



...or you will be very early for church on Sunday, **Nov. 7th**, as that is when Daylight Saving Time ends!

Remember Veterans in your prayers on Thursday, Nov. 11th. Church office will be closed that day.



Ministry Fair (Time & Talent)

The Board of Stewardship is extending an invitation to all boards, committees, and organizations who would like to welcome new members of the Immanuel family into your group. You would need to man a table at our Ministry Fair (Time & Talent) on **Sunday, November 14th at 9:15 am** and again at **12:15 pm**, for about a half-hour each time. Please contact Chuck



Miller (701-261-6485; cjmiller@far.midco.net) to ask questions or register your display.

All should plan to attend this event, so you may learn about opportunities to share your time and talents with the Immanuel family.

Promise Cards Mailing

Very soon, communicant members will be receiving a separate mailing of the Promise Cards for 2022. The Board of Stewardship is giving 'minuteman talks' about the *what, how, and why* of stewardship. Please help our church family attend to the business of running our congregation by prayerfully considering what faith-promise you and your family should make. You may bring your completed Promise Card to church on November 14th for the Procession of the Promises; or you may mail it to the church office in November.

Thanksgiving Services:

(Same Service, Different Days):

Wed, Nov 24th at 7 pm

Thu, Nov 25th at 10 am



Thanksgiving Service

After the Thanksgiving Day Service (11:30 am), if you wish to have a turkey meal *without having to cook*, consider enjoying a **FREE Thanksgiving meal**, prepared by Tim Tegtmeier & others **and served in the Celebration Center, or boxed** for you to eat at home. *Please RSVP the church office to reserve a place at the tables or the take-home boxes.*

New Devotion Books for Advent will be available soon in the Welcome Hall. These devotions run from Nov 28th through Epiphany on Jan 6, 2022.

Lutheran Hour Ministries is the source of these booklets, titled "Child of Promise." You



may also ask Louise in the office to email you the book, or you may choose to download the book (or other helpful resources) yourself at their website: <https://www.lhm.org/advent/>

from the Board for Human Care:

The **Service of Remembrance** will be held on **November 7th at 2pm** for all members and families who have lost loved ones. All members of Immanuel are invited to come for a time of sharing, devotion, fellowship, and refreshments.

Thank you for all the donations we received for our **Personal Care Drive** in October and everyone who volunteered at the Emergency Food Pantry October 25th-29th. We will be hosting another volunteer week in the spring. The food pantry accepts volunteers throughout the year. To sign-up



outside of our scheduled weeks, please contact the food pantry directly at (701) 237-9337

The FirstLink Giving Tree of Hope will not be running this year, either; therefore, we will be hosting **our own giving tree**, starting at the end of November. More information to come.

We continue to support our congregation through the **Alms Ministry**. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please contact a member of the board or one of our pastors. Support is always confidential.

The Board for Human Care: Taylor Baneck, Barbara Downs, Ashley McDonald, Pastor Schulz



Once upon a time, there was a little boy named Nathan. Nathan's parents were looking for a way to teach him about the Christian life of stewardship, and what it means to be a good manager of all that the Lord has given to us.

One day, Nathan's dad gave him three jars. One jar was labeled "Jesus", the second jar was labeled "college", and the third jar had "Nathan" written on it. Dad explained that each time Nathan received his allowance, he was to first put 10% in the Jesus jar. Then he was to put 20% in the college jar. The rest could go in the Nathan jar. Through this little process, Nathan learned about giving and saving and why it's so important to keep Jesus at the center of it all; but Nathan also saw how much of his allowance was left over for himself. But our Lord was also going to teach Nathan something about being a blessing in the lives of others. Here's how.

A few months passed, and one of Nathan's friends had a fire at his home. The house didn't burn down, but there was a lot of damage. Nathan was so concerned about this that when he heard that his church was collecting money to help out, Nathan went into his room and came out with a jar. Not the Jesus jar. Not the college jar. Nathan came out with his personal jar – the one with "Nathan" written on it. He gave the entire contents of his jar to the church's collection for his friend.

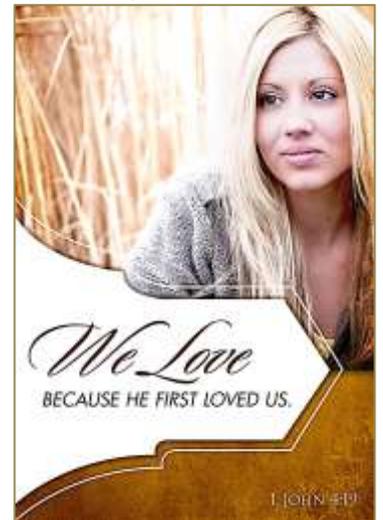
Now let me ask you this: Who was the most greatly blessed? Certainly, many were blessed through

Nathan's action – the church, his parents, his friend's family – but who was the most greatly blessed? The giver! Nathan – the one who gave the gift out of love was the most greatly blessed. That's the way it works, because God made us this way!

The world doesn't train us to act this way or to think this way, but God created us to be greatly blessed when we share – when we seek to be a blessing in the lives of others. We read in the Bible, time and time again, how the one who gives freely, freely receives. The giver receives blessings untold, uncounted, unfathomed. I don't know exactly how this works, but I do know from personal experience that it DOES work! Jesus says so.

Nathan didn't find his jar twice as full the next day – it was still empty. But Nathan found joy! He felt the true joy of giving, the joy of helping, the joy of responding, the joy of looking beyond himself, the joy of reaching out, the joy of being a blessing in the life of someone else. This joy is a gift from God that swells up in our

hearts and lives as we ponder the unselfish, undeserved gift that our Heavenly Father gave to us – His own Son, Jesus. "We love, because God first loved us." We give because we have been given to by God. That's the joy of it all! We have been richly blessed by God, so that we can be a rich blessing in the lives of those around us.



My friends, you can't buy joy. It comes as you give it away. I realize this makes very little sense from a worldly perspective, but it's true. Joy is too intangible to grasp, or pay for, or figure out. Joy comes when we forget ourselves and give ourselves to the Lord and His work. That's when joy really begins to appear! And it's a joy we have in Jesus that nobody can ever take away from us.

Serving you...with joy!

Pastor Schulz

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The Flower Calendar for 2022 is near the elevator and Sign-Up Center. Consider providing altar flowers to commemorate special events. You may sign up wherever there are blanks – first come, first served.

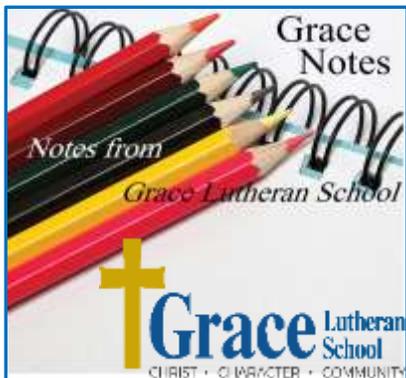
Poinsettia Order Forms are available in the office and the Sign-Up Center. **Deadline** to order the \$8 plants is **Sunday, Nov 21st**.

Envelopes for 2022 will be available soon. If you wish to no longer have physical envelopes, contact the office ASAP. If you expect envelopes and don't see them, contact the office ☺.

AVAILABLE: There is still a supply of mugs with our logo and mission statement – ready to go and a bargain at \$6 each. Get a Christmas gift for your favorite member or friend of Immanuel! Pay in the church office.



Dear friends, I want to thank all my dear friends for all the beautiful cards and greetings. I am blessed to be a part of Immanuel congregation and I thank you all for including me and keeping me in touch. Love, Jean Larson (age 99)



A Celebration of Grace is coming up fast! God's work at Grace Lutheran School is abundant and abounding. We are eager to celebrate all that God has provided.

Beginning this year and moving forward, A Celebration of Grace will raise funds for new curriculum. Curriculum is a foundational need for our students' academic success, and Grace Lutheran School has not updated curriculum in over 10 years. An entire K-8 curriculum can cost up to \$50,000, including textbooks, teacher's manuals and supplemental materials, consumable workbooks, and access to digital materials. The school has budgeted for curriculum this year, and we have secured \$14,000 in matching dollars, making this a very real, achievable goal to replace our mathematics curriculum.

There are several ways to take part in A Celebration of Grace, both in person and online. The in-person Immanuel Image, November 2021

Celebration is on **Friday, November 12th, at 5:30 pm** at the Sanctuary Events Center, and includes a social hour, dinner, program, and live auction. The **silent auction and cash donations** take place entirely online and are open to everyone, near and far! Register to bid, get tickets, or donate now at: gracelutheranschoolfargo.com. All tickets must be pre-purchased by Nov 7th.

Live and silent auction items will open for viewing at noon on Sunday, Nov 7th, and silent auction bidding begins at noon on Wed, Nov 10th, at 9 am and ends at 6:45 pm on Fri, Nov 12th. Live auction items will only be available for bidding at the in-person event.

However you choose to participate, we appreciate your commitment to making Grace Lutheran School a place where children can excel academically, grow spiritually, and serve faithfully.



"Main Street Living"
Media Ministry –
November Update

Thanksgiving! As it's been a while, a word of thanks to the pastors of our ND & MN North District LCMS congregations for taking the extra time and effort to have their worship services ready several months in advance, and for driving to our recording locations. Speaking of locations, in addition to Fargo, Grand Forks, and Bismarck/ Mandan, we have now added Minot into our yearly rotation of recording sites. Special thanks to St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Minot for hosting our most recent MSLN recording, which also included a wonderful choir recording made up members from area congregations!

"MSL North" Programs for November 2021:

Nov 7th: **Rev. Rick Jones**, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, presents the message **"Your All Saints' Day."** *"This Is The Life" episode: "The Deadly Pen" - A businessman struggles with the guilt of another man's death.*

Nov 14th: **Rev. Timothy Stout**, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Sawyer, ND, presents the message: **"Birth Pains,"** based on Mark 13:1-3. *"This Is The Life" episode: "Transition" - A young boy reacts to the reality of a divorce of his parents and the new reality he now faces.*

Nov 21st: **Rev. Daryl Rothchild**, Bethlehem/St. John, Newburg, ND, presents the message: **"God's Salvation has Gone Out!"** based on Isaiah 51:4-6. *"This Is The Life" episode: "Senior Citizen" - A man struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement.*

Nov 28th: Rev. Arie Bertsch, ND District President, presents the message **“Are You Good Enough?”** based on I Thessalonians 3:9-13. *“This Is The Life”* episode: **“The Gift”** - A daughter struggles with what to do with birthday gift money.

Please continue to share information about our LCMS “Main Street Living” media ministry with others. In addition to being broadcast each Sunday morning, you can view archived programs anytime at www.mainstreetliving.com – then click on the link under the picture identified as “North (Fargo).”

Thank you for 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 on the website. God’s blessings in Christ!

Ken Koehler, MSL North Volunteer Coordinator

To request prayers for the PRAYER CHAIN, contact one of the coordinators: Clarice Michel (Claricemichel39@gmail.com; 701-237-9759) or Sandi Gardner-Leikas (701-237-9661; srendrag@gmail.com). *Note: Prayer Chain items do NOT go on the Prayer Page of the Immanuel News unless directed to do so.*



Family Serving Groups

Ed Bean, FSG Coordinator, has announced The FSG for **November** is **Mea** (Menze through Podoll). Thank you for volunteering when you are called to serve coffee or to assist with potlucks.



November
BIRTHDAYS

2Nov – Cheri Haarstick; Joe Maly; Chris Good

3Nov – Len Hurajt; [Ben] Kunkel
4Nov – Florence Brownlee (96); Amber Beam; [Jeff] Wiedeman; Caleb Danner; Amelia Danner (1)
5Nov – Deanna Mayland; [Adam] Amundson
6Nov – Robin Kargel; Lisa Eggebraaten; Liam Collins (2)
7Nov – Dade Kunkel (5); Joseph Adama
8Nov – Geni Corwin; Emily Woyen (8); Skylar Decker (2)
9Nov – Shannon Dettling; Alex Hintz; Sydney Skaurud

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS			
9-30-2021			
	BUDGET	2021	2020
* RECEIPTS *			
REGULAR ENVELOPES	\$560,000.00	\$404,696.13	\$388,829.21
PLATE OFFERINGS	\$5,000.00	\$4,624.50	\$2,431.50
SPEC. SERVICES & MISC.	\$10,000.00	\$8,190.50	\$5,884.00
ASSETS RELEASED	\$55,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$630,000.00	\$417,511.13	\$397,144.71
* EXPENSES *			
MISSIONS	\$115,000.00	\$83,278.28	\$78,816.72
ELDERS	\$28,550.00	\$24,598.96	\$19,093.84
EVANGELISM	\$4,750.00	\$2,787.50	\$2,000.00
STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE	\$3,400.00	\$2,908.31	\$2,038.67
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$46,000.00	\$20,859.81	\$14,130.18
TRUSTEES	\$110,000.00	\$84,905.56	\$50,566.19
ADMINISTRATION	\$270,150.00	\$202,568.01	\$186,100.89
HUMAN CARE	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	(\$400.00)
CAMPUS MINISTRY	\$69,025.00	\$53,327.34	\$49,388.75
ENDOWMENT	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$649,125.00	\$475,233.77	\$401,735.24
HOME PURPOSES PLUS (MINUS)	(\$19,125.00)	(\$57,722.64)	(\$4,590.53)
YEAR-TO-DATE REC'D			
BOTW-BLDG. MAINT. FUND		\$10,103.43	\$13,229.27
THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS		\$7,381.00	\$9,378.00

10Nov – Martin Luther (“532”); Dan Draeger; Dane Tollefson; Ethan Hilden; Mila Zellers (6)

11Nov – Alex Bubach

12Nov – Donn Rau; Madden Briggs (3)

13Nov – Alessandra Simmons; Gary tougas

15Nov – John Maurer Sr; [Wayne] Casebeer

16Nov – Anita Kittelson

17Nov – Julie Bopp

19Nov – Pam Beam; Hillary Hirsch

21Nov – Wayne Oberg

22Nov – Brendan Bubach; Andrew Thoreson; Beata Woyen

23Nov – Linda Olson; Rick Anderson; Jerry Luebke; [Gracelynn] Kirklewski; Jim Spangelo; Alissa Heagle; Sheila Bakken

24Nov – Tiffany Wardlow

25Nov – Richard Frohberg (86); Marilyn Hanson (87)

26Nov – Stan Schroeder

28Nov – Ed Liberda

29Nov – [William] Pedersen (8); Hope Hotchkiss; [Ryan] Collins

30Nov – Clay Cigelske; Megan Dahl; Debra Nickel; Kerri Albrecht



1Nov – Sara & [Joe] McNett (13th)
9Nov – Len & Colleen Hurajt (53rd)
11Nov – Nicole & [Spencer] Harris (21st)
15Nov – Jim & Carol Thoreson (46th)
17Nov – Clay & Fern Cigelske (48th)
18Nov – Steve & Cori Trautman (31st)
21Nov – Rick & Nancy Freitag (46th)
27Nov – John & Lydia Trandem (11th)



Hopefully everyone has enjoyed the beautiful Fall colors as the trees have shown their glowing splendor before their winter rest to prepare for new growth in the spring. God has certainly blessed us in SO many ways – physical and spiritual! How can we not be on our knees in thanks and praise?! Immanuel's Sunday School students assisted our LWML on September 26th to fill 40 backpacks with school supplies for needy children in other parts of the world. After restocking a few of the supplies, we were able to fill 10 more. In Oct, **50 backpacks** were boxed and taken to the Orphan Grain Train warehouse in Jamestown, where they are shipped to other countries – possibly to Liberia, where there are many Christian schools; although, no set destination was known. Once the shipping stalemate ends, they will be sent. **THANK YOU SO MUCH to our Sunday School students for their great help!**

Our LWML Zone Fall Rally was held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church on Oct 2nd with 31 in attendance, including 5 from Immanuel. The theme was “Blessed...to be Stressed?”, focusing on the fact that God gave us Jesus to be our Stress Reliever. Patty Walla was installed as the new Zone President. Our LWML Officers and Circle Chairs were installed on Oct 3rd, LWML Sunday: Patty Walla, Deb Bubach, Joan Miller, Deanna Mayland, Bonnie Kittelson, Cindy Strege, Louise Tegtmeier, Susan Gemar. Members also helped with ushering, Scripture readings, and serving homemade goodies for coffee time after the 8:15 service. **THANK YOU** to all who helped in any way!

Upcoming Events – anyone is welcome to come and join us, to learn more about LWML and to help out in any way you'd like!

Sunday, Nov 14th – Ministry Fair. LWML will be having a booth/table, displaying information about LWML. We will need someone willing to be at the table for about 30 minutes after the 8:15 service, and someone else after the 11 o'clock service. Please let me know if you would like to help with this!

Saturday, Nov 20th @ 9:30 am – Unit LWML Meeting in the Celebration Center. We will be writing on Christmas cards for our college students, active military, and homebound. Please bring extra Christian Christmas cards you may have.

***Also**, if you have old, received Christmas cards (Christian), we are looking for those, that we might add a Christmas message in Spanish on the inside and send them to Ysleta Mission in Texas to be distributed to families across the border in Mexico. Bonnie Kittelson is working on this. Please save them again after this Christmas and give them to Bonnie for next year!

Wed, Dec 8th – LWML serves the Advent meal @ 5 pm. Circle Chairs will be in contact with you for bars/cookies (5 doz. per circle) as well as helpers for preparation, serving, and cleanup – could be 3 different groups. We do need helpers! Ingredients/supplies for chili, hot dogs, baked potatoes and toppings will be purchased by Deanna on behalf of our unit (through a grant from Thrivent). Preparation will be done at church. Your Circle Chairs will have the schedule for that.

How good it is to be meeting together again this year, enjoying the Christian fellowship and working together on projects! As we approach Thanksgiving, let us remember the many blessings we receive each day and take extra time to really **GIVE THANKS!**
*In Christ, **Patty Walla, LWML President***

My Faith Story

This means-of fellowship among our Immanuel family was instituted in March 2015. “**My Faith Story**” was a [mostly] monthly feature where someone from Immanuel used his/her creative writing abilities to **share their faith story** with the rest of the congregation. We haven't had an MFS article since April, 2019. Perhaps 2022 is the time to reinstate this feature. The story should be short, authentic, and personal. The story can be about a point where faith was tested, originated and/or strengthened, or an overview/ outline of

one's "faith-in-a-nutshell". Many members stated that they looked forward to these articles! If you are interested in participating in this project, contact the editor for future inclusion. *Your story can inspire others* – give it a try!

Practices for the Children's Christmas Service

will be **December 5th and 12th from 1-3 pm.**

Parents, please indicate to SS teachers whether or not your child(ren) will be participating in this special service, which will be held at **3 pm on Sunday, December 19th**. LWML will be serving treats to all upon completion of the Children's Christmas Service that day, too.



Henschtal,
Germany;
October
11, 2021

Dear
friends,

As some of you may already know, Emma and I arrived safely in Germany on October 7th. We are currently in our mandatory 5–10-day quarantine at the home of a member of Kaiserslautern Evangelical Lutheran Church (KELC) in Kaiserslautern ["K-Town"], Germany. Tomorrow is day 5, so we should be able to "test out" of our quarantine. We plan on running errands around town, including finding our own housing, getting our German cell phones and bank account in order, and so forth. Sunday, Oct 17th, I should be installed as pastor of KELC at 3 p.m. If you would like you can watch online, either on the KELC Facebook or YouTube page. The director of LCMS Eurasia, Rev. Krikava, and the vacancy pastor of KELC, Rev. Tiews, will be in attendance.



Other LCMS missionaries in the region and pastors from our partner churches in Germany and France have been invited as well. It certainly has been an exciting few months! April 27th was Call Day at the Fort Wayne seminary, where I received a call through the Office of International Mission to serve in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Five days later on May 1, Emma and I were married at St. John Lutheran Church in Amelith, near Bay City, Mich. Emma was serving as organist and music director there, and we enjoyed our first two months of married life in the parsonage. At the end of June, we moved into my grandmother's basement in St. Louis for new missionary orientation at the International Center. On July 25th, I was ordained at my home church, Peace Lutheran, in St. Louis. Over the rest of the summer, we made two trips west to present on our work, meet with supporters, and visit family and friends. In many ways it

was also our "Good-bye America tour." We presented at Mission Central in Mapleton, Iowa where God does so much to support LCMS missionaries. We then continued to the Kansas City area and presented at St. Paul's, Leavenworth, where dear friends from my vicarage at KELC, the Hester family, are now members. We also visited congregations in Colorado and Utah. Our final stop was Faith in St. Robert, Mo. Both St. Paul's, Leavenworth and Faith, St. Robert are major supporters of military operations in their areas. Some of our goals in traveling were to meet with military members, who may end up stationed in our area, and to foster ongoing relationships with military-friendly congregations in the U.S. We want our LCMS military members to know there is a confessional, liturgical, English-speaking congregation for them should they ever be stationed near Ramstein Air Base. We also want the members of KELC to be aware of congregations that could potentially become their new church homes when they move back to the States. A highlight of our first trip was having breakfast with Rev. Jim Hoke in Lincoln, Neb. He was pastor at KELC from 1989–2003 and filled us in on so much of the early history of the congregation. It just so happened that one of our supporters through Mission Central was sitting in the booth next to us. What a great "coincidence"!

On our second trip, we drove down through Texas and over to New Mexico and Arizona, where most of Emma's family hails from. Emma's immediate family drove down from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., and we enjoyed a week at Emma's grandmother's home near Tucson, Ariz. while also presenting at LCMS churches in the area. Next, we went on to northern Idaho to stay with LCMS Eurasia missionary Dr. John Bombaro and his family. We also visited with the Ashers in Hutchinson, Minn. Pastor Asher was my vicarage supervisor at KELC and served as pastor there from 2017–2020. It was on our second trip west that everything began coming together for our departure, despite continued concerns over coronavirus restrictions. By the time we arrived home in St. Louis, our tickets were purchased, and we had two weeks to tie up some loose ends and say our goodbyes. I also had the honor of preaching at my home parish. We made preparations to have some of our books and household goods shipped over. Thank you to all of our family, friends, and supporters for your love and generosity. So many of you housed us, fed us, and encouraged us in this time of major life transitions. We thank God for you! It was such a privilege to see so many LCMS congregations and meet so many faithful Christians who are interested in our work in the largest community of Americans outside of the United States—Kaiserslautern, Germany. Please continue to pray for us and the work God has given us to do in this place.

Please pray for a smooth transition into this new role in a new environment. Pray for the members of KELC—past, present, and future—that the Lord would work through them to bring others to God’s saving power in His Word and Sacraments. And finally, the Lord has also blessed us with a daughter! She is due to arrive on February 9th, so please keep both mother and daughter in your prayers, that they may safely come to the time of birth and that by water and the Word our daughter may be brought to new birth in Christ.

Jesus be with you,

Rev. Nathaniel Jensen

Pastor and Mrs. Nathaniel S. Jensen



The Jasephs are on the way to Uruguay...by way of IN, MO, MD, TN, NE, CO, and NM!

What a whirlwind the past months have been! This summer and fall it has been a joy to speak to folks from dozens of LCMS congregations, to share about God's work in Uruguay with hundreds of brothers and sisters in Christ. We thank God for His travel mercies during our thousands of miles travelled by car and plane and are excited to share with you in the coming months more about our journey as new missionaries on the way to Uruguay.

Pastor Phil received his first call in April, graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in May, we moved to Maryland in June and he was then ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry on June 20 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Annapolis, Maryland, where we are currently living with his parents and brother.

In July we began visiting LCMS churches and schools to present about the church planting and outreach efforts we will be a part of in Montevideo, Uruguay as a pastor and deaconess. Missionary orientation in St. Louis this time around was split into two sections, so we had the opportunity to visit several congregations on the way to and back east from Missouri during these trips. We are so thankful to the Lord for the support staff of the Office of International Mission who is an incredible support already in this pre-deployment phase of ministry.

Immanuel Image, November 2021

Prayer Requests

Thanksgiving for God's provision and protection this summer and fall as we travel

That the Holy Spirit would open hearts to hear the Gospel

For the church in Uruguay, her leaders, pastors, and members

For us as we travel and visit with mission partners

That the Lord would continue raising up Mission Senders

For the family of Phil's seminary classmate, Pastor Brian Homann, who went home to the Lord unexpectedly two weeks ago.

Want to get involved?

1. Pray! Updated prayer requests will be sent in each newsletter.
2. On Facebook? Join our group for more detailed updates. Search "The Jaseph Family: Serving the Lord in Uruguay".
3. Share this newsletter with others at your church by forwarding it, printing and posting it on a bulletin board, or putting it on your church Facebook page.
4. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Mission Sender by making a financial gift or pledge to send us to join the team in Uruguay as soon as possible. Any gift you make will directly support and send our family.

You may also send a check made out to "LCMS" with "Jaseph Mission Support" in the memo line to either: Mission Central, 40718 E 16, Mapleton, IA 51034; or The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861



November 2021 Worship Assistants				
Nov 7	8:15 am	Elder: Russell Bubach Acolyte: Wyatt S Usher Team: Semanko Greeter: P/J Moltzan Video: K Tegtmeier	11 am	E: Russell Bubach A: Louis C UT: Kosel G: C/P Podoll
Nov 14	8:15 am	E: Peter Woyen A: Hillary H UT: Rachow G: Danny Montana V: J Bumgarner	11 am	E: Peter Woyen A: Peter D UT: McCoy G: R Roesler
Nov 21	8:15 am	E: Steve Larson A: Bella S UT: Hass/Esping G: M/L Semanko V: K Tegtmeier	11 am	E: Steve Larson A: Shea T UT: Roesler G: W Redmann; S Dobmeier
Nov 24/25	7 pm	Thanksgiving Eve: V: J Bumgarner	10 am	Thanksgiving Day: G: L Tegtmeier
Nov 28	8:15	E: Erick Esping A: Gretchen K UT: Stahlecker G: M Larson V: K Tegtmeier	11 am	E: Erick Esping A: Louis C UT: Diers G: S/C Trautman

5. Ask us to send our 15-minute video overview of ministry for you to share with your pastor, church friends, or others who may want to learn more. We'd love to share it!

6. Share with others in your area about God's work in Uruguay and encourage them to reach out to us if interested. YOU are our greatest advocates and resources for networking with new groups, congregations, and individuals interested in the Uruguayan mission field!

7. Reach out to connect via Zoom with your church family. We'd love to share and get to know your church better too!



Editor's note: This is a reprint of a weekly email from DBGR, dated Oct. 19, 2021:

The Dollar Bill Lesson

Chaplain Rick Jones presided over chapel on the Fargo campus last week. Because we were talking about National Bullying Prevention Month, he talked to the kids about the pain of bullying.

And then he pulled a brand-new dollar bill out of his pocket. When he asked who wanted the dollar, of course, all the kids raised their hands. Then he crumpled it up, and everyone gasped.

“Do you still want it?” he asked. “Yes!” they all replied. Then he stomped on it. “Do you still want it?”

Chaplain Jones asked. “Yes!” Then he started ripping it into pieces. “Don’t do that!” “You’re ruining it!” “You are a bully!” “You can’t do that. It’s illegal!”

As he held out his hands with the ripped dollar bill, Rev. Jones asked, “Does anyone still want it?” Some of the kids weren’t so sure, while others still wanted the dollar. *One young woman said, “I want it! I’ll take good care of it!”*

As Chaplain Jones slowly taped the pieces of the dollar back together, he said, “Some of you have been bullied and abused. People have said or done mean things to you. None of that changes your value. Just like this dollar, you can be crumpled, dropped, stomped on, and torn, and your value and worth will not change. You are valuable to God regardless of what anyone else thinks, says, or does. Your worth and value come from God.”

Thank you for your prayers and support of Ranch kids. You understand that they are whole and worthy, despite all that has happened to them in their young lives. *Blessings,*

Tammy Noteboom, Vice President Communications, DBGR

Immanuel Image, November 2021

memorials & gifts	
From (date)	Honor/MEMORY
Jean Larson (6-28)	BARBARA LARSON
Virginia Lepage (7-6)	BARBARA LARSON
Richard/Norma Frohberg	BARBARA LARSON
Wayne/Elaine Hankel	EVELYN KIDDER
Vi Aasland (7-12)	TOM KUEHN
Bruce/Kay Leverson	BARBARA LARSON
Jack/Linda Olson (8-9)	ANGIE PEDA
Terry/Dolly Meyer	ANGIE PEDA
Laurie Rachow	ANGIE PEDA
Diane Reese	ANGIE PEDA
Steve/Janet Asche	ANGIE PEDA
Bob Stahlecker	ANGIE PEDA
Sandi Gardner-Leikas	ANGIE PEDA
Gunnar/Betty Eriksson	ANGIE PEDA
Curt/Pam Sommer	ANGIE PEDA
Curt/Connie Guderjahn	ANGIE PEDA
Jack Bumgarner (8-16)	parents
Curt/Pam Sommer	MARV CZICHOTZKI
Dave/Karlene Gilster	ANGIE PEDA
Sandi Gardner-Leikas	MARV CZICHOTZKI
Jim/Patty Walla	MARV CZICHOTZKI
Bob Stahlecker	MARV CZICHOTZKI
Vi Aasland	MARV CZICHOTZKI
Jack/Linda Olson	MARV CZICHOTZKI
Rhoda Viker	MARV CZICHOTZKI
Cindy Winters	MARV CZICHOTZKI
Ed/Karen Woyen	ANGIE PEDA
Mary Hallgren	ANGIE PEDA
Clarice Michel	ANGIE PEDA
Virginia Lepage	ANGIE PEDA
Clint/Pat Podoll	MARV CZICHOTZKI
Clint/Pat Podoll	ANGIE PEDA
Nyla Nolte (8-23)	ANGIE PEDA
Nyla Nolte	MARV CZICHOTZKI
Delores Berndt	MARV CZICHOTZKI
Lisa Patterson (10-4)	DARRELL AASLAND; ELAINE BAUER; DICK DEMRO; BOB GESKE; MEL JOHNSON; GREG KAEDING; LEONA LEAPALDT; JANET NICKEL; ANGIE PEDA; NORMA PHERSON; ELLIE RADTKE; DORIS SPERAL; DON/ GERTRUDE PATTERSON
Lisa Patterson	Kay Leverson; Marge Demro
Dave/Karlene Gilster (10-10)	ANGIE PEDA
Richard/Norma Frohberg	TOM KUEHN; MARVIN CZICHOTZKI

ND District LCMS Message in a Pew October 2021

Lutheran Braille Workers started in 1943 in response to a shortage of Braille Bibles for blind pastors in Germany. Mrs. Helene Loewe Koehler felt God calling her to first learn Braille and began the process of transcribing the Bible into German Braille, one dot at a time, moving backwards across the page. 75 years later, LBW is the world's largest non-profit producer of Braille, specialized large print, and audio Christian materials and has shipped over 14 million volumes and millions of other pamphlets, calendars, and materials, in almost 40 languages, to 164 countries. Millions of people have been reached with the Gospel message.



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Congregations' Status Redeemer, Lisbon: vacancy (Rev. Aaron Filippek). **Pres. Arie Bertsch**

Trinity, Adrian: vacancy (Rev. Tom Eckstein).
St. Peter, Belfield: vacancy (Rev. Anthony Ahrendt).
Redeemer, Grassy Butte: vacancy (Rev. Mike Wolters).
Our Savior, Bottineau, St. Paul, Rugby, Immanuel, Willow Creek: vacancy (Rev. Jon Bonine).
St. Martin, Anamoose, St. John, Kongsberg: vacancy (Rev. Tim Stout).

Pastors & DCE'S
Rev. Paul Nelson,
St. John, Kongsberg
and St. Martin, Anamoose, retired Oct. 3.

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT LCMS Financial Information September 2021

INCOME	
Congregational Mission Giving	\$46,981.12
Synodical Pledge (35%)	(16,443.39)
Other Gifts	931.05
Total left for District Missions, Expenses	\$31,468.78
EXPENSES:	
Local Missions and Committee Activities: (Includes Wittenberg Chapel, Life Skills & Transition Center, Deaf Ministry, Youth)	\$33,143.87
Congregational Support (Includes General Operations, District President, Business Manager, Board of Directors)	32,009.17
1-1-1 Mission Giving Current gifts given for these missions	(1,502.50)
International Missions	(4,911.72)
Christ's Care for Children - Kenya (\$10,000)	0.00
Chile Mission (\$25,000)	0.00
(These missions were voted on by the District Convention. They will be paid quarterly as funds are available)	
Net Expenses	\$58,738.22
NET OPERATING LOSS FOR SEPTEMBER	(\$27,270.04)
Past Funds Given used for Current Expenses	\$18,641.58
Year To Date NET INCOME	\$12,435.71

September giving was another month of below average giving. We did pay out student aid for the first semester which was offset by designated funds given in past months. The monthly bottom line is not good, but overall, we are still in the black and that is a reason to rejoice! Your September giving gets to our office in October so I am praying for a better month. In our digital age, online giving options make a lot of sense. If your congregation does not take part in an online giving program and would like to, please consider LCEF's Joyful Response which is provided at no cost to your congregation. Gifts from individuals and congregations designated for our international missions are sent on at the end of each fiscal quarter. Those amounts are not included in income or expense totals. YTD designated gifts for international missions as of September 30, 2021:

Christ's Care for Children - Kenya	\$8,525.00
Chile Partnership	\$6,395.00

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