT FUND		\$6,699.00	\$37,140.05
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS		\$6,521.00	\$12,068.00

Hurricane Harvey, the most powerful Hurricane to hit Texas in more than 50 years has left a trail of destruction. Hundreds of thousands of people are affected, tens of thousands of homes are damaged or destroyed, and the emotional toll is immeasurable.

When tragic events like this occur, Thrivent Financial members want to know how they can help. As a membership organization of Christians committed to guiding members to be wise with money and live generously, Thrivent is supporting your generosity in the following ways:

\$500,000 match on personal donations*

Thrivent will match up to \$500,000 in personal donations made online through Thrivent.com to specific disaster relief organizations responding to Hurricane Harvey. The dollar-for-dollar match is open to Thrivent members and will lead to a total combined impact of up to \$1 million. For more details and to see the list of organizations included in the match, **visit the Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com.**

Get involved in grassroots disaster relief by leading a Thrivent Action Team. Get your friends, family and coworkers to band together to help raise funds for those affected by Hurricane Harvey by forming a Thrivent Action Team. Use promo code "TX Hurricane," and you'll receive your Thrivent Action Kit –containing T-shirts, seed money and promotional materials – 5 to 7 business days after approval.

Direct Choice Dollars®

Thrivent Choice® lets eligible members recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funding. If you have Choice Dollars available to direct, please consider selecting enrolled organizations helping in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

Fargo Meals On Wheels Volunteering Opportunities.

As the number of people aged 60 and older continues to grow in our area, so does our meals on Wheels Program. Currently we have 32 routes per day in the Fargo communities.

Attached you will find informational details about Meals On Wheels Delivering which you can share with parishioners and church staff.

Meals on Wheels Volunteering is very flexible with volunteers' schedules. Volunteers can volunteer **once a week, or once a month.** Families & high schoolers can think ahead and volunteer during school breaks while College students can sign up for class volunteer hours. In addition to this email our office will be sending your church office brochures.

Thank you for making Fargo a great place to live!

If you have any question please contact our office.

Contact Karleen at 701-356-1428,

KWyum@valleyseniors.org or Sheena at (701) 356-1431 snelson@valleyseniors.org for more information



Habitat for Humanity is looking for crew leaders to help make their builds a success.

Crew leaders are skilled builders (professional, retired or DIY) who work with groups of 3-5 volunteers to teach and help them complete various tasks on a home build. Depending on your schedule and desires, you could help 1-2 days per build, all 25 days we have volunteers or anywhere in-between. If interested, call 218-284-5253 or email pete@lakeagassizhabitat.org.

September 2017 Worship Assistants				
Sep 3	8:15 am	Dean Sonnenberg Jana S, Grace S Stahlecker Team Danny Montana	11 am	Dean Sonnenberg Jackson S Zinke Team Eva Olin
Sep 10	8:15 am	Jeremy Rolf Lucas D Montana Team M/L Semanko	11 am	Steve Asche Sofia J, Ella J Roesler Team S/C Trautman
Sep 17	8:15 am	Steve Asche Conner A, Jonathon A Mayland Team P/D Mayland	11 am	Jeremy Rolf Noah O McCoy Team T/M Evensen
Sep 24	8:15 am	Ben Duncan Land D-W Walla Team E/L Esping	11 am	Ben Duncan Ben M, Ben R Kosel Team Pam Coste

memorials & gifts	
From (date)	Honor/MEMORY
? (7-16)	LAURA HOCHHALTER
Ed & Carolyn Bean	Paul & Deanna Mayland
Telecom Pioneers (7-30)	PAT STOLZENBURG
Ed & Karen Woyen	Paul & Deanna Mayland
Jerry & Faith Luebke	GREG HEAGLE
Dave & Rhoda Viker (8-13)	VALENE GROTHE
Diane Heagle (8-21)	GREG HEAGLE/ BURTON BORNEMAN
Wally & Diane Lueck	VALENE GROTHE
Evelyn Montgomery	VALENE GROTHE
Clint & Pat Podoll	VALENE GROTHE
Sandy Opatril	VALENE GROTHE
Dave & Rhoda Viker	VALENE GROTHE





**LUTHERANS
RETURN TO SPAIN**

God's Reign in Spain
The Missionary Journey of
Rev David & Shiree Warner

A Vacation from Sin?

Serving the Lord's Church in Spain is very different from what I experienced in northeastern Montana, in a thousand different ways. Dealing with cultural Catholicism and runaway secularism, navigating a dense and opaque bureaucracy that touches every aspect of life, and doing it all in Spanish: these are all new and perplexing challenges for a pastor from the sticks. One of our current challenges is trying to keep Word and Sacrament ministry going as Spain, and especially Sevilla, where we live, grinds to the annual summertime halt. Although the economy is moving away from the standard of most workers taking all of August off, this is still the preferred way for the average Spaniard. And this custom is not without its justifications in Sevilla. Because it is **HOT** here. Days in the 110° range and higher are normal occurrences, sometimes for weeks at a time, from June through September. So getting out of Sevilla and to the beach makes a lot of sense. And who wants to go to Church when you're at the beach? Or the lake? Or up in the mountains, or wherever you go to relax in the summertime? Yes, things are different in Spain. Since we are a small church, losing a few families to vacations at the same time can ruin Sunday worship. But things are also very much the same. The degree of the disappearing act performed by congregations in the U.S. may be different than what we face here, but empty pews during July and August are hardly unique to the Iberian Peninsula. Which would be o.k., if at the same time people took a vacation from Church they also took a vacation from sinning. But we don't, do we? Regardless of the season, anytime the children of God begin to think they don't need to return to their Father's house to be served by His Son, someone needs to warn them: Beware lest your short vacation from receiving God's grace and mercy turn into the Devil's opportunity to fool you into thinking you can do just fine without hearing, and eating and drinking, the Gospel. Beware. And be welcome. Warnings must be given, for the sake of reminding God's people that the ultimate reason we gather together is to receive God's loving forgiveness. As sinners, we need to be dragged back to the services of God's house. But as Saints, as beloved, baptized children of the Heavenly Father, we know that we **get** to go to Church, that there is no better place to be than gathered with brothers and sisters to receive the gifts that Christ gives, freely. In God's Word and in His Sacraments, we

are freed from the sin that plagues us, and we are reminded of the Promise, that someday, in God's perfect timing, we will go on a permanent vacation from sin, and all the guilt and the painful consequences it brings into our lives. In the Lord's eternal paradise, the sun will not strike you by day, and sin and sorrow and death will be no more. Now that will be the best vacation ever, forever and ever, Amen.

--Pastor Warner

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Thank you to everyone for hugs, cards, memorials, and words of condolence on the deaths of my ex-husband and my father. Your prayers and support have really helped in getting my family through this time of sorrow. I am so grateful to God for my church family and for the peace I have that my loved ones are with Jesus and I will see them again one day. Thanks again. *Diane Heagle*



Many thank-yous to my Immanuel family for their prayers, cards and also personal visits while at the Sheyenne Crossing's rehab facility. Surely helped brighten my stay there. A special thank you to our pastors for their calls, visits and healing prayers. In His love, *Ardis Danielson*



Thank you for being those special people for our family: We have been deeply touched by your kindness, thoughtfulness, generosity, & Love shown to us during Tom's illness. For all the cards, phone calls, visits, meals, gifts & often-said prayers for us – we thank you!! We give glory & Praises to our loving Lord. In Christ, *Tom & Karla Dahl*

The Flower Calendar for 2018 is at the Sign-Up Center.



You can help to beautify our worship services and honor a person or event in your life. Sign up for your favorite week(s). You will be able to:

select the florist (We often use Northport Hornbacher's, but others are okay, too – or even flowers from your garden can be provided) and the wording in "Immanuel Reflections" for 'your' week. You also select who gets to take the flowers home after church that day.

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LCMS Disaster Response teams will deploy as soon as emergency officials allow them to enter the disaster zone. More than 160 LCMS congregations are in the affected areas, and you can help with relief and mercy efforts.

Pray:

Lord of heaven and earth, we know that You hold all things in Your hands. In Your mercy, provide for the needs of those who have been affected by Hurricane Harvey and the rain that continues to fall, work through those who bring relief and aid, and protect all from any further harm. Draw all to the cross of Christ, who is our salvation now and always. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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