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Meet & Greet Your Elder Event

There were three opportunities, and now there is one remaining! Elders have invited members to attend one of three Sunday evening **social gatherings**. Sunday, November 4th, from **5:30 until about 7 pm** is the last time this year to meet an elder, to meet others in the church, and to share pizza and ice cream, too! All you need to do is let us know you plan to attend by:

- 1) Signing the list in the Sign-Up Center; or
- 2) Contacting Chairman Paul Mayland (701-238-0826) no later than **2 pm** on the 4th.

Date	Care Groups	Elder
Oct. 14	Aas-Bri Dra-Gor Gro-Jen	Steve Asche, Clint Lowe, Erick Esping
Oct. 21	Bro-Dow Mil-Phe Sco-Swe	Jeremy Rolf, Ray Albrecht, Vas Soori
Nov. 4	Joh-Lar Lea-Mic Pip-Sch Teg-Zot	Peter Woyen, Russ Bubach, Dean Sonnenberg, James Zinke

God's richest blessings to you, *The Board of Elders*

Special Sunday morning Bible class ends Nov. 18th

"Stewardship Basics" endeavors to do begin at the proper place. It starts with the Creator, not the steward, to show that stewardship is a journey that begins with identity. The desired result is faithfulness.

This Bible class is presented here to help our Immanuel congregation find the correct starting point for a renewed discussion of who God has created and redeemed His stewards to be for Him. Hopefully, those attending this 8-week study will find that it can be very helpful in starting a discussion of **whole-life stewardship** that seeks to promote faithfulness. To God be the glory!

November 4th is the first day of Standard Time. Change your clocks!



Service of Remembrance – Sun, Nov. 4, 2pm, Student Room: All members and their families who have lost a loved one this year, as well as other members, are invited to this service.

Pastor Schulz will lead a time for sharing memories and a brief service as we remember our family members. Our Lord's promises of eternal life with Him bring us comfort as we mourn and find comfort with the Immanuel family. Refreshments will be served.



SERVICE OF
Remembrance

Immanuel's Week at the Emergency Food

Pantry – Nov. 5-9: Immanuel will provide workers to fill orders for the Food Pantry. This year they are asking for three volunteers for the morning shift (9:30 – noon) and three volunteers in the afternoon (1:00 – 4:00). There is a sign-up sheet in the church's Sign-Up Center. Please consider giving a few hours to help those less fortunate in our community thank you for your help!



Christmas Giving Tree: Immanuel will again participate in the First Link Giving Tree to provide gifts for underprivileged community members (infant through adult). Watch for gift tags to be available in November in the Welcome Hall. The gifts will need to be returned no later than 12 noon on **Dec. 16th**. Thank you for helping to make a brighter Christmas for many people! Detailed information, including gift ideas, will be available when gift tags are picked up.

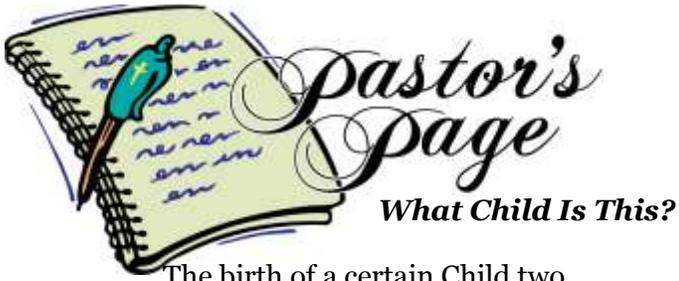


**Same Service,
Different Days:**
Wed, Nov 21st at 7 pm
Thu, Nov 22nd at 10 am

After the Thanksgiving Day Service, if you don't have anywhere else to be, consider enjoying a **FREE Thanksgiving meal**, prepared & served by Tim Tegtmeier & family.

*Any and all are
welcome to:*





The birth of a certain Child two thousand years ago in Bethlehem prompted a poet in the nineteenth century to ask a very uncommon question in a hymn: "What Child Is This?" It was an uncommon question because it asked about the birth of a very uncommon Child.

You see, it was the fulfillment of a promise. The angel, Gabriel, announced to a virgin named Mary that she would bear the Son of the Most High and name Him Jesus. With that annunciation from God, Mary became pregnant with this Child. The mere presence of this Child in Mary's womb made John leap for joy in the womb of his aged mother, Elizabeth. And when this Child was finally born, a multitude of angels joyfully sang of His birth to shepherds watching their flock by night. This was no ordinary child.

What Child is This? The angel answers the question this way in the presence of the shepherds: "A Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). The hymn-writer answers it this way: "This, this is Christ the king." They want to leave us with no doubt regarding the identity of this child.



The theme of our midweek Advent services this year is "What Child is This?" Daily Advent devotion books and artistically designed children's books with the same theme will be made available to all of our

families at Immanuel. Day by day, our Advent devotions will reflect on the Scriptures and the beloved hymn, What Child is This, to proclaim the story of the little child who is also fully God, who took on human flesh and blood so that "nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you." This is the Lord God wrapped up in human flesh, our Savior – the joyous answer to the question: "What Child is This?"

It is my hope that this Advent and Christmas series will once again focus our eyes on the unmatched blessing of our Lord's incarnation. Reflecting on the hymn "What Child is This?" will help us make

Scriptural connections that we might not otherwise make. In fact, the whole series of daily devotions and weekly Advent services will give us a greater appreciation for the full range of blessings that are ours through faith in the Christ Child who is God from before the foundations of the world, and who was born of the Virgin Mary.

Midweek of Advent 1, December 5th – "The Child Who Is Zechariah's Hope"

Midweek of Advent 2, December 12th – "The Child Who Is a Virgin's Great Son"

Midweek of Advent 3, December 19th – "The Child Who Is John's Joy"

Christmas Eve, December 24th – "The Child Who Is the Lord"

With penitent and hope-filled hearts, we join to sing together:



"Haste, haste to bring Him laud,"
"Hail, hail the Word made flesh,"
and "Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!"

God's richest blessings to all of you, as we prepare for Advent!!

Pastor Schultz

The **Board of Stewardship** will be placing your new envelopes in the Welcome Hall beginning in mid-November for you to pick up. ENVELOPE

Offering Envelopes



NUMBERS WILL STAY THE SAME FOR NEARLY EVERYONE THIS COMING YEAR. Please remember to WAIT until 2019 to use the new envelopes. There are special gift

envelopes in the pew racks. Use these when giving a special offering or memorial.

Stewardship also reminds you that **Promise Cards** for 2019 will be arriving in the mail soon. Complete the card in time for the Procession of the Promises on Sunday, November 18th.

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Are you searching for ways to pass on your spiritual values of service and care for others to your children?
Have you looked for opportunities to be involved as a family in the work of missions for the church?

Well, we have what you've been looking for!

Our own **Lutheran Student Fellowship** is inviting the members of Immanuel to participate with them in an exciting mission opportunity! **Mercy Meals of North Dakota** is planning a packing event at Immanuel on Saturday, **November 10th from 1 pm to 4 pm.** Mercy Meals will provide the supplies and the training in order to mix, weigh, seal, and pack nutritious meals to be used for humanitarian aid for the children of Liberia, Africa. Volunteers will be able to participate in a "hand-on" way in sharing Christ's love with fellow Christians through food and acts of encouragement.

Our goal is to pack **5,000** meals. Therefore, we **NEED YOU** to help us in this exciting endeavor. Bring the whole family! Come for an hour or come for the whole afternoon. Please sign up at the Sign-Up Center near the elevator. The cost for packing a meal is 15 cents per meal, so that makes our goal roughly **\$750.** Please consider giving generously of your time and efforts in making this mission event a reality. (Checks payable to "Mercy Meals of ND" can be placed in the offering plate).

For more information, please contact Pastor Schulz!



Children's Christmas Service

The **Children's Christmas Service** will be held on **December 16th at 3:00 pm.** The Practices are **December 2nd and 9th from 1-3 pm.** Opportunities for musical

children to play for prelude are also available. Families, please respond to the request regarding student participation, so our director, beloved Ryan Avery, can plan accordingly.

There is a **potluck dinner** for the congregation and guests on Sunday, **November 18th at 12noon,** followed by a **voters meeting.**



Red River Lutheran School Association

Grace Lutheran School

Monthly Newsletter - November 2018

Theme for 2018-19

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 light (Jesus in us) to everyone around.



Welcome Wednesdays!

Each week we open "our house" for prospective families & students. 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. If you are stopping in, give us a call and we will meet you. (701) 232-7747

Jog-A-Thon Update!

This year's Jog-A-Thon was held on Friday, September 14th for grades 1-7. Our awesome students raised \$1,247.00 for our Phy. Ed. Department and referee fees for this year. Our 6th and 7th graders ran the most laps (442) and earned a pizza party! Our 2nd & 3rd graders earned the most money (\$734.00) and will go to Courts Plus for a special recreation break. Way to go Lions!

Annual Spaghetti Dinner

The 2018 Spaghetti Dinner was another success, thanks to everyone who attended, donated, and worked. A final total will be reported next month after expenses are taken out. We served 408 people and had many great comments about our shorter time and bread sticks. If you have any ideas for next year, please contact Ruth Wirtz (701-371-8156) or John Hagge (701-232-7747). Thank you!

State Science Testing

The 4th graders will be taking their state science tests on October 29th and 30th.

Special Veterans Day Chapel Service Nov. 7

we will sponsor a special Veterans Day service at 8:40 am, with service men speaking and a Color Guard highlighting the morning. We are inviting all veterans to attend the chapel, and if possible, to wear your uniform. We are proud of our country and the men and women who fought for our freedom and gave us this wonderful country to in which to live.

VIP Day and Chapel Nov. 14

We encourage *all parents and grandparents* to join us for breakfast that day with our students, starting at 7:30 am. Please feel free to stay for chapel at 8:40 am with Pastor Chris Waldvogel from Beautiful Savior!

GLS at Beautiful Savior – Nov. 18th

Faculty and students will visit Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church on Sunday, Nov. 18th to share information about the school and highlight our ministry to the families of our Association.

Grace Auction Committee gets underway!

The Grace Auction Committee is beginning its work for the upcoming auction in 2019. Are you interested in helping us by procuring donations, decorations, working on special class projects, or finding those special items that will highlight our evening and promote our school? The Auction Committee would love to hear your ideas. Please contact Dinah Sommerfeld at 701-212-0072 or call the school office for more information. The committee will be meeting on Monday, November 5th at 6:00 pm. Please plan to attend!

Supporting Grace Lutheran School

Support of Grace Lutheran School can be done in many ways. As a “not for profit” organization, we will always need the financial backing of our association churches and generous donations from our alumni. We sponsor many fundraisers to strengthen our budget (Spaghetti dinner, Giving Hearts and the Auction); and through the year these become a way for us to minister to children and families. You can also support our ministry through your Thrivent Choice Dollars by contacting Thrivent and tell them you want your Choice Dollars to go to GLS. Also, year-end gifts can also be a great way to minister to families and give you a tax break. You are also able to support the school by investing in an LCEF account, which strengthens your church and also communicates to LCEF that they can invest in the future of GLS, knowing that the association churches are supporting the school’s ministry.

We are excited and honored to teach 67 children this fall and look for many ways to reach out to more children and to share the love of God with all. Please invite families with school age children to visit. Your congregation is a vital part of the future of Grace Lutheran School. As we look to the future,

our goal is to develop our curriculum and technology equipment, work on deferred building maintenance projects, strengthen our teachers and staff salaries as well as looking into the possibility of adding early childhood classes for 3-year-olds. Give us a call and set up a Care Visit or help us with our goals - today!

Volunteers are always needed! Would you like to volunteer in our school? We continue to need helpers all through the week. Volunteer duties include assisting students in completing their work, helping teachers with tasks and breaks, 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 Hage, Principal at (701) 232-7747 or email jhage@gracels.com for further information.

November Events at Grace Lutheran School

- 11/5 Auction Committee meeting – 6pm
- 11/6 Parent Teacher’s conferences 4-8pm
- 11/7 Veterans Day Chapel – Rev. Hartwig
- 11/8 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-8pm
- 11/9 NO SCHOOL
- 11/13 Board of Education @ Beautiful Savior 7pm
- 11/14 VIP day with Chapel – Rev Waldvogel
- 11/18 GLS at Beautiful Savior Sunday
- 11/21 Chapel with Rev Bonine (Shepherd’s Hill)
- 11/22-23 Thanksgiving Break

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Support our Lutheran School when you buy gas!

Earn a 3-cent gas rebate for GLS for every gallon of gas purchased at the Exxon/Red Carpet Carwash Station, located at 3441-13th Ave. S in Fargo & 950-13th Ave E in West Fargo. There are still several FREE cards available in the Immanuel office, on the secretary desk.



“Main Street Living North” TV Program November UPDATE

Hopefully the **expansion to the western half of North Dakota** went smoothly in your viewing area! You should be now receiving the broadcasts at **10:00 AM Central** (9:00 Mountain) on KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 Bismarck/Dickinson and KMCY Xtra Channel 14.3 Minot/Williston, WDAY Xtra Channel 6.3 Fargo-Moorhead and WDAZ Xtra Channel 8.3 Grand Forks. (Note: Some High Definition cable channel numbers may be

different in your area). All programming will also continue on the FOX stations at **9:00 AM Central** in the eastern half of ND and western Minnesota. Several pastors from our western region congregations will be recording on Nov 3rd for MSL worship services airing during January February.

Another change to watch for is that to reach the website for **archived programs**, you may soon need to go first to the MSL Network site at www.mainstreetliving.com and then click on "Fargo" or "North" to reach our North Dakota and Minnesota North broadcast area website. 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 archived programs at any time on line.

To help with the cost of expanding to the western half of North Dakota, the Main Street Living NETWORK has also announced that they will provide **matching funds up to \$16,000** for any new donations made. 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. Thank you and God's blessing in Christ!

Schedule:

"Main Street Living North" & This Is The Life" TV Programs for November 2018:

Nov 4th: Rev. William Moeller, Jr., Bethlehem Lutheran Churches of Baudette and Warroad, MN, presents the message: "The Blessed," based on Matthew 5:11-12. **"This Is The Life" program: "Cell of Hope."**

November 11th: Rev. Mark Chepulis, Our Savior Lutheran / Cavalier, ND, St. Paul Lutheran / St. Thomas, ND, and Redeemer Lutheran Church / Langdon, ND, presents the message: "The Sleep of Death," based on Matthew 9. **"This Is The Life" program: "Undertow."**

Nov 18th: Rev. Thomas Puffe, St. John's Lutheran /Thief River Falls, MN, and Zion Lutheran /Warren, MN, presents the message: "Hebrews 10:11-25," based on Hebrews 10:11-25. **"This Is**

Family Serving Group - November 2018

Co-Chairmen: Derek & Shara Diers (701-306-0412); Edward & Karen Woyen (701-740-8494)
 Derek & Shara Diers Ryan & Andrea Engebretson
 Brant & Jamie Jacobson Greg & Joanne Kaeding
 Tom & Bonnie Kuehn Chris & Lisa Olson
 Donn & Marsha Rau Millie Rebsom
 Jeremy & Katie Rolf Jeff & Nancy Sornsin
 Tiffaney Wiedeman Edward & Karen Woyen
 Peter & Laura Woyen

The Life" program: "The Healer."

Nov 25th: Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: "Be Ready for His Return," based on Mark 13:24-37. **"This Is The Life" program: "Flames of Hate."**

"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the ND and MNN Districts of our LCMS, along with the 30-minute **"This Is The Life" rebroadcast programs.**

Ken Koehler, MSLN Board President



We have ten (10) confirmands who become communicant members on October 28th.

We also released three individuals from membership in early October:

David Shanks, Helena Shanks, & Julie Podoll. Gary Lenzen transferred his membership to Owatonna, MN.

Also, praise God for uniting the couple **Ashlynn Schroeder and Alex Wendel** in marriage on October 27th.

THANK YOU for the many ways you have shown care to our family these past few years, and sympathy and in the death of Louise, Jim's mother. She felt the warmth and love shown to her at Immanuel these past 4½ years, too. We are truly blessed to be part of such a special caring Christian family! God's blessings to all.

Jim and Patty Walla and family



November 2018 Worship Assistants				
Nov 4	8:15 am	Vas Soori David B, Ella C Walla Team R/N Froberg	11 am	Dean Sonnenberg Dillan T McCoy Team T/M Evensen
Nov 11	8:15 am	Ray Albrecht Jana S Hass Team Myrna Larson	11 am	Ray Albrecht Ella J, Ben R Kosel Team P/J Moltzan
Nov 18	8:15 am	Erick Esping Lucas D, Eric D Stahlecker Team Sandi Gardner-Leikas	11 am	James Zinke Lauren D Hankel Team Rick Cote&Pam Coste
Nov 21-22	7pm	Montana Team	10 am	ZinkeTeam
Nov 25	8:15 am	Dean Sonnenberg Tyler H Mayland Team Evelyn Montgomery	11 am	Jeremy Rolf Isaac O, Sophia O Roesler Team Eva Olin



2Nov – Chris Good; Cheri Haarstick; Joel Maly
 3Nov – Len Hurajt
 4Nov – Amber Beam; Florence



THANK YOU to the many ladies who stepped up to assist on October 7th, LWML Sunday, as readers and ushers for both services, sharing the mission and goals of the LWML, and bringing and serving treats during coffee hour! Each one of you, and all our other members, is a vital part of our LWML! Our **MEMBER BOOKLETS for 2018-19** are being printed and readied for distribution! Please check for yours on the LWML table in the Welcome Hall.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events and plan to actively participate whenever possible:

- **Saturday, Nov. 3 @ 9:30 – Unit LWML Meeting.** We will be writing personal messages and addressing Christmas cards for our member college students and active military – please bring extra Christmas cards that you feel would be appropriate. We will also be attaching a printed Christmas message written in Spanish to ‘used’ Christmas cards (don’t need envelopes) to then be sent to the Ysleta Mission in Texas, where we have sent groups on mission trips in the past. Welcome Circle serves treats!
- **Saturday, Nov. 10 @ 9:00 – Eastern Zone Fall Rally @ St. John, Hillsboro** – theme “Misquoted – The Bible Says What?” led by Pastor Daniel Suelzle, campus pastor of Wittenburg Lutheran Chapel at UND. Ingathering items for the Hillsboro Food Pantry are listed on the flyer posted in the Welcome Hall and on the LWML table. A collection ‘tub’ for items you wish to donate will be located at the LWML table. * Anyone interested in attending the Rally can contact Patty Walla via cellphone if you would like to carpool: 701-526-6433.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 12 – LWML serves Advent Meal @ 5:00.** Your Circle Chairs will be contacting you for food items and workers.
- **Sunday, Dec. 16 @ 4:00 – LWML provides and serves cookies and bars, hot chocolate and coffee following the Sunday School Christmas Service.**
- **Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019 – Pie Day @ Rosewood on Broadway**

We pray for good weather and willing servants to join us in our care and service to others, and to ourselves, through hearing and studying God’s Word and sharing it with others in whatever way possible! Thanksgiving blessings to all!

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

Brownlee (93)
 5Nov – Deanna Mayland
 6Nov – Lisa Eggebraaten; Robin Kargel
 7Nov – Joseph Adama; Clarence Kunkel (2)
 8Nov – Geni Corwin; Emily Woyen (5)
 9Nov – Shannon Dettling; Alex Hintz
 10Nov – Dan Draeger; Ethan Hilden; Greg Kaeding; Dane Tollefson
 11Nov – O. Gladys Olson (96); Doris Sperial (94)
 12Nov – Donn Rau; J. David Viker (83)
 13Nov – Serenity Danielson; Alessandra Simmons
 15Nov – John Maurer Sr.
 16Nov – Anita Kittelson
 17Nov – Julie Bopp
 18Nov – Isaac Olson
 19Nov – Pam Beam; Hillary Hirsch
 21Nov – Todd Evensen
 22Nov – Andrew Thoreson; Beata Woyen
 23Nov – Rick Anderson; Alissa Heagle; Gracelynn Kirklewski; Jerry Luebke; Jeremy Nelson; Linda Olson; Jim Spangelo
 24Nov – Tiffany Wardlow
 25Nov – Richard Frohberg; Marilyn Hanson
 26Nov – Jean Krenz (68); Justin Loose; Stan Schroeder
 27Nov – Ellen Kruse
 28Nov – Ed Liberda
 29Nov – Hope Hotchkiss
 30Nov – Kerri Albrecht; Clay Cigelske; Megan Dahl



1Nov – Sara & Joe McNett (10th)
 4Nov – Dick & Marge Demro (67th)

10Nov – Darrell & Vi Aasland (62nd)
 11Nov – Nicole & Spencer Harris (18th)
 15Nov – Jim & Carol Thoreson (43rd)
 17Nov – Clay & Fern Cigelske (45th)
 18Nov – Steve & Cori Trautman (28th)
 21Nov – Rick & Nancy Freitag (43rd)
 27Nov – John & Lydia Trandem (8th)

Library Hi-Lights

Ardis will have an article about recommended winter reading next month.

Ardis Danielson, Librarian



From (date)	Honor/MEMORY
Ed/Karen Woyen	JOHN HEHR
Jack/Linda Olson (10-1)	BETTY THIEM
Sally Noble	BETTY THIEM
Mary Hallgren	LOUISE WALLA
Myrna Larson	LOUISE WALLA
Charles/Joan Miller	LOUISE WALLA
Pam Coste/Rick Cote	BETTY THIEM
Jack/Linda Olson (10-8)	LOUISE WALLA
Helen Humphrey	LOUISE WALLA
Bruce/Kay Leverson	LOUISE WALLA
Leona Leapaldt	LOUISE WALLA
Steve/Cindy Strege	LOUISE WALLA
Eva Olin	LOUISE WALLA
DeLores Koenig	LOUISE WALLA
Ed/Karen Woyen	LOUISE WALLA
Sandi Gardner-Leikas	LOUISE WALLA
Curt/Pam Sommer	LOUISE WALLA
Richard/Norma Frohberg	LOUISE WALLA
Robert Stahlecker	LOUISE WALLA
Evelyn Montgomery	LOUISE WALLA
Dan/Pearl Backstrom	BETTY THIEM
RM & Darlys Anderson	BETTY THIEM
Art/Pat Beckman	BETTY THIEM
Tom & Judy Baumgartner	BETTY THIEM
Dick/Marge Demro	BETTY THIEM
Evan/Carol Hass	BETTY THIEM
Marilyn Helgeson	BETTY THIEM
Virginia Lepage	BETTY THIEM
Barry/Betty Lura	BETTY THIEM
Paul/Deanna Mayland	BETTY THIEM
Ray/Angie Peda	BETTY THIEM
Laurie Rachow	BETTY THIEM
Shirley Schulz	BETTY THIEM
Jim/Patty Walla	BETTY THIEM
Donald Wee	BETTY THIEM
Ethel Buehl	BETTY THIEM
Daniel/Julie Lepper, Bonnie Lepper, Pat/Daryl Butler, Tami/Mark Hoffman (10-14)	BETTY THIEM
Terry/Dolly Meyer	DOLLY BREVIK
Clint/Pat Podoll	LOUISE WALLA
Don/Donnie Erstad	LOUISE WALLA
Gary Pedersen	LOUISE WALLA
Gary Pedersen	BETTY THIEM
Erby (Tony) Blades	MARY BLADES
Darrell/Vi Aasland	LOUISE WALLA
Marv Czichotzki (10-22)	BETTY THIEM; LOUISE WALLA
Laurie Rachow	LOUISE WALLA

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a Christian-based personal and family financial program. The 9-week course runs through Nov. 15th. The premise of FPU is to help people manage their income, eliminate their debt, and prepare them to fully invest for their future. Local leaders of the class, Ed Bean (701-261-9687) & James Zinke (701-799-8650), would be happy to answer questions.

Flower Calendar for 2019

is near the church's Sign-Up Center. You can help to beautify our worship services and honor a person or event in your life. See the nearby poster for more information.



Acts 4 Program: PARENT BIBLE STUDY/DISCUSSION GROUP

Parenting is a difficult calling, but full of blessings! The Acts 4 parent discussion group has just started a new Bible study entitled "Families Under God," and we'd love to have you join us. We meet in the Student Room on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm. Our purpose is to study God's promises, support each other--sharing our joys and struggles, and grow in the realization that under the umbrella of God's forgiving love, He blesses us and our children each and every day. Some upcoming topics are: Raising Godly Children in a Godless Society, Lead from Discontent to Gratitude, Parents Must Deal with Their Children's Sinfulness, Help Children Deal with Others in a God-Pleasing Way, and Presenting God to Your Children. Join us every week or whenever you can. We'd love to have you!

Susan Schulz, study leader

Coordinators of Acts4 Program: Todd & Melissa Evensen; tmevensen@gmx.com



Saturday, Feb 2, 2019, Immanuel Fargo will be hosting a **lay workshop** that will focus on elders in the church. It will not be for elders alone, but we are going to talk about care ministry with a congregation and that will impact elders a great deal.

Pastor Arnold comes to us from Doxology and he works with them in much of their care ministry. We think this will be an excellent & most helpful topic!



Alms Ministry: We continue to accept donations for the ongoing Alms ministry. You may use a pew envelope marked for Alms or place it in the Alms box next to the office. These funds are used for Immanuel members who have financial needs, as well as for needy people in our community. Thank you to all who support this ministry. Immanuel truly is a caring and loving family!

Immanuel's Sunday School needs **Substitute Teachers!** Commitment is light, as not many subs are needed each year; but we do have an occasional need. Please prayerfully consider adding your name to the list. Contact Melissa Gornowicz at mgornowicz@zbarch.com if you have any questions or are willing to volunteer.

My Faith Story, by Clarice Michel

An Ongoing Story in Immanuel's Outreach Ministry - 40 Years Later: Hoa's Story

This is a testimony of God's love demonstrated through Immanuel's outreach ministry beginning some 40 years ago. One day in mid-December, 2017, I received a phone call from Gary Reinke, a former Immanuel member now living in Arizona, that turned out to be a conference call that included Cuc Du in California. Cuc (pronounced "Coo") was the youngest member of a family of Vietnamese refugees that Immanuel sponsored in 1978. Immanuel sponsored three (3) families in the late seventies and early eighties. The Bin Du family came to Fargo in December of 1978. They were a large family that included a mother, father, four (4) girls, 1 son, and 3 nephews. I happened to be on the "Social Ministry Committee" (now called Human Care) at the time. Immanuel responded with such love. The church had rented a house in the Oak Grove area, donations arrived to fully furnish the house, clothes were given, the pantry filled, and money made available to help with the first few month's rent and groceries. Many members pitched in helping to drive them to and from ESL (English as a Second Language) classes. Some helped drive them to and from work. We found work for five members of the Du family within the first month and they became self-supporting within just 2-3 months. Among other things, Gary & Lorraine Reinke donated an older Nash Rambler station wagon. Bonnie & Dan Kittelson taught them how to drive. Laura Kay, a long-time member who has since passed away, was also on the committee and very involved with the family as well. (There were many more members who were very involved, but memory does not recall all of them after 40 years!) The Dus lived in Fargo

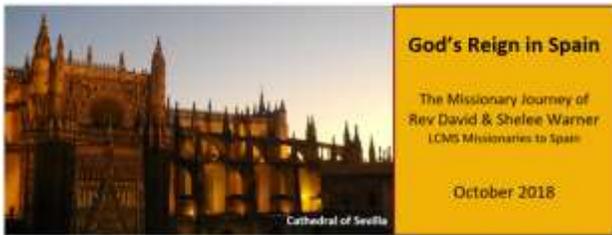
for 9 years and we got to know them quite well. We celebrated many great occasions with them: weddings, graduations, and becoming citizens among the happy events. But as the years went on, it became apparent that something wasn't quite going right for Hoa, (pronounced Waa) the happy-go-lucky son, who was 14 when he came. (More on this later.) Hoa, Lien, (who was about 12 when they came, had contracted polio in Vietnam – she was younger and was on crutches) and Cuc, who was 6 when they came, all attended elementary or junior high school. (Cuc attended Grace School, because an Immanuel member sponsored her). The rest of the family all worked.

In 1987, "father" Bin Du decided they would move to California, where they had some contacts. We kept in touch over the years and Cuc was quite close to the Reinke family. After moving to California, Hoa was diagnosed as paranoid schizophrenic. For a time, he lived in a facility that made sure he took his medication and he fared quite well. But in time, both of his parents appealed to the rest of the family to let Hoa live at home, since he was doing so well. For a time that worked; but, when Bin Du passed away 10 years ago, things did not go well. Hoa had been living in the house his parents called home until December 2017, when he found \$15,000 his father had stashed away in the house. He took the money and flew to Fargo where he walked the streets that had been familiar to him almost 30 years ago. Their house was gone (part of the Oak Grove flood control), Oak Grove school happened to be locked, (he had attended school there and had worked for part of his tuition), and Immanuel's doors were locked. In walking around, Hoa got cold and took shelter in someone's garage. The homeowner became frightened and called the police. They arrested him and he was charged with Criminal Trespass. Bear in mind, Hoa's English is hard to understand, although he is an extremely intelligent person, (he speaks 6 languages) and he can appear more than a little "unconventional" to say the least! So once incarcerated, he called home to California, and let the family know he was in jail. Enter now the phone call to me from Gary & Cuc. Since Cuc over the years has dealt with Hoa's many problems, she knew to contact the Public Defender. Cuc wanted to know if I could help Hoa. Before anything could be arranged, Hoa called me. He had bailed himself out with \$7,500 from the \$15,000 stash he had and was somewhat settled in a motel. More calls back & forth from California occurred. Out of the family, Lien, who is now in a wheelchair, was the only person available to fly to Fargo and deal with Hoa. Her child-sized wheelchair she uses, by the way, is the same one that Laura Kay bought for Lien nearly 40 years ago. Lien's story is one of

such courage and determination, the story can't help but touch you. After moving to California, she finished her college education in computer science that she started here at NDSU. She married and has been widowed, has a 12-year-old son, and works for the State of California on one of the campuses in Los Angeles. She learned to drive and gets around in a conversion van – even though she is paralyzed from the waist down! She spent 36 hours here in Fargo, getting Hoa settled (and securing the remainder of the money as she said, “He has no sense about money and spends it all.” Hoa had a preliminary court hearing in mid-January that he had to be here for. I went to court with him and his next hearing was slated for mid-March, but the judge said he could go back to California until that time. Hoa took the bus home to family the next day.

To say this story has more twists and turns than you can possibly imagine simply understates it. I've only given you the highlights!

Stay tuned to an upcoming issue of the newsletter for the next installment of this saga.



Yes! We are thankful for *your* faith, for *your* love for others—like your brothers and sisters in Christ as well as for those with whom we share the saving Gospel message, and we thank God for you in our prayers. You have responded to God's call to share His love with others, especially in Spain, by supporting His work with your prayers and your financial gifts.

May God continue to bless you abundantly with his grace and mercy, as you are blessing all of us!

Thank You! from Camila

Camila, from Finland, was raised in the Lutheran church. She married a Spaniard, Javier, and moved to Sevilla 17 years ago. As there was no Lutheran church, no local congregation where she could receive God's gifts, she cherished her summer visits home when she could attend worship services.

In the fall of 2017, she used Google and found the IELE website and contacted David. After study with David and Pastor Juan, she was admitted into membership! She often expresses her thankfulness to us for having this new church family in Spain, and sent us the following note and photo this past summer while she was in Finland on vacation:

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
9-30-2018			
	BUDGET	2018	2017
* RECEIPTS *			
REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$539,000.00	\$366,453.20	\$402,204.02
PLATE OFFERINGS	\$12,000.00	\$8,718.50	\$7,353.56
SPEC. SERVICES & MISC.	\$25,700.00	\$12,245.50	\$12,986.20
ASSETS RELEASED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$576,700.00	\$387,417.20	\$422,543.78
* EXPENSES *			
MISSIONS	\$117,200.00	\$77,366.99	\$84,354.30
ELDERS	\$28,610.00	\$19,855.59	\$21,020.86
EVANGELISM	\$4,350.00	\$2,707.10	\$621.39
STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE	\$2,700.00	\$1,804.45	\$1,432.46
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$60,300.00	\$32,220.73	\$40,441.51
TRUSTEES	\$54,200.00	\$53,243.21	\$47,671.69
ADMINISTRATION	\$265,690.00	\$192,813.34	\$190,998.88
HUMAN CARE	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
CAMPUS MINISTRY	\$63,280.00	\$49,105.53	\$45,858.35
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$598,580.00	\$429,116.94	\$433,399.44
HOME PURPOSES PLUS (MINUS)	(\$21,880.00)	(\$41,699.74)	(\$10,855.66)
YEAR-TO-DATE REC'D			
BOTW-BLDG. MAINT. FUND		\$9,817.00	\$8,491.00
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS		\$5,818.00	\$7,148.00

“If you look at the picture, at the foot of the belfry there is something that looks like an image of a saint (“What an ugly saint!” exclaimed my mother-in-law when she saw him). In fact, it is a piggy bank in the form of a poor man, to give alms to the poor. There is a similar one in many of



the old churches around here. Above the man, you see the text “Think of me when you are doing well”. I often think with gratitude of all the unknown people in different parishes in the United States, who with their donations have made it possible for me to have a church in Sevilla. When we name them (the supporters) and give thanks on Sunday, I feel like the poor man - smiling and grateful - for my church!”

Pastor David and Shelee Warner #yourmissionariesinSpain

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