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Please join us for **Rally Sunday!** This year's theme is "Building Our Lives on Jesus", based on Matthew 7:24: "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Opening begins in the Celebration Center at **9:30 am on September 9th**. Second graders receive Bibles, courtesy of LWML Immanuel unit. Students will meet with their teachers from 9:45 to 10:45 each Sunday.

[graphic from m2ayat.com]

Parents are invited to attend the first plenary (large group) session, which will be held on September 19th in the basement. Ryan will be doing a presentation on Social Media/Technology.

Confirmation Class of 2018 (9th graders) and parents will be meeting with Pastor Worrall on Sundays at 9:30 am, from September 9th through October 21st. Confirmation Sunday is slated for 2nd service on October 28, 2018.



Cori Trautman is continuing to search for **Guardian Angels** for beginning confirmands. Each volunteer is assigned a confirmand to pray for and send small remembrances at special times. The Guardian Angel usually remains anonymous until the day of the student's confirmation. Cori would like to fill all 13 slots very soon, so contact her (218-233-1628; mom2rnr69@gmail.com). See also information in the Sign-Up Center.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY!



Three-year-olds graduate each autumn from the Cradle Roll to the Nursery Class in Sunday School. The **Cradle Roll Graduation Party** will be Wednesday evening, **September 5th at 6:00 pm**. If the 3-year-old in your life didn't get an invitation in the mail, you are welcome to show up then. Students will meet

their teacher and see the room, receive a lovely gift from the congregation (presented by Pastor Worrall!), and – of course – have a snack, all courtesy of Welcome Circle of LWML.



Vacation Bible School was held on August 5-9, 2018. The theme was "*Paul's Amazing Journey*." Thanks to all the amazing helpers, especially those who provided ice cream and meals; teens and adults who helped the kids, and our fearless Leaders, Ryan Avery and Pastor Schulz.



Summer SS ends on Sep 2nd with a party. Many thanks to dedicated teachers for our entire summer: Martha Semanko and Ryan Avery.



Students in 6th through 8th grades began with Orientation on August 22nd, followed by the beginning of weekly classes on August 29th.



"This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to eat and drink? Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?" (1 Corinthians 9:3-5)

When did the church start commanding that priests no longer be married? It is a late invention in the church and one that slowly crept into its thinking. Peter, whom Rome counts as the first Pope, took his wife with him on missionary journeys. Yet with the apostle's words above, you can see already there was this prejudice that pastors who were not married were more pious, dedicated, and truly spiritual. Why else does Paul insist on it?

This predates the time of the church. Paganism put a special emphasis on celibacy, hence the vestal virgins in the temples of the gods. And later, in the church some argued that if a priest were married he could not sleep with his wife the night before the administration of Holy Communion. Really?

In 305 A.D., the Council of Elvira decided that those who served the sacraments in the church keep away from their wives and not beget children. Elvira also decided that chariot racers or stage performers may not be baptized! The Council of Nicea (325) rejected a ban on priests getting married. And so, back and forth over the next 600 years, the church would struggle openly and in secret against this expectation of celibacy. Then Gregory VII (1018) took decisive action against the marriage of priests. He upheld the principle that a married priest who said mass and a layman who took Communion from him be excommunicated. When married priests opposed Gregory's enactments, he incited the nobility and other people against them. Severe penalties were imposed on those who did not conform.

Not until the Reformation (1530) and the Augsburg Confession (See Article XXIII) was there a public outcry and rejection to this prohibition. The Augsburg Confession defended the reasons for their priests/pastors to marry with these words:

"First, because Paul says, 1 Cor. 7:2,9: "To avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife. Also:

It is better to marry than to burn." Secondly Christ says, in Matthew 19:11: "All men cannot receive this saying," where He teaches that not all men are fit to lead a single life; for God created man for procreation, Gen. 1:28. Nor is it in man's power, without a singular gift and work of God, to alter this creation. [For it is manifest, and many have confessed that no good, honest, chaste life, no Christian, sincere, upright conduct has resulted (from the attempt), but a horrible, fearful unrest and torment of conscience has been felt by many until the end.] Therefore, those who are not fit to lead a single life ought to contract matrimony. For no man's law, no vow, can annul the commandment and ordinance of God. For these reasons the priests teach that it is lawful for them to marry wives."

You can underscore the "horrible, fearful unrest and torment of conscience" as a headline within the church then and today. Even after the reformation many faithful leaders in the Roman Church saw the need to accept this criticism from the reformers. From our Lutheran Cyclopedia:

"The Reformation called attention to the vicious results of celibacy. Emperor Ferdinand and the rulers of France, Bavaria, and Poland asked the Council of Trent to consider the repeal of celibacy."

But then the council of Trent (1545-1563) made matters only worse. This counter reformation decreed: "If anyone says that clerics constituted in sacred orders ... can contract marriage, and that, contracted, it is valid ... let him be anathema." Arguments for celibacy were based on Mt 19:11, 12; 1 Cor 7:25, 26, 38, 40.

Before there were kings...before there were parents...before there were pastors...before there were any of the noble institutions (go Bison!) we regard as important in society...there was marriage. (Gen 2:18). It is the first institution. And family followed soon afterwards as the foundation of society. We do best to elevate it and defend it against all false teaching.

Pastor Worrall

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3Sep - Ryan & Andrea
 Engebretson (18th)
 6Sep – Ted & Judy Rossman
 (49th)
 8Sep – Taylor Nelson & Josh
 Baneck (wedding day!)
 14Sep – Tom & Karla Dahl
 (33rd)
 24Sep – Brett & Ashley
 McDonald (2nd)
 26Sep – Aaron & ReNae Simmons (20th)



With VBS in early August, and our Unit Meeting August 14th, it was good to connect with fellow LWML members again, fresh from summer activities and filled with energy for a new year of projects and fellowship! Monday-Thursday of VBS week, our LWML provided light supper meals prior to class time. We served approximately 75-80 meals each night. Everyone seemed to appreciate the meal and fellowship time. THANK YOU to all those who helped in any way with the planning, preparation, serving and clean up for those meals!! August 14th was our Unit Meeting. We are still in need of a unit Secretary for the next 2 years, so please contact me or anyone on the Board if you feel moved to step into that position, or see Joan Miller if you have questions – she has faithfully served as Secretary the past 4 years! Thank you, Joan! After discussion on our Ronald McDonald Cookie Project, which we have been part of for about 35 years, it was decided to discontinue and look to new mission projects. One possibility (info presented at our meeting) is the ‘Down Home’ project serving families and individuals transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing. We will be making decisions on new mission projects as the year progresses, so please share your ideas with Circle chairs or anyone in the LWML! Adjustments and new assignments for the Funeral Committee, planning meals, were discussed. We took time to say a **BIG THANK YOU to Rhoda Viker** for her faithful service for 25 years as the chairman of the Funeral Committee. What a major commitment and awesome job done!! **The Messenger* is filled with info on the Fall Retreat & highlights from the ND Dist. Convention held in Minot in June! Pick up a copy and enjoy! Looking ahead: Mark your calendars! ***Sunday, Sep. 9** – LWML Bd Meeting @ 12:15pm ***Fri.-Sun., Sept. 14-16** - ND District LWML Fall Retreat @ The Chieftain in Carrington – Theme: ‘Vocation Bible School’ – see flyers & posters. Registration forms are in “*The Messenger*.” ***Sunday, Oct. 7** – LWML Sunday: Installation of Officers during Worship, *need women to usher and do readings, Mighty Mites collection and treats served by the LWML (5 doz. bars/cookies from each Circle). Circle serving: Parish Workers ***Saturday, Nov. 10th** (no October dates worked) - Eastern Zone Fall Rally @ St. John, Hillsboro – watch for more info on this!



1Sep – Heidi Wiedeman
 2Sep – Kahlan Casebeer (3)
 3Sep – Darrell Aasland
 (89); Liz Danielson;
 Tabatha Roman
 4Sep – Trevor Dettling;
 Jocelyn Evensen (9)
 5Sep – Wally Lueck; David
 Manzey; Jack Olson
 6Sep – Clint Lowe

7Sep – Carl DeBoer
 8Sep – Kate Bickle
 9Sep – Brett McDonald; Betty Thomas; Elsie
 Trandem (7)
 10Sep – Ross Bickle; Randy Roesler
 12Sep – David Beam; Grace Sather
 13Sep – Gabrielle Engebretson
 14Sep – Virginia Lepage
 15Sep – Logan Kittelson
 16Sep – Claire Carr; Milan Gornowicz
 17Sep – Lori Althoff; Ellie Caldwell (2)
 18Sep – Gunnar Eriksson (90); Brenda Preuss
 19Sep – Anna Danielson; Sara McNett
 20Sep – Ethel Buehl (96)
 21Sep – Ashley Nickel
 22Sep – Marge Demro (93); Jim Walla
 23Sep – Brent Aasland
 24Sep – Erica Avery; Alex Kosel; James Stewart
 (83)
 25Sep – Pearl Backstrom (88); Janel Lowe
 26Sep – Abbie Evensen; Lowell Halstenson; Elaine
 Hankel; Evelyn Montgomery (89)
 30Sep – Janet Asche; Mitch Semanko

Support our Lutheran School when you buy gas!

Earn a gas rebate for GLS: **three cents** for every gallon of gas purchased at the Exxon/Red Carpet Carwash Station, located at 3441-13th Ave. S in Fargo (near Perkins and Family Fare); and 950-13th Ave E in West Fargo. There are still several FREE cards available in the Immanuel office, on the secretary desk.



In Christ's Service, *Patty Walla*, LWML Unit President



Plan now to meet Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President LCMS. In his keynote address at the Faith in Action Mercy Conference here in Fargo, Rev. Dr. Harrison will talk about mercy, its role in the Church, and how you can begin or increase an intentional mercy care ministry in your church.

Faith in Action Mercy Conference: **October 27, 2018** at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, 7151 - 15th St S, Fargo. More info at the website: www.dakotaranch.org

"Mercy is part of the DNA of the church. It was part of Jesus' life. He cared for people in need. He spoke the word of forgiveness and cared. To be intentional about mercy in your congregation is very significant, because there are a lot of hurting people in the world." M. Harrison

To register, contact Chaplain Jones: 701-857-4213; r.jones@DakotaRanch.org. There is more info in the Sign-Up Center.

Kim Ketola to speak for F-M Lutherans for Life 2018 Fall Dessert Banquet

Please mark your calendars to attend the Lutherans for Life Annual Fall Dessert Banquet to be held on **Friday, October 5th, at 7:00 pm** at Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church, 2901 20th St. S. Moorhead, MN. Guest speaker will be **Kim Ketola**, who will speak on **"Impacting Today's Culture. . . Changing Hearts and Lives"**. Kim Ketola is an award-winning broadcaster and writer who was inducted into the Minnesota Broadcasting Hall of Fame in 2013. Her book *"Cradle My Heart, Finding God's Love After Abortion"* is an Amazon #1 bestseller, and was a Finalist for the Evangelical Christian Press Association's Book of the Year in 2013. Kim says these awards reflect how redemption in our Lord Jesus Christ resonates in readers' hearts, especially how He works our worst, even fatal mistakes for his greatest glory.

For more information, or to register, please email: FMLFLBanquet@outlook.com or call Sue Curfman at 701-799-0350, or the following LFL contact person at Immanuel, Faith Luebke (701-241-9540; jjluebke1964@gmail.com).

If you have never attended a Lutherans for Life sponsored event previously, and / or would be interested in learning more about sanctity of human life issues, please visit the website for our national organization at www.lutheransforlife.org. Lutherans for Life is incorporated as a non-profit national inter-Lutheran organization. Its

mission is "Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life".

Alms Ministry

Several members of Immanuel have had financial needs this summer which have been addressed with gifts from our Alms fund. Please consider making a gift to the Alms Fund to replenish the fund in support of this vital ministry. All gifts are appreciated! You may use a pew envelope and mark it for **ALMS** or place it in the Alms box next to the office. Thank you for your loving concern for your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

FM Emergency Food Pantry - Special Drive

The Board for Human Care is organizing a drive for personal care items for the FM Emergency Food Pantry September 2-23. There is a great need for these items, as well as for food. Personal items needed include:

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| Diapers (sizes 1-6) | Shaving cream |
| Bar Soap | Razors |
| Dish detergent | Feminine products |
| Laundry soap | Shampoo |
| Toothpaste | Cleaning supplies |

A display for this project is in the Welcome Hall at Immanuel. Please consider picking up a few extra items when you're out shopping and bring them to the church. Donations will be delivered to the Food Pantry for you.

The Board is applying for a Thrivent Action Team grant to support this project. Thank you, Immanuel and Thrivent, for your help to make life a bit better for those in our community. Questions may be directed to the Board for Human Care: Pam Sommer, Barb Downs, Delores Maier, or Pastor Schulz.



On behalf of the Board of Directors for North Dakota Lutherans for Life, youth are invited to participate in an Essay Contest in support of life. The theme for this year's essay contest is *"Did God Really Say?..."* and *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."* from John 6:68. Details for the Essay Contest and the Rubric for evaluating the essays in your school or church are in the Sign-Up Center.

There are two Grade Levels: Grades 6-8 and Grades

9-12. You may submit your article to the church office no later than March 1, 2019.

A first-place prize of \$100 and second-place prize of \$50 will be awarded by North Dakota Lutherans for Life to the best essay from each Grade Level. All first-place winners will have their essays submitted to LFL's National Essay Contest with a chance to win \$250, plus free Conference Registration to the 2019 Regional Conference of their choice, plus a one-night stay at the Conference Hotel.

Please see the attached documents for details and a rubric for evaluating the essays in your church or school.

Oak Grove Lutheran is looking for families to host current and future international high school students!

When you host a international student, your entire family will discover a world of fun and enlightening adventure. Simply by sharing your home for as little as a semester or a school year, you will be giving an exceptional young person from another country the opportunity of a lifetime—to live with your family and experience the language, customs and culture of our country. In return, your international student will bring to your family a bit of his or her homeland. If you are interested in hosting or have questions please contact Lisa at 701-373-7115 or Lisa.Nicholas@OakGroveLutheranSchool.com.

FirstChoice Clinic

Friends Night Out Fundraiser

You are invited to mingle, meet staff, and enjoy hors d'oeuvres at our upcoming 2018 annual fundraising event, featuring Pam Tebow on Monday, October 8 starting at 6 p.m. at Fargo Holiday Inn. Pam is the mother of former NFL player, and current professional baseball player, Tim Tebow. Her notoriety increased when during the nationally televised Heisman broadcast, ESPN aired a portion of an interview that focused on her refusal to abort Tim when she was encouraged to do so. There is no cost to attend, though an ask will be made to support the life-saving ministry of FirstChoice Clinic. Space is limited – please contact Mona at 701.237.6530 or mona@firstchoiceclinic.com to make reservations or to host a table.

Red River Lutheran School Association Grace Lutheran School

**Monthly Newsletter -
September 2018
Our Theme for 2018!**

Our Theme for 2018!

This year's theme is from Matthew 5:14-16 **"You are the Light of the World..."** Jesus tells us that we are shining our

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light (Jesus in us) to everyone around. It's not a suggestion but a command! If you want people to know something, you don't hide the information - you share it! Be the Light, to give praise to the Father! We will do this all year with projects into the community and witness through our programs here at GLS. Come join us, and shine for Him!

Welcome Wednesday Returns!

Each week we will open "our house" for prospective families & students on Wednesdays beginning September 5th. Please share this information with everyone so that they can see what it is like at Grace Lutheran School. Hours to visit GLS are 9a-3p Mon-Fri. If you are stopping in, give us a call, and we will meet you at that time. (701) 232-7747

Jog-A-Thon Sep. 14!

This year's Jog - A -Thon will be held on Friday September 14th for grades 1-7. This is an event that helps our PE and Athletic department earn funds for various equipment needs. Plus it's a great way to be healthy and walk or jog as many laps as you can in Island Park. Look for Grace students at your church or come to the school and pledge to help reach our goal of \$1000.00.

Big Heart!

Grace Lutheran School has encountered a number of different challenges over the last few years. Because of these challenges we have now become a smaller school in enrollment. GLS is a small school with a BIG heart. We have a heart for children to see that they receive a Christian education. We have a heart to serve those who are in need through our chapel offerings and outreach projects this year. We have a heart to help one another when things are tough or in times of praise. We have the heart and the courage to share the Gospel to this community! Won't you join our Family and become a vital part of this ministry and mission of the 6 association churches. As we look to the future our goal is to develop our curriculum and technology equipment, work on deferred building maintenance projects, strengthen our teacher and staff salaries.

Give us a call and set up a Care Visit or help us with our goals - today!

Volunteers needed this year! Would you like to volunteer in our school? Volunteer duties include assisting students in completing their work, helping teachers with tasks and breaks, and supervising morning care and recesses. We could also use help in the kitchen when our regular cook is sick or taking time off. Year-round there are always little projects to do around the school. Feel free to contact us for a service project. Please contact John Hagge, Principal at (701) 232-7747 or email jhagge@gracels.com for further information.

September Events at GLS!

- 9/3 Labor Day (No School)
- 9/5 Chapel w/Pastor Giddings; fall picture day
- 9/12 Chapel with Pastor Shane
- 9/14 The annual Jog-A-Thon to raise funds for the PE Department!
- 9/19 Chapel- DCE Mark Noennig w/SepBaptisms
- 9/26 Chapel with Pastor Worrall
- 10/6 Annual Spaghetti Dinner at GLS gym

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Instagram: gracelutheranfargo

Library Hi-Lights

Child of the River by Irma Joubert (author of *The Girl from the Train*). A compelling coming of age story with an unlikely and utterly memorable heroine. It is a timeless tale of heartbreak and triumph, set in South Africa at the dawn of Apartheid. Joubert's books have been an exciting education for me on South African history.



Persomi's world is every small. She's never been to the local village but spends it in the outdoor world around her. Persomi is poor, white and the middle child of illiterate sharecroppers on the prosperous Flourie Farm in the South Africa Bushveld. To escape the squalor of her home, she borrows the newspapers and books passed down to her from the main house and through her walks in the nearby mountains. She is one of 7 children living in a 2-room house...with no running water. The children sleep on the floor on top of 3 old mattresses. Pa & Ma sleep in the bedroom with the youngest in a box. Their clothes and dishes are washed in the river using sand for soap. She has a close relationship with her big brother Gerbrand and a fragile relationship with Boelie Fourie--heir to the Fourie farm & fortune. Gerbrand tells her that this Pa is not hers. She is not sad about it as he's mean and drinks up their food money. She asks if he is his Pa and he says no, his is dead...only the 3 youngest are his. He doesn't know who her father is as the mother won't tell.

He decides to leave the farm to fight on the side of the Anglos in WW11 & Boelie joins an underground network of Boer nationalist. Persomi's isolated world is blown wide open. But as her very small world falls apart, bigger dreams become open to her – dreams of an education, a profession, a native country that values justice and equality, and of love. Gerbrand writes to her and sends his monthly pay checks to give to their ma to

buy food as he knows Pa would drink it up. He urges Persomi to continue her education.

Gerbrand is killed in the war! They are all devastated. Persomia's Ma wants her to get a job and earn money...but she says No, and takes the scholarship offered her...will live in a dorm, wear a uniform and get food to eat 3 times a day. She becomes a top student and athlete. She wins a scholarship for college and goes on to study to be a lawyer. Always at the top, she is now accepted into a law firm. It is there she finally discovers the truth of who she really is! Have a tissue ready for the last pages of this book. Persomi not only knows who her real father is but best of all she finally finds true love.

International bestselling author Irma Joubert was a history teacher for 35 years before she began writing fiction. Her stories are known for their deep insight into personal relationships and rich historical detail. She is the author of 8 novels and a regular fixture on bestseller lists in the Netherlands and in her native South Africa.

There are quite a few over-due books in the check-out box. Please bring them back for others to read. You can always check it out again later. Thank you.

Ardis Danielson, Librarian

Come join the fun!
Grace Lutheran Church
Saturday, October 27, 2018
6:30-8:00 P.M.



**Trunk
or
Treat**

Volunteers needed to

-  Hand out candy from their trunks
-  Provide extra candy
-  Run carnival games

Contact

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Brianna Isaak brianna.isaak@gracefargo.org



“Main Street Living North” TV Program

September UPDATE

Beginning Sunday, October 7th, we will be premiering the re-mastered re-runs of the well-known “*This Is The Life*” series of programs from Lutheran Hour Ministries! These will take the place of the current “Kid’s Corner” half-hour programs which we have been showing following the MSLN worship services. Also, beginning October 7th, we are pleased to welcome the broadcasting areas of both Lincoln, NE and Sioux City, IA to the Main Street Living Network! **Then on Sunday, October 14th**, we will be celebrating our annual MAIN STREET LIVING SUNDAY! (Please watch for a special bulletin insert!)

Please continue to help spread the word to your extended family and friends! In addition to viewing the TV programs Sunday mornings, please also let them know that they can watch all of the Fargo-based archived programs at any time on line at www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

To add your much-needed 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!

“Main Street Living North” TV Programs for Sep 2018:

Sep 2: Rev. Jared Nies, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Perham, MN, presents the message: “**Dressed For Battle**,” based on Eph. 6:10-20.

Sep 9: Rev. Alan Eppen, Zion Lutheran Church, Edgeley, ND and Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Forbs, ND, presents the message: “**Be Strong and Fear Not!**” based on Isaiah 35: 4-71.

Sep 16: Rev. Ross Fritz, Grace Lutheran Church, Breckenridge, MN, presents the message: “**He Hung Around**,” based on Mark 9:14-29.

Sep 23: Rev. Paul Preus, Zion Lutheran Church, Ellendale, ND, presents the message: “**Friend, Go Up Higher**,” based on Luke 14:1-11.

Sep 30: Rev. David Walsh, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Menahga, MN, presents the message: “**Acting in the Name of Christ**,” based on Mark 9:38-41.

“MAIN STREET LIVING” is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the ND and MN North Districts of our LCMS, along with “*This Is The Life*” program in October 2018). Programs are broadcast at **9:00am** Central time on the following

FOX stations: KVRN F-M Channel 15.1, KBRR Thief River Falls-Grand Forks Channel 10.1, KJRR Jamestown Channel 7.1, KNRR Pembina Channel 12.1, and cable and satellite systems carrying these stations, and archived on www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

Ken Koehler, MSLN Board President

Family Serving Group Sep. 2018

Co-Chairmen: Tom & Lanette Calkins (701-277-3172); James Zinke (701-799-8650)
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 Tom & Lanette Calkins Amanda Dilger
 Pam Coste & Rick Cote LeRoy & Karen Hintz
 Don & Shannon Dettling Jerry & Faith Luebke
 Tim & Brenda Preuss Steve & Cindy Strege
 John & Lydia Trandem James Zinke
 Chris & Misty Good



Emily Wollin transferred her membership to Grace Lutheran in Fargo. **Greg Sommer** was released to a church near his home in the Minneapolis area. The private baptism of **Barrett Drake Kittelson**, son of

Reid & Carissa, born on July 11th, was on Aug. 11th. There is a baptism on September 2nd for Nick and Kelly’s son, **Benjamin Samuel Pedersen**. They live in Minnesota. **Taylor Boster & Jordan Dahl** were married by Pastor Worrall in an outdoor wedding in Moorhead on August 11th. **Amanda Herrmann & Eric Johnson** were married at Peace Lutheran in Fargo on August 24th, with Pastor Schulz assisting in the service.

memorials & gifts	
From (date)	Honor/MEMORY
Steve/Janet Asche	ED LEAPALDT
Shirley Schulz	ED LEAPALDT
Marilyn Helgeson	ED LEAPALDT
Duane/Gayle Langeberg	ED LEAPALDT
DeLores Koenig	ED LEAPALDT
Clint/Pat Podoll (8-5)	IRENE OLSON
Wayne/Elaine Hankel	IRENE OLSON
Wayne/Elaine Hankel	BILL PALLASCH
Curt/Pam Sommer	IRENE OLSON
Darrell/Vi Aasland	IRENE OLSON
Bruce/Kay Levenson	IRENE OLSON
Terry/Dolly Meyer	BUD BUENG
Leona Leapaldt	IRENE OLSON
Bonnie Kuehn (8-13)	ED LEAPALDT
Jim/Patty Walla (8-20)	JOHN HEHR
Glenn Ulland (8-27)	ED LEAPALDT



enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Acts 4:17

What is Acts 4?

We are an apologetics-based children's ministry that meets from 7-8 p.m. on the same Wednesdays Immanuel holds confirmation classes. We will have lessons, games, and music time together. Families may also attend confirmation closing (located in the sanctuary) with their children following Acts 4.

Who can participate?

All children eligible for Sunday school but not yet enrolled in confirmation classes are invited to attend!

Is there a parents' ministry too?

Yes! Mr. John Hagge, principal of Grace Lutheran School, is leading a study for parents during Acts 4: The Collapse of Parenting: How We Hurt Our Kids When We Treat Them Like Grown-ups

Register Now!

Acts 4 begins August 29 with a FREE kick-off BBQ at 6 p.m.!

Student Name(s) & Age(s):

Parent/Contact Person Name(s):

E-Mail (will be used for announcements, updates, and weather cancellations):

Phone Number:

Number of Adults Attending Parent Study:

Return the bottom portion of this form to the church office or e-mail information to tmevensen@gmx.com

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
7-31-2018			
	BUDGET	2018	2017
* RECEIPTS *			
REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$539,000.00	\$243,998.59	\$279,529.00
PLATE OFFERINGS	\$12,000.00	\$4,908.90	\$5,125.00
SPEC. SERVICES & MISC.	\$25,700.00	\$12,135.00	\$12,855.36
ASSETS RELEASED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$576,700.00	\$261,042.49	\$297,509.36
* EXPENSES *			
MISSIONS	\$117,200.00	\$52,114.13	\$59,373.59
ELDERS	\$28,610.00	\$13,723.21	\$14,393.34
EVANGELISM	\$4,350.00	\$2,707.10	\$610.40
STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE	\$2,700.00	\$1,068.65	\$1,027.43
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$60,300.00	\$22,833.43	\$34,302.46
TRUSTEES	\$54,200.00	\$33,425.25	\$34,567.25
ADMINISTRATION	\$265,690.00	\$130,060.35	\$129,320.77
HUMAN CARE	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
CAMPUS MINISTRY	\$63,280.00	\$32,320.41	\$31,462.40
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$598,580.00	\$288,252.53	\$306,057.64
HOME PURPOSES PLUS (MINUS)	(\$21,880.00)	(\$27,210.04)	(\$8,548.28)
YEAR-TO-DATE REC'D			
BOTW-BLDG. MAINT. FUND		\$6,870.00	\$5,978.00
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS		\$5,801.00	\$6,508.00



Financial Peace University (FPU), a Christian-based personal and family financial program, will again be offered at Immanuel this fall. Classes will begin on September 20th at 7:00 pm and will continue every Thursday through Nov. 15, 2018. The premise of FPU is to help people manage their income, eliminate their debt, and prepare them to fully invest for their future. You may have heard Dave Ramsey say "Live like no one else now, so that you may live and give like no one else later." This flexible course consists of nine topics which can be completed in one-hour-long sessions. There normally is a one-time cost for the class materials; however, we are pleased to offer full scholarships for this upcoming session at no cost to you! Local leaders of the class, Ed Bean & James Zinke, would be happy to answer any questions you may have. You may sign up with Louise in the church office; or contact Ed (701-261-9687) or James (701-799-8650).

September 2018 Worship Assistants				
Sep 2	8:15 am	Dean Sonnenberg Gretchen K, Aryn D Hass Team S Gardner-Leikas	11 am	Dean Sonnenberg Jack S Kosel Team B/D Roach
Sep 9	8:15 am	Vas Soori Isaiah S Stahlecker Team E Montgomery	11 am	Clint Lowe Ben M, Abby M Hankel Team S/J Asche
Sep 16	8:15 am	Erick Esping Jacob D, Trevor D Montana Team R/N Froberg	11 am	Steve Asche Jonathon A Zinke Team Jack Bumgarner
Sep 23	8:15 am	Jeremy Rolf Tyler H Mayland Team Myrna Larson	11 am	James Zinke Isaac O, Sophia O Roesler Team J/C Thoreson
Sep 30	8:15 am	Ray Albrecht Landon D-W Walla Team E/L Esping	11 am	Paul Mayland Ethan H McCoy Team B/D Piper



My Faith Story

By Sophie Semanko

As I prepare for the next chapter of my life in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to attend Milwaukee School of Engineering I have taken a moment to look back and think about how thankful I am to have grown up at Immanuel. I am so blessed for this amazing congregation and all the support they provide for their youth. A particular thing I want to thank the congregation of Immanuel is for the support I received back in June when I went on a mission trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica. I cannot thank Immanuel enough for the prayers and support I received, especially the financial support from the Board of Ed that helped me go on such a life changing experience.



It all started in the fall when a group of friends and myself heard about Mission Jamaica. We thought, "What an awesome thing we could all experience together before we all go off to college next fall." At that point it was only a thought. Little did we know that that thought

would become a reality. On June 18th a bus full of 60 youth and adults left Fargo for Minneapolis at 11 pm so we could be first in line at the airport for our 6:20 departure for Chicago. After a small delay because the plane was overweight we departed from Chicago and flew to Montego Bay, Jamaica! After arriving in Jamaica, we had to go through customs which was kind of scary but we were in groups of two so we didn't have to go through alone. As we stepped outside of the airport we immediately felt the extreme heat. Many of us, including me, were in long pants from traveling and that was not fun standing and waiting for the vans to pick us up. We piled into vans and took off for our YWAM (Youth With A Mission) site that we were staying. When we arrived, our expectations were greatly exceeded because of where we were staying. We were expecting little huts but our rooms were actually quite nice. It was four to a room and every room had a bathroom which once again, exceeded our expectations. They told us that when they bought this site they paid 200,000 US dollars but it is currently worth over 5 million dollars and we could understand why with the size of the site and the incredible view of the bay. In certain ways it kind of felt like we were at a resort! That first night we had dinner of chicken, rice, and fruit, had devotions, and then free time where a group of us went swimming in the pool! Then it was lights out where you laid on top of your sheets because it was so hot and fell asleep listening to the music from the clubs down the mountain and all the bugs, lizards, and

frogs outside your room or even the lizard that snuck under your door and is crawling on your ceiling.

The next day the work started. We were split into four different groups and would visit a different work site each day. My group went to the J'Bode site which was about an hour and a half away so we got to see different parts of Jamaica while we drove there. They drive on the other side of the road and drive really fast. It feels like you are on a rollercoaster. When we arrived we started the building of a house for a mother and her two children. Our work consisted of moving sand to create the foundation, carrying cement buckets to fill in the cinderblocks, painting the siding, and putting up the frames of the walls. We had to stop multiple times for water breaks because of the heat. Even though we didn't get to see the finished house because we were the first group, this was probably my favorite site we worked at. Our day at J'Bode ended with it downpouring.

My group stayed at YWAM and worked there the second day. Half of us painted the dorms and the other half did other work. I was in the group that did not paint so we started the day by weeding the gardens around the pool all morning! There was a family from Australia staying at YWAM during the summer so the three boys, Matt, Pat, and Jack helped us out. It so fun to talk to them and listen to their Australian accents. We got to use machetes to cut down some of the weeds! That was a crazy experience. The afternoon we carried large branches down the hill to the burn pile then we would walk back up and then carry more down. Another job I had was to move rocks and as I and a girl named Aubrey were moving rocks we saw a HUGE red millipede and we screamed. Alex, a friend of mine in the group, came over and started attacking it with a pickaxe. Alex saved the day! We ended the day with some more weeding before it started to rain again. Since we got done early we decided to swim until the other groups got back.

The third day my group went to West Haven which is a home for adults and children who have disabilities. In Jamaican culture the normal thing is for the parents to take care of the children knowing the children will then take care of the parents when they are older. Since a child with disabilities will not be able to take care of their parents, they are abandoned. West Haven is home to many abandoned children and adults. We spent the day with them. We fed them, danced with them, played with them, and just really got to know them. Each one of them had their own amazing personality. They definitely stole our hearts. We also got the chance to help paint their school. Leaving West Haven was hard because of what we experienced. The people there had so little but they had so much joy despite of that.

Our last work day my group finished painting a local church. We painted the ceilings and doors and scrubbed the stairs. Even though we were the last group there was still so much to do. A young boy from the church named Robert came by and helped us. That was a common thing to happen to us while we worked. Neighbors would come and work with us. A lot of time when people go on mission trips they do all the work, which is fine because that is what they came to do, but it

was amazing to see God's love in the Jamaican people when they wanted to work along with us.

On this trip we all put in a lot of hard work but there was also time for fun. The night of our first work day we all went out to dinner and were treated to jerk chicken or fish. For those brave enough, they had the chance to join the eyeball club. I had the fish and I joined the eyeball club by eating my fish's eyeball! It was disgusting. After dinner we went out on a boat in the dark where we got to jump off and swim in bioluminescent water! It was so cool. You would be still and you wouldn't be able to see anything then you would start swimming and the water would glow. Another day we went on a catamaran ride where we got to go snorkeling in the bay. We were all having a blast until we all felt tiny little zaps. We heard yelling from the boat to swim in because those zaps were actually jellyfish stings. Okay it was actually jellyfish larvae stings, but they hurt because they were all over us! Our final fun activity was going to Dunns River Falls, which are waterfalls 180 feet high and are terraced like giant natural stairs with several small lagoons between terraces that as you climbed up they would give you a nice break. There we also could swim in the Caribbean Sea or just lay on the beach. We left there by going through a craft market where you could barter for items. I am very bad at bartering and probably overpaid for everything I bought. After that we went to a restaurant for jerk chicken, rice, and beans.

I have mentioned before about having chicken for dinner. We would also eat chicken for breakfast and lunch sometimes. Almost everything I ate was super delicious.

Breakfast was different every day. Some things we ate for breakfast were pancakes, oatmeal cake, banana porridge, chicken, and hot dogs with



veggies in a sweet and sour sauce (that was one I did not like). With breakfast, we always had fresh fruit! For lunch we would take with a PB&J we would make before breakfast, a bag of chips, an apple, a bag of cereal and whatever other snacks you brought with to the work site. I surprisingly did not get sick of PB&J and looked forward to eating it after the hard work we did during the morning. At J'Bode and the church we painted we were brought chicken, rice, and beans for lunch as well. At the church we were given fried chicken and it tasted like KFC, which we learned the people in Jamaica love. Dinners were different as well like spaghetti and beef stew and of course chicken. With dinner and always had salad. We did not go hungry that week because the staff at YWAM would make us so much food. We also got late night snacks from the store at YWAM where they had

candy and chips and amazing ice cream. They also had different sodas, my favorite being a soda called Ting. It is a grapefruit soda and it is so delicious and refreshing, especially when it is hot out.

There was always time to reflect about our days because the things we witnessed and experienced needed to be discussed. So every night we would all get together in a tiny prayer room and sing some worship songs and one of the leaders would speak and give a devotion. We would then split up into devotion groups where we would talk about what the speakers said and about our days. It was always so nice just to be able to open up and hear about others' experiences. The last night for devotions we read the story from John chapter 13 where Jesus washes his disciples' feet. That is my favorite story in the Bible because it teaches us to act with humility as Jesus did when He took the place of a servant and got down on His knees to wash the feet. Our devotion leaders washed our feet and prayed over us and it was so emotional. There was not a dry eye on the deck where we were washing feet. That last night you just thought about the whole trip and all you had experienced. I thought about one of the songs we sang so frequently. It is called "New Wine". I encourage you to look up this song because it is beautiful. Part of it goes, "So I yield to you and to Your careful hand. When I trust you, I don't need to understand, so make me your vessel. Make me your offering. Make me whatever you want me to be. I came here with nothing, but all you have given me. Jesus bring new wine out of me." One night this song was explained to us. From Matthew chapter 9 verse 17 it says, "Neither is new wine put into old wineskins. If it is, the skins burst and the wine is spilled and the skins are destroyed. But new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved" We all came into Mission Jamaica with wine skins on. After serving and meeting the people of Jamaica, we were all changed. We put on new wine skins because we became new people from the Holy Spirit working through us and through seeing God's love throughout all of Jamaica. We didn't want to return to Fargo in our old wineskins but with our new wineskins on wanting to continue the work we did in Jamaica.

We also got to attend church in Jamaica. Half of us went to a church near West Haven and took some of the residents up the hill to attend the service. The other half attended the church we painted. I went to the church that we painted and it was a very cool experience. There was so much joy in that church when we walked in. Everyone was singing and praising the Lord. It was very different than Immanuel but I am very glad we had the opportunity to attend and see how they worship in Jamaica.

There was not a single thing that I disliked about this trip or wished had gone differently. Okay, the bus ride to and from Minneapolis was pretty awful but everything else was absolutely amazing. My eyes were opened this trip by seeing what it is like to live with so little but to have so much joy. Flying home my heart was just filled with love for the people of Jamaica and still is today. I am so thankful to have gone on this mission trip and look forward to go on other mission trips in the future. Once again, thank you so much Immanuel for the prayers and support you gave me.

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