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This newsletter has many contributors. If you'd like to submit an article of interest or an announcement of an upcoming event, please contact Ailene Buchtrup, Secretary, in the church office via phone or email. For those with email, an electronic copy of the newsletter will be sent to you. For those with no email or who would prefer to receive a paper copy, we will continue to mail the newsletters via U.S. Postal Services.

To note in pastoral absence: Several pastors and other knowledgeable contributors offer great articles of interest all throughout the year, and in particular holy seasons. Until a new pastor is found for Immanuel, we will draw upon the knowledge and interesting perspectives of those pastors to provide readers with a section called, From the Pastor's Desk. We hope you will find these articles of interest and helpful in your spiritual journey.



Center for Healthy Churches/
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Seven Suggestions for Welcoming a New Pastor

By Barry Howard

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When a congregation welcomes a new pastor, it is an exciting time, a new beginning for both the congregation and the new minister. To maximize this new beginning, it is important to prepare spiritually, cognitively, and emotionally for a new chapter.

Once a call to a new pastor is confirmed, there are a few things you can do to prepare personally and congregationally to follow a new spiritual leader:

- **Pray for your new pastor.** In most of the churches I know, members pray for the Pastor Search Team throughout the search process, and they pray for the pastor even before they know the identity of their new minister. And they pray for their new pastor in the pastor's inaugural days of ministry. However, I suggest making a commitment to pray daily for your pastor throughout the duration of his or her ministry. Once the honeymoon period is over, and the daily grind of ministry begins, praying for your pastor will strengthen your pastor's ministry and will fortify your bond with your pastor.
- **Send your pastor a welcome note or email.** Be careful not to make this correspondence a lengthy epistle and certainly don't make it a diatribe itemizing your personal expectations or agenda. Just offer a brief note, introducing yourself and/or family, and offering a heartfelt welcome. When I moved to my last pastorate, I received over a 100 such notes, and these notes confirmed and

intensified my excitement about my new place of service.

- **Mention your name on your first several encounters with your new pastor.** Once your new pastor arrives, make sure to offer your name in each greeting for the first few weeks. Learning names is important for pastors. And be sure not to embarrass the pastor by quizzing, “Do you remember my name?” Give your pastor the opportunity to learn your name, and over time, to learn a part of your life story.
- **Embrace the uniqueness of your pastor.** Your pastor has a distinct personality, a unique set of spiritual gifts, and a diverse set of experiences. When the Spirit leads a church to a new pastor, the Spirit seldom leads a church or committee to a person just like the previous pastor or the beloved pastor from the church’s history. To compare your new pastor to any other is to disrespect the Spirit’s role in guiding you to your new pastor in the first place.
- **Be prepared to follow.** A pastor who is worth his or her salt must lead in both optimal and challenging situations. And the kingdom of God is enriched when we as a congregation follow our pastor and embrace our mission with enthusiasm. As a veteran pastor, I am quite aware that there is a small minority of pastors who are “wolves in sheep’s clothing,” whose motives are deceptive and whose methods are manipulative, and they need to be held accountable. However, the vast majority of pastors I know provide proactive leadership that is Spirit-led and mission focused. Don’t be a backseat driver. Serve with your best gifts.
- **Give your pastor permission to fail.** The best pastors don’t succeed 100% of the time. A few weeks into one of my pastoral assignments, a sincere church member said to me, “I am glad you’re here. Every pastor I have had has disappointed me. I hope you never disappoint me.” I quickly countered, “Let me just disappoint you right now and get it out of the way. Like you I am an imperfect human being who will make mistakes. But if we forgive one another as God has forgiven us, we will get along just fine.” I must admit, I think my response disappointed this well-intentioned member. Don’t hold your pastor to a

standard of perfection that is impossible to maintain. Allow your minister room to make mistakes.

- **Speak positively about your pastor publicly and privately.** One of the ways we bring out the best in our ministers is to speak well of them publicly and privately. With most pastors, it is easy to find something to criticize, because every minister has weaknesses. “He is too loud.” “She is too soft-spoken.” “He uses big words I don’t understand.” “She is not a people person.” However, every pastor has more strengths than weaknesses. A healthy pastoral tenure is nurtured when we magnify around our pastor’s strengths, and then minimize and compensate for our pastor’s weaknesses.

There are many other ways to welcome your new pastor and to launch your pastor into an effective and healthy tenure. If you compare them to your favorite football coach and expect them to “win every game,” not only will you be disappointed, you will make your minister miserable and ultimately ineffective.

But if you receive your new pastor as a spiritual leader sent to encourage your faithfulness, challenge your presuppositions, and to bring out God’s best in you, the relationship between your pastor and your congregation will be vibrant and effective.

A few years ago, one of my colleagues and mentors, Hardy Clemons, reminded a group of us of the peculiar role of serving as a pastor:

“Our goal is to minister: it is not to show a profit, amass a larger financial corpus or grow bigger for our own security. The ultimate goals are to accept God’s grace, share the good news, invite and equip disciples, and foster liberty and justice for all.”

And as church members, we are privileged to collaborate with our pastor in this transformative work of demonstrating grace, sharing the good news, and equipping disciples.





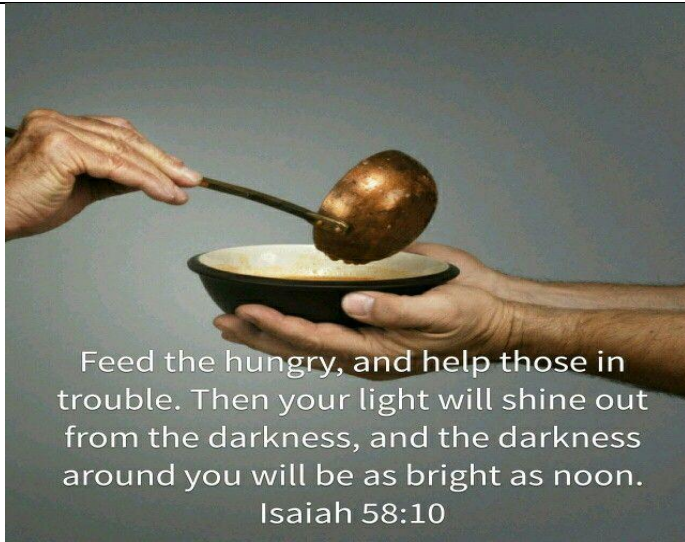
KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES

ONGOING FOOD DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Food donations are accepted
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at 901 Portage
Street (KLF)

Other donation locations are listed below:

Family Dollar
(Select Locations)
Kalamazoo First Presbyterian Church
321 W South St
Rollerworld
7491 Stadium Dr., Kalamazoo



Feed the hungry, and help those in
trouble. Then your light will shine out
from the darkness, and the darkness
around you will be as bright as noon.
Isaiah 58:10



HUNGER IS NOT AN ISSUE
OF CHARITY. IT IS AN
ISSUE OF JUSTICE.

JACQUES DIOUF



Lindsay Measel	July 5
AnnMarie Miller	July 5
Helen Roekle	July 15
Larry Baumgart	July 16
Dixon Pulver	July 16
Caitlin Measel	July 17
Cheryl Schreiber	July 18
Christa Perri	July 24
Stephanie Beck	July 28
Linda Richter	July 29
John Hecht	July 30
Allison Haeger	Aug 2
Bill Stewart	Aug 7
Pam Brelje	Aug 8
Maryalice Reck	Aug 10
Eric Baumgart	Aug 21
Daniel Haw	Aug 23
Michaela Hernandez- Haw	Aug 23
Nicholas Brindley	Aug 24
Jonathan Brelje	Aug 25
Justin Beck	Aug 28
Judie Eckert	Aug 28



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS
MUCH!!!!!!!!!!!!**



In Our Prayers:


Homebound Ministry:

Marian Brugh **Jan Wilson**
Marlys Olson **Ellen Plano**
Ruth Miller **Jerome Dirst**
John Curtiss

LONG TERM CONCERNS:

Rose Maxum , requested by Chuck and Amber Townsend	Susan & Gregory Fritz , Stephanie Beck's parents
Amy Stillwell , sister of Dave Reynolds	Charles and Carol Quandt , Christa Perri's parents
Mary Ann Massey , friend of Dotty Smith	Lucille and Lawrence Fritz , requested by Jonathan Fritz
Bob Perri , brother of Phil Perri	Craig Rennhack , requested by Bob & Maryalice Reck
John Blasko , requested by Elizabeth Blasko	Mindy Mitchell , sister of Shelly Reynolds
Kyle Reinbold Family , requested by Kyle's sister, Sonya DeVary	James Leo Brown , requested by Shelly and Dave Reynolds
Karen McDougall , requested by Sue Steuer	Jim Sabo , friend of Susan Steuer
Katie VerKow , former member of Immanuel, requested by Phil Roekle	Karen Petersen , daughter of Cathy & Tom Mollet
Vicki Dilley , requested by Christa & Phil Perri	Suzie Brink , Christie Sidwell's mother and Bill Brink , her brother
Joanne Cleason , Esther Cleason's daughter	Melissa , friend of Dotty Smith and daughter Laura
Marie Winberg , godmother of Bill Bennett	Hannah Bayer , 4 y.o., requested by her father
Lisa and David Wentzel , Sue Steuer's cousins	Jerry and Sandi McKenzie , friends of Dotty Smith
Ware Washam , requested by Brian Long	Sandy Hale , requested by Stephen Presdorf
Caroline Barkow	Jeri Noneman
Mardell Miller , Marian Brugh's sister-in-law	Jason , son-in-law of Craig & Sue Anderson
Alice Schley , Jane Schley's granddaughter	John Hecht's mother, Kay Hecht
Mark Westphal	Ruth Krueger
Sophie Rose Verile , Brindley's grandniece	Jason Nichols , requested by Justin Beck

Loren Gerber , Sue Anderson's father	Cherri Mitchell , friend of Ted & Rita Clarke
Toni —Jane Schley's cousin	Fran Rodammer , former ILC member
Sharon S. , requested by Dotty Smith	Marilyn Borgeson , Annie Hecht's grandmother
Charlie Miller , Marian Brugh's brother	
Deb , friend of Sue Steuer	Gene Jennings
All Crossroads Prison Ministry students	
Immanuel members: Gail Stewart, Dolly Bryan, Cathy Mollet, Shelly Reynolds, Tina Lauer, Vince Marshall, Jerome Dirst and John Miller	



Thank-you to my Immanuel family for keeping me and my family in your prayers following the death of my mother, Beverly Fisher. I also appreciated the gift of the prayer shawl too.

Susan Wagner

Pray Because God is Sovereign

Article by Marshall Segal
 Found in DesiringGod.org, Feb. 25, 2021

Some ask, if God is sovereign, why do we pray? Aren't our prayers pointless if God decides the future anyways?

If seeing and embracing the sovereignty of God causes us to pray less, we have not yet understood his sovereignty, or prayer. Providence does not make prayer optional or incidental, but vital and indispensable. *Not* because God couldn't do it another way — God does all that he pleases however he pleases — but because the sovereign God has chosen, precisely and wisely, to hang many of his plans on the prayers of his people.

Did anyone love and herald the absolute sovereignty of God like the apostle Paul? And yet he says in 2 Corinthians 1:11 "You also *must* help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the

blessing granted us *through the prayers of many.*” He also calls believers to “pray *without ceasing*” (1 Thessalonians 5:17) and to pray “*at all times* in the Spirit, with *all* prayer and supplication” (Ephesians 6:18).

The pages of Scripture, and of history, are filled with the power and necessity of prayer, because the all-powerful God has chosen to hear and answer prayer.

Pray Because God Is Sovereign

The early church certainly didn’t feel any tension between the sovereignty of God and prayer. His sovereignty, in fact, became the great foundation and incentive for prayer. When they lifted their voices together in the midst of persecution, they laid themselves in the sovereign hands of God: “*Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them . . .*” (Acts 4:24). And they didn’t stop at creation but relished his sovereignty even in the worst horror and injustice of history: Truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, *to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.* (Acts 4:27-28)

And the fact that God sovereignly made, predestined, and orchestrated all things did not keep them from asking him to do something new in their lives. In the very next breath, they pray,

And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus. (Acts 4:29-30).

They did not take his plan (or their own boldness) for granted. They didn’t wait around for God to heal. They didn’t presume their prayers made no difference in his providence. No, they prayed because they knew that prayer is a vital part of his sovereign plans. They knew that prayer really changes things, that the sovereign God had always planned to answer prayer.

Notice what God does in answer to their prayers. “And when they had prayed, the place in which they

were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness” (Acts 4:23-31) First, he answers their specific request. They spoke the truth with the boldness they had prayed for. But beyond answering their immediate prayer, God shook the building in which they had prayed. Why did he do that?

It seems the sovereign God wanted to tell them how much he loved to hear them pray, and just how eager he was to answer.

Six Benefits of Praying to a Sovereign God

“Here then is the design of prayer,” A. W. Pink writes, “not that God’s will may be *altered*, but that it may be *accomplished* in his own good time and way” (*The Sovereignty of God*, 172). We do not pray as if God needed anything from us, “since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath” — including our prayers — “and everything” (Acts 17:25) We pray because God meets real, deep, desperate needs in the world through our prayers. And because he meets real, deep, desperate needs *in us* when we pray.

John Calvin, in his *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, briefly highlights six great benefits of praying to a sovereign God. These are not reasons that we pray, but simply the happy fruit of a lifetime of bowing before the throne of providence. Why might God decide to run so much of the world and history through prayer? In part, because he longs to bless his needy, finite, chosen children — and to bless us far beyond our meager expectations and imaginations.

So, besides the realities that God really does answer prayer and that he commands us to pray, what other blessed reasons do we have to pray to our sovereign God?

1. That our hearts might be more united to his.

First, that our hearts may be fired with a zealous and burning desire ever to seek, love, and serve him, while we become accustomed in every need to flee to him as to a sacred anchor.

Few things will fuel our desire and love for God like prayer. And few things will deplete our spiritual

resolve and passion like prayerlessness. Notice the mingling of joy and prayer in Psalm 37:4-7:

Delight yourself in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.
Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.

Delight in God spills over in prayer to God — being still in his presence, committing our way to him, and laying out the desires of our heart before him (the psalm itself is a prayer). And prayer in God increases our delight in and desire for him. Prayer also consistently reminds us that, in Christ, we have “a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul” (Hebrews 6:19).

Jesus says, “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, *ask whatever you wish*, and it will be done for you” (John 15:7) Greater communion with Jesus increases the effectiveness of our prayers, often simply by aligning our hearts and requests with his. And when our hearts are aligned with his — when we are most satisfied with God and his glory — we will seek, receive, and enjoy more of him, especially in prayer.

2. That our desires might be purified.

That there may enter our hearts no desire and no wish at all of which we should be ashamed to make him a witness, while we learn to set all our wishes before his eyes, and even to pour out our whole hearts.

Faithful prayer exposes shortsighted, selfish, or earthly desires in us. When we bare our heart before God, we often feel just how misplaced our longings can be. James warns us about the danger of these wayward impulses:

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? . . . You do not have, because you do not ask. *You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.*” (James 4:1-3).

How do we make war on these rebel desires? James continues, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. *Draw near*

to God, and he will draw near to you. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you” (James 4:7-8, 10). And how better to humble ourselves (acknowledging how wayward our desires can be), submit ourselves (recommitting all we are and have to *God’s* desires), and draw near to him, than to pray?

Praying to a sovereign God also reminds us that even our noblest and purest desires and requests may go unanswered. His providence assures us that if he does not answer, whether immediately or ever, it is because he has a better plan. As painful as unanswered prayers can be, they are far more bearable (even strangely precious) when we know that the God who loves us is pervasively and meticulously in control of all things, working them for our *good*.

That we might be better prepared to give thanks.

That we be prepared to receive his benefits with true gratitude of heart and thanksgiving, benefits that our prayer reminds us come from his hand.

Prayer can make us all the more aware of all that God is doing for us and around us. And that awareness multiplies our reasons for thanksgiving. The apostle Paul makes this connection explicit: “You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us *through the prayers of many*” (2 Corinthians 1:11).

Every good and perfect gift comes from God (James 1:17). He gives to *all* mankind life and breath and *everything* (Acts 17:25). Prayer opens our eyes wider and wider to all that he gives — specifically to what he gives in answer to prayer, but then far beyond our prayers to all the unasked-for blessings he showers on us.

4. That we might feel the weight of his kindness.

That, having obtained what we were seeking, and being convinced that he has answered our prayers, we should be led to meditate upon his kindness more ardently.

When was the last time God clearly answered one of your prayers? Can you remember a time when something you prayed for actually happened, and the circumstances left you concluding that it

happened *because* you prayed? For that moment, heaven peeks through the clouds of all that we suffer and endure to remind us that we have an almighty and attentive *Father*. My wife and I just experienced a moment like that, after months of praying for a particular breakthrough in our family.

For anyone in Christ, the kindness of God is not a marginal or occasional experience. It is the entire atmosphere of our experience — *all* of our experience. And it will always be so. God saved us “so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace *in kindness toward us* in Christ Jesus”(Ephesians 2:7). Answered prayers are brilliant flashes, like bolts of lightning, announcing the ever-present, never-exhausted kindness of God.

Every time we pray, we invite another glimpse, another sensation of his surprising gentleness and affection, another occasion to awaken our selfish, impatient, grumbling hearts to his kindness.

5. That we might confirm his sovereign promises.

That use and experience may, according to the measure of our feebleness, confirm his providence, while we understand not only that he promises never to fail us, and of his own will opens the way to call upon him at the very point of necessity, but also that he ever extends his hand to help his own.

When we pray, we take God at his word — that he will listen, that he will answer, that he will never fail us or send us anything that is not ultimately good for us, that he will fulfill all of his promises, including his promises about prayer. Jesus says to his disciples,

I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. (Luke 11:9-10).

When we pray, we take each of those promises seriously. We expect our heavenly Father to give us good gifts (Luke 11: [\(Luke 11:11–13\)](#)), either what we asked for or whatever would be better for us.

So, prayer proves the faithfulness of God as he answers our specific prayers (in his wisdom and timing) like he said he would. Prayer also allows us,

however, to prove every other promise of God. Calvin says, “To us nothing is promised to be expected from the Lord, which we are not also bidden to ask of him in prayers” (3.20.2). One way prayer serves the providence of God and our joy in him is by inviting us to plead with him to do all that he has promised in Scripture.

If you want to start praying the promises of God, John Piper has modeled [this kind of prayer](#) well, and shared [the promises he has leaned on most](#) over decades of faith and ministry.

6. That we might be more satisfied in God.

That at the same time we embrace with greater delight those things which we acknowledge to have been obtained by prayers.

God has made prayer to serve and magnify joy. Jesus says precisely this when he tells his disciples, “Truly, truly, I say to you, *whatever you ask* of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, *that your joy may be full*” (John 16:23-24).

Prayer not only exposes the kindness of God and inspires greater gratitude to God, but it also kindles our joy in the gifts God gives, which then inflames an even greater joy in God as the Giver. Answered prayers are kindling for inflaming true and lasting happiness.

And as our joy in God grows, his glory rises higher and higher in our life. We believe that *God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him*. So, if prayer kindles a warmer, more intense satisfaction in our souls, it also exalts the wisdom, power, and worth of God. As we ask, receive, and rejoice, he gets more and more glory, which is the one grand purpose of history and each of our roles in it.

So, if God is sovereign, why would we pray? The more we explore the dynamic and vibrant marriage between providence and prayer, the more we will ask instead: *How could we not pray?*

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The **Lutheran Hour (LHM)** is broadcast every Sunday morning at 6:30 a.m. on 105.7 FM or accessible anytime on the Web at www.lutheranhour.org.

JULY SERMON SCHEDULE

(The August schedule is not yet available)

July 7

"My Pastor"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Like sheep that need a shepherd, followers of Christ need pastors who will come looking for them when they stray. (Acts 20:28)

July 14

"Words of Grace Build Us Up"

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola
The gracious words of God change our lives for the better, tell us of our inheritance, and remind us that we are part of a much larger family. (Acts 20:32)

July 21

"Unhindered"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Dr. Jeff Gibbs and podcaster Jessica Bordeleau join Dr. Michael Zeigler to talk about St. Paul's harrowing journey to Rome. (Acts 27 & 28)

July 28

"Thus and So Spoke the Girl from Israel"

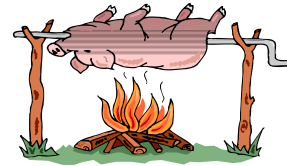
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Jesus is making His people into a light for a world that's crying for help. He came to make God's light shine on us so that all people might see the face of God. (2 Kings 5:4)

If you prefer more modern music with the Lutheran Hour message, a special broadcast has been developed for the AFN at www.lutheranhour.org/AFN.



You can also hear a message of hope *when you need it* by listening to your favorite LHM programs by downloading our Podcasts (audio files), free of charge, to your computer or portable devices.

Come join us for our **Annual Pig (Pork) Roast**



@ the home of **Chuck & Amber Townsend**
Saturday, September 14th

(Sign-up sheet in the Narthex)

The fun will start about 11:00AM with dinner planned for about 12 NOON. We will have games including corn-in-the-hole and yard jarts. (Feel free to bring other games of your own!)

All ages are welcome! We have quite a bit of seating, so if you have a lawn chair in your car "just in case", don't worry about bringing it to the yard with you. Also, we will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we will have an idea of how much pork to smoke, and it lets you sign up for a dish to pass. We will be providing tea, water and lemonade. You are welcome to bring any other beverages of your choice.

There is plenty of on-street parking, as well as a roped off area in our yard that holds about 20 cars. To park in yard, turn right after the big rock.

Amber & Chuck Townsend - (269) 599-6268
8215 Teakwood, Portage, MI. 49024

Directions:

Take 131 South to Centre Avenue (exit 31). Turn left on Centre 2.2 miles and turn right on Brookwood for .3 miles to Woodview. Turn left and go 335 feet Teakwood and turn left. Our drive is 311 feet long.

Also: We could really use the help of others to set up before and tear down after the pig roast. Please connect with Amber or Chuck if you can do this. Thank-you!!!

School Kits



It's that time again!!!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Education is a critical tool to overcoming poverty. Education is also hope and empowerment. You can help more children access it by contributing to Lutheran World Relief [School Kits](#)! These [School Kits](#) contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families, and their communities. All the data shows that education is a critical piece of the puzzle for creating healthier, more prosperous futures for children— and especially for girls. Each [School Kit](#) you help make will be cherished by the person who receives it.

Some of the places where LWR [School Kits](#) were sent in last year include the Dominican Republic, Georgia, Honduras, Bahamas, Peru, Tanzania, Iraq, Serbia, Guatemala, Bolivia, Lebanon, and Jordan.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR EACH LWR [School Kit](#):

- **Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; 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 (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)**
- **Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band**
- **Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band**
- **One box of 16 or 24 crayons**
- **One 2 ½" eraser**

Here are the guidelines to keep in mind when purchasing items:

- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group'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.
- Do not purchase other school-related items not on the list, such as protractors, compasses, or templates.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. (Remove all excess packaging.)

Many of the items listed are not very expensive if bought during the annual "back to school" sales, some of which are now in full swing.

All items should be new and in good condition. You may purchase all of the items for a single kit, or groups of the individual components, such as case-packs of crayons or boxes of pencils.

Please place your donations of the table in the narthex **no later than Sunday, September 29, 2024**



Thank-you to everyone who gives these kids a chance to learn. It matters!!

Worship Assistants/Serving Schedule

Date	Acolyte	Altar	Usher	Lector	Worship Assistant	Coffee Hour
Sunday 7/7/2024	Genevieve Miller & Adelaide Jefferies	Amber Townsend	Phil Roekle	John Quardokus	Andrew Lustila & Ron Swinehart	Amber & Chuck Townsend
Sunday 7/14/2024	Maddie Hernandez & Elijah Lawrence	Rita Clarke	John Wagner	Dave Mandrick	Mark Miller & Bill Stewart	Sue & John Wagner
Sunday 7/21/2024	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Sally Crawford	Ron Swinehart	John Hecht	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Beth Mitchell
Sunday 7/28/2024	Linus Mandrick & Rory Beck	Jane Schley	John Hecht	Andrew Lustila	Phil Roekle & John Wagner	AnnMarie & Phillip Miller
Sunday 8/4/2024	Eliora Beck & Caviion Beck	Kim Sharp	Phil Roekle	John Krueger	Larry Baumgart & Craig Anderson	Helen & Phil Roekle—coffee Dotty Smith--snacks
Sunday 8/11/2024	Genevieve Miller & Adelaide Jefferies	Patti Wills	John Wagner	Mark Miller	Bill Stewart & Ron Swinehart	Sue & John Wagner
Sunday 8/18/2024	Maddie Hernandez & Elijah Lawrence	Jane Schley	Ron Swinehart	Ninah Miller	Mark Miller & Andrew Lustila	Rita Clark
Sunday 8/25/2024	Cailyn Hecht & Norah Lawrence	Patti Wills	John Hecht	John Quardokus	Denny Patzer & John Quardokus	Shelly Reynolds

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
July's MISSION: LCMS—MI District						
*Ailene will be on vacation from July 8-25.						
	1	2	3	4	5*	6*
7 10:00am Communion Service @ ILC & online	8*	9* 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast	10 *	11*	12 *	13*
14 * 10:00am Communion Service @ ILC & online	15*	16*	17 *	18*	19*	20*
21* 10:00am Communion Service @ ILC & online	22*	23*	24*	25*	26	27 10:00am Visitation and 11am Memorial Service for Mark Westphal
28 10:00am Communion Service @ ILC & online	29	30	31			

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August's MISSION: Lutheran Bible Translators						
*Ailene will be on the LAMP Mission trip from Aug 3-12.						
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4 * 10:00am Communion Service @ ILC & online	5*	6*	7*	8*	9*	10*
11 * 10:00am Communion Service @ ILC & online	12*	13 6:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast	14	15	16	17
18 10:00am Communion Service @ ILC & online	19	20	21	22	23 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	24
25 10:00am Communion Service @ ILC & online	26	27	28	29	30	31

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**Immanuel
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**Summer
Schedule:**

**10: 00 am Sunday
Communion Service**

NOTE:
All services will be
live-streamed on:
**Facebook and
YouTube**

We hope you all are enjoying your summer. Here's a list of some upcoming events that will be coming up as the school year resumes—events you won't want to miss!!



Sunday, September 8th—after church services:

Ice Cream Social—sponsored by the Social Committee



Sat., September 14th—starting at 11am and going to whenever the last person leaves.

Townsend's Annual Pig Roast



Saturday, October 12—5:00pm

Oktoberfest @ Immanuel



Also be looking for our annual "Not-So-Ordinary Bake Sale" to be coming later in the fall. Now is the time to start making those homemade items that we will sell to replenish the Mary/Martha fund which supports special and/or emergent needs within the congregation. This event is great for Christmas shopping!

