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Backpack Blessing Sept. 7

**Rally Sunday & Roast Beef Dinner
Sept. 14**

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*"Let the
little children
come to me"*

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The **OUTREACH**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 7 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

10:15 a.m. . . .Sunday School Teacher Meeting

September 14 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

RALLY SUNDAY - TEACHER INSTALLATION

9:00 a.m.Worship

10:00 a.m. . . .Snacks for Sunday School Kids
(Fellowship Time @ Community Center)

10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

10:30 a.m. . . .Sunday School Parent Meeting

11:10 a.m.SS Closing Worship/Music

ROAST BEEF DINNER @ COMMUNITY CENTER
(11 A.M. - 1 P.M.)

September 21 - 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship

3-YEAR OLDS & 7TH GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation

September 28 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

10:15 a.m.Sunday School/Confirmation

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST TIMES

Our Sunday Worship is broadcast on Channel #8 every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

If you have a special request for a church service broadcast, please call 320.974.3388.

BACKPACK BLESSING

September 7

Students from Preschool and up are encouraged to bring in their backpacks/school bags during our 9 a.m. worship September 7 as we celebrate the beginning of another school year and pray for all those involved in the school system and education.

RALLY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

September 14

September 14 is Rally Sunday! Our 2014-2015 Sunday School teachers will be installed during worship, and our students begin the Sunday School year with Registration at 10:15 a.m. All Sunday School parents are asked to attend a meeting with Pastor Christa at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary that morning. Parents are also invited to stay for our closing music/worship following the meeting. Sunday School ends at 11:30 a.m.

We will not be having our usual coffee hour following worship because of the Roast Beef Dinner at the Community Center. **There will be snacks and juice downstairs for all our Sunday School kids.**

Rally Sunday isn't just about the kids returning to Sunday School...it is a time of celebration for the entire congregation. Please plan to join us for worship and fellowship Sunday, September 14, and lets RALLY TOGETHER to support our church, our youth, and each other!



BIBLES TO BE GIVEN

September 21

Immanuel's 3-year-olds and 7th graders will be receiving Bibles during worship Sunday, September 21. Kindergarteners and 3rd graders will receive Bibles later in the year.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and praise your Father in heaven." --- Matthew 5:13-16.

You are salt. You are light. These images are familiar to us, yet we often lose sight of their significance. Jesus tells us that this is part of our identity - it is who we are. Why would Jesus use images like salt and light. Today, these are two things that we often take for granted. Unless a meal lacks a little flavor or there is a power outage, we neglect to think about salt and light. Yet, salt and light are powerful images about not only who we are - but who we are called to be *for the sake of others*.

In Jesus' day, salt would have been an essential tool. In a world without refrigeration, it was vital for preserving meats and other foods. It also was a helpful healing agent. It added spice and flavor to food. And - ultimately salt triggered thirst.

In what ways do you need more spice in life? In what ways are you asking God to keep, sustain

and preserve you? What are you thirsting for in your life?



Light also was vital to daily life. It provided a way and a path in a world without electricity and light at every corner. Light from a fire was a source of heat for warmth, preparing foods, sterilizing water and other instruments, and so much more. Light broke through the darkness. Even today, it is so much more than a mere tool.

In what ways are you seeking God's warmth? In what ways is God bringing light into your darkness?

When we hear the "E" word, Evangelism, many of us think of people going door-to-door or TV evangelists. The thought of going door to door seems to be an "in your face," "intrusive" approach to evangelism. This is often our true fear and misconception about what evangelism is. However, the reality is --- we are all called to be evangelists --- to be salt and light in the world around us. We are called to be witnesses to the hope and love of Christ as we live out our faith in daily life. However, the exciting news is - you don't have to change and become something different. You get to share Jesus out of who you already are: your personality, your interests, activities you are already involved in, people that you are already in contact with.

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OCTOBER OUTREACH DEADLINE

October Outreach **articles are due** in the church office on **Sunday, September 14.**

We will be **folding** the October Outreach Wednesday, **September 24,** at 9:00 a.m. Helping hands are needed.

WELCA NEWS

Whoa! Summer is almost gone - now we need to be looking into fall: school-sports-meetings- hectic schedules.

Lakeland Conference has planned the Fall Gathering for Thursday, September 25 at



Peace Lutheran Church in New London. The theme is, "Of Many Generations." This will be an evening meeting which includes dinner. More information about registration, etc. is on the WELCA bulletin board.

Thank you to all that chipped in so we have our new coffee maker paid for. And, thanks to Lee Mickle for bringing new life to the coffee maker we thought was caput!

WELCA will have a short meeting September 21 to put a bit of thought into our schedule.

Kitchen cleaners for September and October is Serving Group 5. We are Immanuel - let's shine!

Thanks to all that have helped with all the funerals we have had over spring and summer.

*Sisters in Christ,
Linda Burns, WELCA President*

WOMEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY



The Women's Morning Bible Study meets at Peaceful Thymes at 9:00 a.m. Thursday mornings.



CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES

Choir practice will begin Sunday, September 21, at 10:30 a.m. We will practice for about 30 minutes in the Sanctuary.

We are looking for anyone who loves to sing! ALL voices are welcome.

THRESHING DAYS

September 6 & 7. Open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Adults \$5, Children 12 and under are free. Free parking. Food available on grounds. Tractor parade each day at 1 p.m. Sunday morning worship at 8 a.m.

REMEMBER:

Immanuel's Roast Beef Dinner is Sunday, September 14, from 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Atwater Community Center. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!

Farmer's Market During the Dinner

***** The Roast Beef Dinner is an All-Church Event (not WELCA). All families and ages, men and women, can volunteer to help!***

LWR SCHOOL KITS



Time to start thinking about back to school! Immanuel will be collecting items to make School Kits to donate to Lutheran World Relief. Our Sunday School students will be assembling the kits in September, but with many families beginning to purchase supplies now, we wanted to get the information out so many of you can purchase extra supplies while they are readily available and often times sale-priced.

Why school supplies? To the children who receive School Kits, these supplies mean the difference between getting an education or not. Public school is usually free, but in the places where LWR works, even a few required supplies, like pens and paper, may be more than many families can afford. And when parents can only afford to send one of their children to school, girls rarely get priority...yet the education level of mothers has the biggest impact on development.

Here are a few guidelines for donating:

- Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your congregation's name
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage

Detailed lists of needed supplies are available at church, or go to <http://lwr.org/getinvolved/schoolkits>. For anyone who enjoys sewing, there is a pattern available for the drawstring backpacks that are on the supply list.

This is a great service project for the whole family...we hope everyone at Immanuel will get involved! Our goal is to provide 50 kits, which is approximately the number of Sunday School children we have in grades K-6.

Here is the list of supplies needed for the kits:

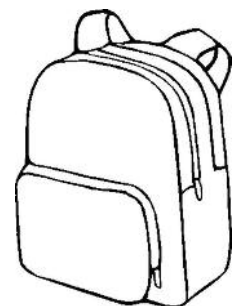
- Four 70-sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) of wide or college-ruled paper (no loose-leaf paper)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2-1/2" eraser
- \$2.50 to help cover the cost of the backpacks
(Immanuel will be purchasing the backpacks in bulk)



SPECIAL MILESTONE EVENT FOR STUDENTS!

“Blessing of the Backpacks”

Sunday, September 7 - 9:00 a.m. Worship
Students of all ages...bring your backpack/school bag to worship. Our Backpack Blessing is a special time for our congregation to encourage students with spiritual, emotional, and communal support as they begin the school year. Please join us!

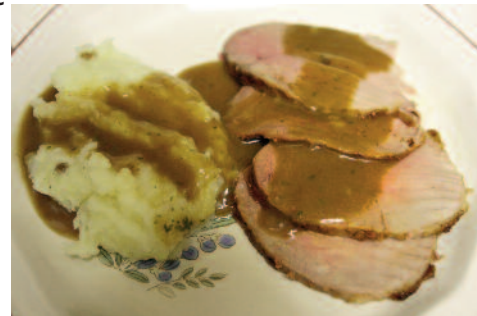


ROAST BEEF DINNER SEPTEMBER 14

Immanuel's 20th Annual Roast Beef Dinner will be Sunday, September 14, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Atwater Community Center. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and students 7th-12th grade and \$7.00 for students K-6th grade. Kids 5 and under eat free. There is a single family unit cap of \$40.00. Take-out trays will be available.

Proceeds from the Roast Beef Dinner support Immanuel's Christian Education programs.

There will be a Farmers Market during the dinner, so if you have any extra produce you are growing in your gardens, keep that in mind. Also, jellies, jams, etc. can be sold. Anyone wanting to help can contact Lee or Deb at 974-3320.



This is an all members event and all workers are welcome, including men and children. **Special Note for Confirmation Students:** *Helping with a shift at the Roast Beef Dinner is a great way for you to complete part of your service hour requirement!*

*Shifts Available:

Saturday, Sept. 14	9-11 a.m.	Peel Potatoes/Set-Up
Sunday, Sept. 14	9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Prep Work
Sunday, Sept. 14	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Serving
Sunday, Sept. 14	12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Clean-Up

We will be asking for either pies or pan desserts for the dessert table. If your family is not available to assist with any of the above, we are asking for a \$25.00 donation to help purchase the beef.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Lutheran Social Service is currently in need of foster parents in our area. There is a very high need for foster parents right now. Please contact Brooke Rustad, LSS Foster Care Coordinator, for more information. 320.235.5411.



5TH QUARTER EVENT

The ACGC Ministerial is hosting a 5th Quarter Event Friday, September 19, at the ACGC Jr./Sr. High School following the home football game. This event is for all 7th-12th graders and will feature music, games, ga-ga ball, a great speaker, and, of course, snacks!



9TH ANNUAL PORK LOIN DINNER

Wednesday, September 10, 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 610 Atlantic Ave W. in Kandiyohi, MN. Handicap Accessible and Air Conditioned!! Menu: Pork Loin, Real Potatoes, Homemade Gravy, Buttered Corn, Creamy Coleslaw, Finger Rolls, Homemade Dessert, Milk/Coffee. \$8.00 adults, \$4.00 ages 6-11, 5 years & under free. Take outs available.

The Fall Fun Festival...



is planned for **Monday, October 27, from 3-5 p.m.**

Please watch for more information and sign-up sheets to see how you can volunteer to help.

This is a great time of fun and fellowship for the whole community!



We continue to receive so many thank-yous and positive feedback from all those who have attended.

We will need: apple cider, cookies, hot dog buns, chips, pumpkins of all sizes, gourds, small straw or hay bales, etc. and, of course, WORKERS!

FOOD FOR KIDZ FOOD PACKAGING EVENT

The Food For Kidz food packaging event is right around the corner! The date for this year's event has been moved to an earlier date than previous years: **Wednesday, September 24.**



Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in the 2014 packaging which will be done at the Atwater Community Center from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday School children and youth groups have been essential to the success of this project, as well as adults of all ages.

It takes more than 300 volunteers to keep 10 to 12 tables going for 4 hours. Anyone from youth through senior citizens can find a spot to help out at a table. We were a little short on helping hands last year; still 52,920 units were filled with nutritious meals for hungry children both locally and worldwide. Our goal for 2014 is to package at least 60,000 units.

Please call David Johnson, event coordinator, with questions. 320-974-8525 (H) or 612-270-7506 (C).

Immanuel's Website is New & Improved!

Visit the church website to view The Outreach, Weekly Bulletins & The Monthly Calendar.

www.immanuelatwater.com
email: imman@frontiernet.net

Other Helpful Internet Links:
Prayer Ventures:

<http://archive.elca.org/prayerventures/>

Synod Update:

<http://www.swmnelca.org/html/Synod%20Update.html>

GLLM Retreats: www.gllm.org

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Just a reminder that the Outreach can be accessed through the church website www.immanuelatwater.com

This is a great option for any students heading back to college in the fall. Keep in touch with our Immanuel family during your school year.

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Christian Education

1x1 pastor Time

6th-12th graders, Pastor Christa wants to connect with you and take you for coffee, ice cream – or whatever. So call or text her at #320-535-0641.

10th grade Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday is Sunday, October 26, at 9 a.m. Our confirmation banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m. Photo time has not been scheduled yet.

10th graders will be having lunch with Pastor Christa at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, September 7, to discuss final Confirmation requirements and assignments.

backpack Blessing

Sunday, September 7, we will have a special "Backpack Blessing" during our 9 a.m. worship. All students are encouraged to bring in their backpacks/school bags that day as we celebrate the beginning of another school year and pray for God's guidance in our learning. Get your backpacks ready!

mission Trip

Wednesday, September 3, at 7 p.m., there will be a Mission Trip planning meeting for 8th-12th graders and parents. We will be discussing trip dates, location, and fundraising, among other things. Anyone considering going on the 2015 Mission Trip should attend.

bible Camp

Campers, as soon as your camp week is done, please submit a few sentences telling us about your camp experience, as well as a picture or two, if you have some. This is a great way to encourage new campers to explore Bible Camp opportunities.

bible camp Fundraisers

The "Book Sale" Bible Camp Fundraiser continues. Anyone who has gently used books that you are finished with (including children's books) is encouraged to donate books for our sale. **Cost: \$1/hardcover, \$.50/softcover.** Thanks for supporting our campers, and thanks to all those who have donated and purchased books. We plan to continue this fundraiser as long as we have books to sell, so please check out the selection of books regularly!

rally Sunday

Sunday, September 14, is Rally Sunday! Please plan to join us for 9 a.m. worship as we celebrate the beginning of another Sunday School year.

During worship, we will be installing our education staff. Following worship, kids can go to their classrooms for Sunday School, while parents register their kids at the registration table in the Narthex. At 10:30, all parents will be meeting with Pastor Christa in the sanctuary, and are also invited to participate in closing music/worship from 11:10-11:30.

Christian Education Ministry Team Members

Harold Eisenbacher (council rep) ♦ Jaylen Rossell (council rep)
Barb Everson ♦ Janelle Eisenbacher ♦ Nick Rossell ♦ Shane Hagstrom

christian education Calendar of Events

(watch for monthly updates!)

DATE	TIME - PLACE	EVENT
September 3	6 p.m./Immanuel	Confirmation Orientation for 7th-9th Grade Students & Parents
September 3	7 p.m./Immanuel	Mission Trip Meeting for 8th-12th Graders/Parents
September 6	10 a.m. - 4 p.m./Threshing Show	Confirmation Kids Serving Food at Lions Booth
September 7	10:15 a.m. - 4 p.m./Threshing Show	Confirmation Kids Serving Food at Lions Booth
September 7	10:15 a.m./Immanuel	Sunday School Teacher/Staff Meeting
September 7	11:30 a.m./Immanuel	10th Graders Meet w/Pastor Christa - Confirmation Planning
September 14	9 a.m./Immanuel	Rally Sunday/Teacher Installation
September 14	10:15 a.m./Immanuel	Sunday School/Confirmation Classes Begin
September 14	10:15 a.m./Immanuel Narthex	Sunday School Registration
September 14	10:30 a.m./Immanuel Sanctuary	Sunday School Parent Meeting w/Pastor Christa
September 21	9 a.m./Immanuel	3-Year-Olds & 7th Graders Receive Bibles
September 24	4-8 p.m./Atwater Community Center	Food For Kidz Food Packing Event
October 5	5:00 p.m./Immanuel	Family Game Night
October 22	6:30 p.m./Immanuel	Confirmation Banquet
October 26	9:00 a.m./Immanuel	Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation Service
October 27	3:00-5:00 p.m./Immanuel	Fall Fun Festival
October 31		Trunk or Treat at Immanuel!



THE FLAMINGOS ARE COMING! STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

confirmation *Notes/Classes*

Confirmation students: remember your yearly requirement of sermon notes (20), service hours (25), & activity points (4).
**Food For Kidz is a great way to get service hours!!

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION - Wednesday, September 3, will be a meal and orientation for BOTH parents and students at 6 p.m. This is a required event.

Confirmation classes will resume September 14 for 7th-9th graders. All confirmation students will serve for the Roast Beef Dinner September 14. Shifts are either 10:30-12:30 or 12:30-2:30.

Confirmation Guides Needed - We are looking for a few adults who would be interested in being Sunday morning confirmation guides. Please talk to Pastor Christa for more information about this opportunity. It is especially great when you have a guide partner and each do every other week.

SAVE THE DATE!



**Sunday, October 5,
5-7:30 p.m. at Immanuel**

sunday *School*

Classes begin Rally Sunday, September 14, at 10:15 a.m. There will be a Sunday School Teacher meeting September 7 at 10:15 a.m. Materials will be distributed that day.

JULY OFFERING

General Fund

First Sunday	\$6595.00
Second Sunday	1263.00
Third Sunday	3127.00
Fourth Sunday .....	.875.00
Total .....	.\$11,861.00

Building Fund

First Sunday .....	.\$50.00
Second Sunday .....	.00
Third Sunday .....	.00
Fourth Sunday .....	.00
Total .....	.\$50.00

Organ Replacement Project

First Sunday .....	.\$0.00
Second Sunday .....	.65.00
Third Sunday .....	.45.00
Fourth Sunday .....	.00
Total .....	.\$110.00

Per Sunday

Average Attendance (per Sunday)	53
Avg. General Giving (per service) . . .	.\$2965.00
Avg. Building Fund Giving (per service) .	.\$12.50

Offering Needed

Per Sunday .....	.\$3417.00
Per Month\$14,807.00

Income for 2014 (excluding Organ Project)

Thru July\$79,195.00
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2014 Total Budget **.\$177,685.00**

**please note that these figures do not reflect all financial transactions*

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Find us at [Immanuel Lutheran - Atwater, MN](#). We hope to use this site as a valuable outreach tool, and to post announcements and information. There are lots of great photos to see, and it is a great way to stay in touch with church events.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - August 13, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jaylen Rossell, Dean Nelson, Pastor Christa, Sue Bohn, Harold Eisenbacher, Chuck Stranberg, Robin Johnson.

Meeting called to order by Chuck Stranberg.
Devotions led by Pastor Christa. Minutes of the previous meeting approved. Treasurer's Report approved subject to audit.

OLD BUSINESS: Thank you cards received from scholarship recipients.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Council approved being included in The Churches of West Central Minnesota booklet featuring the churches and religious organizations in our area. Approved the \$25 fee.
2. Discussed HUGE THANKS to Mike Anderson and family for snow removal all last winter. Greatly appreciated. Council approved sending a charitable donation form to the family as a thank you.
3. Roast Beef Dinner is planned for Sunday, Sept. 14 from 11-1. No Coffee Hour that Sunday.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS: Full reports, if available, can be found in the Church Office.

Christian Education:

1. New curriculum is set.
2. Backpack Blessing 9/7; Rally Sunday 9/14.
3. Carpet Ball table is done.
4. 2015 Mission Trip Fundraising has begun.
5. Confirmation orientation is 9/3; in need of adult guides.

Building/Property: No report.

Finance/Stewardship: Need to get new database for church to replace old one on dying computer. Will meet after August 22.

Worship & Music: Will meet 8/19/14.

Evangelism/Faith in Action:

1. Fall Festival is Monday, October 27, from 3-5 p.m.
2. Trunk-Or-Treat is Friday, October 31.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Full report is available in the Church Office.

1. Talked about gearing up for 2015 Mission Trip fundraising.
2. Shared news that she and Jon are expecting again. Baby due 2/25/15, right after Ash Wednesday. Discussed potential plans for coverage during Lent of maternity leave. Will be here for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter, even if in middle of maternity leave.
3. Family Promise support still being sought from area churches.
4. Thanks for vacation time in July and August.
5. Prayers for families of Bill Hutchinson, Chet Johnson, and Dale Kragenbring.
6. Gearing up for Fall start-up. Discussed Rally Sunday, Sunday School, and Confirmation.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS: None.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Council & Ministry Team Schedule

Council Meets: September 10, 7 p.m.
Devotions: TBD

Worship & Music: September 10, 6 p.m.
Christian Ed./SS Teachers: September 7, 10:15 a.m.
Finance/Stewardship: TBD*
Property: TBD*

Evangelism/Faith in Action: September 21, 11:30 a.m.

*Team Leaders, please notify the church office of your monthly meeting date and time so that information can be included in the Outreach.

Pastor - from page 3

Jesus said, "You ARE salt... You ARE light." It is part of who you are. You are called to bring light into dark places. To add spice and flavor to lives around you. To bring healing and preservation. And ultimately - you are called to make people thirst... thirst for the love and grace of the Living God. Thirst for a connection with the God who loves them with abandon and offers them life here and now and eternally.

Hopefully and by the grace of God – this month, you will dare just a little more or be a bit bolder --- as you strive to be part of wider Christian community --- where we all live out our relationship with Jesus far beyond the walls of any church building and into each nook and cranny of our daily lives and relationships. Remember - Jesus told us that we already have these gifts and tools within us. Now, we simply need to have the courage to figure out how to share Christ with those around us in a way that is authentic to who God made us to be.

It still sounds daunting and scary, doesn't it? Definitely. However, remember first and foremost --- you never go it alone. The Living God of this world --- the creator of salt and light --- the God who brings light into darkness, hope into hopelessness, healing from pain, reconciliation from brokenness, and yes – even life from death ---- that very God is the God who goes with you, calls you to be YOU as you are salt and light for those around you.

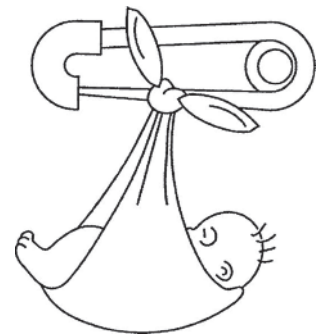
Who might God be calling you to bring healing (like salt) through forgiveness, kindness, prayer, or a loving word? Who might God be asking you to encourage their faith, like the preserving agent salt can be? Who do you know that needs light in the midst of their darkness --- could God be calling you to be the one to share His love and light with them?

We do indeed live in a world that needs warmth, light, healing, spice, and, yes, even true thirst for the Living God. The Good News is --- as we thirst for God, he always rushes in and gives us a cool drink. Then He turns us around to be salt and light, as we bring the refreshing good news of the God who loves us with abandon --- the God who is our hope --- the God in whom we find life --- to a neighbor, co-worker, friend, family, stranger --- yes, even the world.

Blessings on the Journey --- Pastor Christa

Forsythe Family Announcement:

As many of you have already heard, Jon and I are expecting again. We are excited to bring a third child into our family and can't wait to see how Marcus (7) and Jennica (3) enjoy their new brother or sister. Baby Forsythe is due February 25th, 2015. Ash Wednesday and Lent begins February 18th, 2015 --- so this is quite possibly the worst pastor planning ever (or as a pastor friend who has served as a pastor for 30+ years said, possibly the best pastor planning :-). I am still working out the details with the Church Council, Church staff, Worship and Music Team, and Pastor Grant and Bethlehem Lutheran about the Lent schedule and my maternity leave. I plan to work until I have the baby (as I did a parishioner home visit 5 hours before Jennica was born, I think it's safe to say that's no problem). Even though Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter will fall in the middle of my maternity leave, I plan to lead worship and preach for all of those worship services that week. We are still working out the details about Lent Wednesdays and the Sundays of my maternity leave. Thank you to many of you for the warm words of congratulations and blessings. We ask for your prayers for health for Baby Forsythe and thank you for sharing our excitement about our growing family!



SCHOLARSHIP THANK-YOUs

Thank you for honoring me with this scholarship. It means a lot. This will help pay expenses for college. Thanks for everything. The church has done a great deal for me and it will continue to do so.

**Thanks again,
Lucas Damm**

Thanks for the scholarship. It will really help me next semester at St. Cloud Tech for my nursing degree!

**Thanks again,
Tori Anderson**



THANK YOUs

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,
We want to thank you for your donation to our program. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in helping our seniors to stay in their own homes and community.

**Thank you!
Atwater Area Living At Home Block Nurse
Program (soon to be Atwater Area Help for
Seniors)**

Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers, cards, visits, and support during my recent illness and recovery. I appreciate your kindness!

Dale Anderson

Special Thanks to all those who have helped out our youth group with mission trip fundraisers this past summer: to Lee Mickle for setting up the fire hose for the car wash; to Vern's, Don & Kristine Anderson, Brian & Lisa Hovey, and Julie & Harlan Madsen for donating beef for the Taco-In-A-Bag booth at Festival Days. We appreciate everyone who has helped!

Immanuel Youth Group

Thanks to Bruce Larson for finishing recently finishing our Carpet Ball Table! The table is set up and ready for use in the youth game room. Please remember to ROLL the balls gently on the table...not throw them. This is a very popular game that many of our Bible Camper kids have played at camp. If you are wondering how to play, just ask a camper!

Christian Education Ministry Team



...at the car Wash!

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 9-1 Rachel Stranberg | Lori Schroeder |
| 9-2 Sharon Holm | Tracy Nelson |
| Don Soltis | Theresa Bosch |
| Sharon Cramlet | 9-17 Kelly Thompson |
| 9-3 Brody Straumann | John Peterson |
| 9-6 Ernie Frarck | 9-19 Erick Narragon |
| 9-7 Nick Walley | Mia Beerman |
| 9-9 Jeremy Nelson | 9-20 Tracey Kalkbrenner |
| 9-11 Janel Frarck | Tayden Frericks |
| Jordan Nelson | 9-21 Dean Nelson |
| 9-12 Donna Miller | 9-22 Lance Rosenquist |
| 9-13 Amanda Saue | Amie Kelbing |
| 9-14 Gary Link | 9-23 Janelle (Windsor) |
| Joseph Sherwood | Hofgesang |
| 9-15 Dennis Goehring | 9-24 Kristine Peterson |

- 9-25 Steven Lawver
 9-26 Lucille Carlson
 9-28 Lillie Maier
 9-29 Greg Hadley
 9-30 Michael Walsh

SEPTEMBER



Please remember to notify the church office of any corrections that should be made to birthdays, anniversaries, names, addresses, etc., so we can keep our files updated. Thanks!

HOMEBOUND LIST

Please remember these homebound people with a visit, a card, or a special prayer to bring a little added sunshine into their lives.

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Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

- 9-6Nick & Melissa Rossell
 9-7Leroy & Linda Burns
 9-11Roger & Janet Rossell
 9-13Kirk & Christina Elton
 9-14Dennis & Sharon Goehring
 Daryl & Arlys Winkelman
 Wayne & Jill Smith
 Steve & Robin Wothe
 9-17Russ & Pam Peterson
 Kyle & Kala Kaehler
 9-20Donald & Kristine Anderson
 9-25Ernie & Shirley Frarck
 9-27Donn & Jan Peterson

September *Assisting Schedule*

Ushers Roger & Jo Holm

Communion Assistants

Sept 7 Sue Bohn
28 Melissa Rossell

Lectors

Sept 7 Lee Mickle
14 Denise Kragenbring
21 Dennis Goehring
28 Veda Stockland

Greeters

Sept 7 Sue Bohn/Holly Hoekstra
14 Jeff Blom family
21 Trevor & Kate Berger
28 Veda Stockland

Acolytes

Sept 7 Kiara Rosenquist
14 Taylor Bengtson
21 Gabriel Eisenbacher
28 Jeremy Nelson

Altar Guild

Brent & Jolene Garberich

Offering Counter

TBD

Coffee Hour Servers

Sept 7 Roger & Jo Holm
Marty Kragenbring
14 ROAST BEEF DINNER
*There will be treats and
juice available for Sunday
School kids
21 Harlan & Julie Madsen
Dennis & Sharon Goehring
28 Pat & Sandy Walsh
Veda Stockland

October *Assisting Schedule*

Ushers Sue Bohn, Veda Stockland

Communion Assistants

Oct 5 Linda Burns
26 Shane Hagstrom

Lectors

Oct 5 Peggy Starz
12 Veda Stockland
19 Shane Hagstrom
26 Denise Kragenbring

Greeters

Oct 5 Todd & Amanda Saue
12 Roger & Janet Rossell
19 Veda Stockland
26 Jon & Lily Hansen

Acolytes

Oct 5 Cael Blom
12 Mia Eisenbacher
19 Steven Lawver
26 John Rasmussen

Altar Guild

Veda Stockland & Deb Mickle

Offering Counter

TBD

Coffee Hour Servers

Oct 5 Corey & Lynn Buisman
Elizabeth & Jason Litzau
12 Bruce & Elaine Wothe
Mark & Lissa Borchert
Steve & Robin Wothe
19 Mike & Kelly Bolton
Jon Hansen
26 7TH-9TH Confirmation Kids