

Immanuel Messenger

GOD WITH US

SPECIAL DATES IN AUGUST:

- LWML Mite Collection, **Aug. 2**
- Special Voters Meeting, **Aug. 5**
- ILS First Day of School, **Aug. 18**
- Zora Drews Door Offering, **Aug. 30**



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As I write this first newsletter article as president of the congregation, I want to take a minute to recognize our last president. Immanuel has faced a rough couple of years with a call for a pastor to be made, the surprise need to form Immanuel Lutheran School, and the entire COVID-19 pandemic. I am sure that Dwain would say that all of these challenges have been met as a result of a number of you in the congregation stepping up to meet said challenges, and he is correct. However, that does not acknowledge the leadership and work that Dwain has and continues to exhibit. Dwain deserves, and has, our heartfelt gratitude for six years of above and beyond service to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Please take a moment to express your thanks to Dwain when you see him.

As we go forward at Immanuel, there are positions that still need filled. We need more men serving as elders. We are in need of a new director for the youth board and youth/adults to serve on the board. We need volunteers for the auditing committee. If you feel called to serve in one of these, or any other positions, please talk to a board director, the nominating committee (Tom), or me.

At the time that I am writing this article, we do not have an answer from Pastor Nick Kooi regarding our call to him to serve as our pastor. By the time you read this, we may have that answer whatever it is. In the interim, I hope that you all keep Pr. Nick in your prayers. Lastly, as we continue to deal with COVID-19, please watch for announcements for the return of auxiliary organization meetings and Sunday School. There will be some changes to maintain a safe environment. As always, we want to see everyone at Church, but understand that not all feel comfortable being out and about at this time. If you are not comfortable attending just yet, or have symptoms, please join us for services via the [ilcd_live](#) YouTube page.

Joshua Christensen

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING: Please join us on Wednesday, **Aug. 5** at 6:30 pm for a Special Voter's Meeting. As most of you have heard, Pastor Kooi has declined the Call to Immanuel as he feels his work is not finished at Emmaus. He continues to pray for our congregation. We will hear from the Call Committee and discuss and vote on how we would like to proceed. *Please come – your participation is important!*

HELP US CARE FOR YOU: *Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you!* When you or a family member is hospitalized, we want to serve you with prayers and visits. Unfortunately, we are no longer notified by the hospital; please call the church office when you have any medical/surgical procedure or in any time of spiritual need at **217-442-5675**.



Prayer requests: we are certainly pleased to pray for your (non-member) family and friends alongside our Immanuel members. Please keep us informed of their needs.

GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS: The next Scrip order is due to the church office by **9 am on Monday, Aug. 10**. *Please note the new time.* These gift cards make excellent gifts! There are more vendors available than what is listed on the order form; you can see a full list of vendors at www.shopwithscrip.com or on the hall bulletin board. Write the name of the vendor, denomination of the gift card, number of cards wanted, and total amount on a blank line of the order form. This order will be available for pickup on **Aug. 16** or in the church office after that. We have an assortment of cards are available at the church. Cards for most local fast food and chain restaurants (with varying rates of profit to the church), plus Meijer (3% profit of face value of the card to church), and Wal-Mart (2.5% profit of face value of the card to church) are kept in stock. With the ongoing social distancing, we are not selling them in the hallways on Sundays, but you can still get them at the church office anytime, or make arrangements with Jo Van Hovel.

125 YEARS

1896-2021

125th ANNIVERSARY: Our congregation's 125th Anniversary is coming up in 2021. The Anniversary Committee is meeting on **Aug. 11** at 6 pm. Please talk to Diana Pratt if you are interested in helping us plan our celebrations.

ALWAYS WITHIN REACH: As I grow older, I appreciate help getting up from the couch. Often, my husband extends his arm to boost me up. This act of kindness reminds me how the Lord reaches out to me each morning. He is the strength to lift me up so I needn't depend on myself. Looking back through the years, I can see how the Lord endlessly extended his arm to me. Isaiah 33:2 says, "*O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble.*" Too often I haven't waited for the Lord, and my impatience resulted in no-good results. Waiting for — and accepting — God's guidance isn't always easy, but he always comes through, and we're never out of his reach. I'm so thankful my heavenly Father graciously extends his arm to help me up, get me "unstuck" and keep me from trouble.

—MaryAnn Sundby, *The Newsletter Newsletter*

FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS: *Attention Future Church Elders!* Hello, I would like to introduce myself as your newly elected Head Elder; my name is Donald (Don) DeMoss. I will be upfront and say I have never held a Church Board of Directors position and much of this is new to me. As a newbie, I am learning my role and will work with the rest of the church leadership to grow in my position and work to help our congregation navigate our new beginnings as we work to find a new pastor and serve our congregation. First job on the agenda is to encourage the men of the congregation to prayerfully consider a position as a church elder. Together we will pray for and encourage our congregation. Please contact me if this interests you. We have a unique opportunity to a fresh start, join me in it. You may reach me at 217-799-1035. You may also contact Ken Kuhn with your interest at 446-8440. Please note, I work rotating shifts, so if I do not answer, leave a message and I will get back to you. Lastly, please keep me in your prayers as I learn and grow in Christ.

CAMP CILCA NEWS: Plans are moving forward with the renovation of their dining hall. It is an exciting and demanding project that

will require all the volunteer Camp CILCA can muster. They are in need of donations of materials and snacks for laborers, carpenters, extra hands, and clean up. They are also asking for donations of gift baskets for their

Labor Day auction. Thrivent members could consider using a Thrivent Action Team and using the funds to create a basket. If you are able to help in any way, please contact the camp office at 217-487-7497 or email camp@cilca.org.



VOTERS MEETING RESULTS: Thank you to all who participated at our last Voter's Meeting on July 11! Items on the agenda included a Pastoral Call, budget, and election of church officers.

Josh Christensen presented on behalf of the Call Committee. The three candidates were reviewed. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions regarding each candidate. Pastor elect is Pastor Kooi. A Call will be made immediately.

Dwain provided a budget PowerPoint for the congregation. A review of 2019 – 2020 showed a planned deficit of \$46K, but we actually net \$142K. Line item changes for the new budget were reviewed. Support for ILS will remain at \$160K. The budget (church and school combined) was presented with a \$5K deficit and passed with unanimous consent.

Tom Fricke reviewed nominations for elections of officers. Josh Christensen was elected as our President, Don DeMoss was elected as our Director of Elders, Diana Pratt was re-elected as the Director of Parish Education, Wayne Mann was re-elected as the Director of Properties, Tom Fricke was re-elected as the Director of Worship, and Julie Buesing was re-elected as the Director of Evangelism. School Board members elected were Kurt Thornsborough, Sharon Burow, Marilyn Le Pere, and Juanita Rottmann. A big THANK YOU to all incoming and outgoing volunteers! We appreciate all that you will do or have done for Immanuel!

CAPITAL FUND DRIVE: The west side school windows were completed and paid for in May. The Capital Fund bank balance is \$3,826.66. The following projects were selected as our next area of focus: refurbishing the church sound system, new guttering on the school, and replacing the northern portion of the parking lot. This is not necessarily the order in which these projects will be completed. Properties will begin getting bids for this work. Tom Fricke got a quote for the sound system which will be completed soon. There was an anonymous donor for this project so we can now concentrate on the other 2 projects. The guttering and parking lot will be costly projects, and we will not schedule them until the funds have been raised for them. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled. Currently, it appears that we won't be able to have any events this fall because of the pandemic. Our next fundraiser is likely the Christmas tree for yearend gifts. Our Phase 2 pledge drive has already started, but it's not too late to pledge/donate to the Capital Fund Drive. All donations from large to small are equally appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Jo Van Hoveln or any of the committee members (list of committee members is on the Capital Fund Drive bulletin board).

If you don't have the time to pray and read Scripture, you are busier than God ever intended you to be.

COVID-19 WORSHIP SCHEDULE: We're grateful that we can continue to hold in-person worship services while abiding by the Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines regarding these services. We will continue to hold two services on Sundays: one at 8:30 am and one at 5:00 pm. Since we are still limited to 90 people attending any one service, we remind you to continue to use the online registration program so that we can stay under that count. There is a link on the church website (ilcdanville.com) where you can select which services you'd like to attend. For those without internet access, please continue to call the church office at 442-5675 to register for these services. We will continue our Wednesday services at 5 pm in the sanctuary. There is no registration needed for the Wednesday services. We want to give a special thank you to our ushers, communion assistants, greeters, altar guild and everyone else who has had to adapt their service duties during the ongoing restrictions. Here are some quick reminders to help keep us safe during this time:

- If you're not feeling well or exhibiting symptoms, please stay home at this time.
- Remember to maintain a social distance when interacting with one another before and after the service.
- Please continue to move through the narthex once dismissed after church so others have space to exit.
- Health officials recommend the wearing of masks, so don't feel out of place wearing your mask in church.
- When possible, try sitting in the middle of the pew so that those coming in after you don't have to step over you.
- If you're not comfortable getting out in crowds yet, do not feel obligated to attend. We will continue to stream our 8:30 am service on our YouTube channel, so you can watch from home.

Tom Fricke, Director of Worship

LUTHERAN LEGACY: *I would like to give money to our church, but how can I make sure that the gift will be lasting?* Lutheran Legacy specializes in 'endowment funds', also called 'permanent funds', because the principle remains permanently invested while the earnings provide a stream of revenue. The church has two funds (one for the general fund and one for building and grounds). We also have funds for the school. To donate directly to Lutheran Legacy, you can go online to lutheranlegacyfoundation.org and click on the "funds" link on the top of the page, then on "churches" for Immanuel or "parochial schools" for ILS. The funds are listed in alphabetical order, scroll down until you find Immanuel in Danville and click on the "donate" button to the right. You can choose to donate by credit card or check. If you do not have a computer, simply pick up a donation form from information table in the hall and mail a check. Please contact Kim in the church office with questions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SUMMARY:

- **Previous actions:** PPP Loan forgiveness, asbestos inspection, school leadership, guidelines for committee expenditures, risk management and PR statements.
- **New business:** Kim Davis was appointed as the BOD secretary, Immanuel Anniversary Committee was appointed, status of teacher contracts discussed, auxiliary organizations (such as Women's Guild, Men's Club, etc.) meetings can begin meeting following COVID safety protocols, LWML Sunday will be the first Sunday of October, Youth Confirmation / First Communion updates discussed, significant and very good changes are coming to Concordia Health Plans and BOD members and employees were encouraged to watch an informational webinar.
- **Old business:** COVID status currently in phase 4, Call Committee update.
- **Christian Education:** Gail Garner reported that we currently have 16 PreK students, 5 Pre3 students, and 3 Two's enrolled.
- **Finance Committee:** Financial reports reviewed.
- **Properties:** Wayne Mann discussed changes that need to be made to the school facility for DCFS.
- **Parish Education:** Discussed Sunday School and Bible Study. Tentative start date is Sept. 13. No Rally Day activities will be scheduled due to Covid. Profit from Icebox Cookies was \$643.00. No *Coffee to Go* for ILS.
- **Youth:** Director is still needed.
- **Missions and Social Ministry:** Immanuel Cares reported sending cards and making telephone calls for a total of 72 contacts in the month of June. Visits are still not allowed.
- **Worship:** No changes for Worship services required to continue gathering in August.
- **Elders:** Don DeMoss motioned for 2 membership changes. Brandi and Raegen Carl were transferred in from Trinity in Danville. John and Terri Albers were transferred out to Trinity in Harvel, IL.
- **Next BOD Meeting: Aug. 18.**

FINAL CALL: Soon, we will begin updating our church Directory of Members and Friends. **Please let us know if any of your contact information has changed or listed incorrectly.** You can call Kim in the church office, or email ilcd.churchsec@gmail.com. We can add your email, cell numbers, etc.



Sent to Serve:

"The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"

- Matthew 20:28

"Sent to Serve" is the theme for Lutheran Schools for upcoming year. Lutheran schools are sent to serve. They are sent to serve children. They are sent to serve children whose baptismal faith is also being nourished in Christian homes and Lutheran congregations. They are sent to serve children who first hear of their Savior in a Lutheran school classroom. Lutheran schools serve families from diverse backgrounds. The Lutheran school serves as a ministry of the local congregation and a mission outpost to the community. Lutheran schools serve in cultures and contexts around the world.

Lutheran schools serve because Jesus served. The Son of Man came to serve as teacher and miracle worker. Jesus came to serve the diseased and distraught. Jesus served by feeding thousands and washing the feet of His disciples.

Jesus came to seek, save and serve sinners. Jesus' ultimate act of service is seen in the "ransom" on the cross. Jesus came to pay for the sins of the whole world.

Dates to Remember:

- Registration Night, **Aug. 4**
- Meet the Teacher, **Aug. 17**
- First Day of School, **Aug. 18**
- Lunch on the Lawn, **Aug. 26**



School Supply Donations:

School is almost here, and we need your help preparing classrooms. A donation board is up to give everyone a chance to pitch in and help the teachers purchase items that will aid them in their classrooms for the school year. If you would like to contribute, simply choose a donation slip, purchase the item, and return it to the donation board with the slip attached. We'll need a lot of cleaning supplies such as disinfectant wipes, Lysol spray, and hand sanitizer. *We thank you for your continued support!*

Box Tops for Education:

The Box Tops program is going digital! Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label. If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth 10¢ each for your school. The app will find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online. You can still clip them and bring them in for now.



Aluminum Cans:

ILS recently took in some aluminum cans donated to the school to be recycled and received \$20. Are you a soda (or adult beverage) drinker? Donate your cans to ILS! There is a collection bin outside near the school boiler room entrance. Thanks!

Now Enrolling:

ILS is now enrolling for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Reach out to your circle in the community and tell them about us! For more information, contact the school office at 442-5036 or the church office at 442-5675.

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Sent to Serve



GREAT SUMMER GAMES

Though this year's Summer Olympics were postponed, you can host friendly neighborhood competitions.

What you need:

- Masking tape
- Large craft sticks
- Paper plates
- Balloons
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Green construction paper
- Craft glue

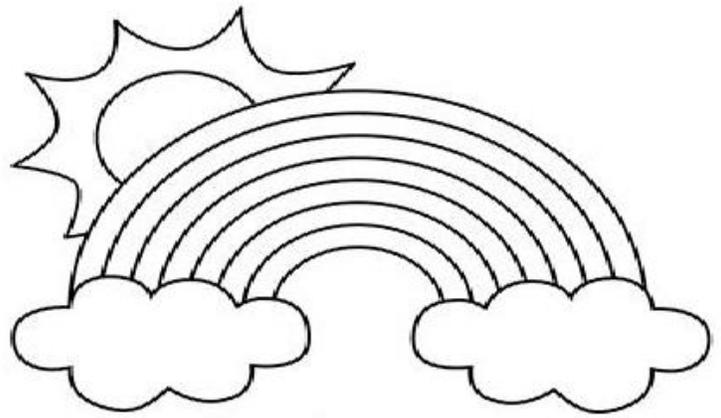


What you do:

Balloon Badminton: Make rackets by taping a stick "handle" to each plate. Blow up and tie a balloon. Use the rackets to pass the balloon back and forth, without letting it touch the floor.

Rhythmic Routines: Using tape, firmly attach one end of a 4-foot ribbon to a craft stick. Display style and skill by waving it around. Try choreographing a routine to a praise song.

Champion Crown: Cut a large hole out of the center of a paper plate. Cut 2-inch ovals from green paper. Glue those "leaves" to the ring as garland. Crown a winner of each game!



God is always with me.

"I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:20, NIV



Compete for the crown



The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race for an imperishable crown.



Directions: From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.

START

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FINISH

"Do you not know that in a _____ all the runners run, but only one gets the _____? _____ in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who _____ in the _____ goes into strict _____ . They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a _____ that will last forever."

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV



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August 2 (Matthew 13:20)

“More than Enough”

Rev. Thomas Eggold, Emmanuel Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

Our Savior has compassion on the needy and has provided for the poor in miraculous ways. He has called us out of our poverty, exhaustion, anxiety, and doubt and has forgiven our sins. In Him, we have more than enough and now we can share His life-giving, life-changing, life-saving gifts with the world.

August 9 (Matthew 14:27)

“The Powerful Word”

Rev. Shayne Jonker, Faith Lutheran Church~Roanoke, IN

Fear is the underlying issue of this morning's Gospel reading. Fear threatens to swallow up Peter and the disciples in their little boat out on the rough sea. Fear paralyzes, it wears us down, it erodes our faith, and it generates doubt. To the disciples' fear, and to ours, Jesus speaks His Word: “Take heart. It is I. Do not be afraid.”

August 16 (Matthew 15:21-28)

“Perfect Healing”

By Rev. Paul E. Shoemaker, Emanuel Lutheran Church~New Haven, IN

We all pray for physical health to be restored when a loved one is ill. Our spiritual health has been restored by Jesus' death and resurrection. In Christ, whether in life or at death, we have perfect healing.

August 23 (Matthew 16:13-20)

“Built on the Rock”

By Rev. William Mueller, Suburban Bethlehem Church~Fort Wayne, IN

The question Jesus asks His disciples is rather simple: Who do people say that He is? However, Jesus' purpose in asking the question was far more than taking a poll of public opinion – He was narrowing it down to each individual person. Who do you say that Jesus is? Is He just a moderately powered helper, enough to help us over the speedbumps in life, OR is He the Lord God Himself who is our Savior?

August 30 (Matthew 16:23)

“The Way God Thinks”

By Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church~Fort Wayne, IN

Are you ever tempted to be God's “script-writer,” to tell God how to be God? Life's greatest news is this . . . God does NOT meet our expectations, He EXCEEDS them! This good news changes our lives now and eternally.



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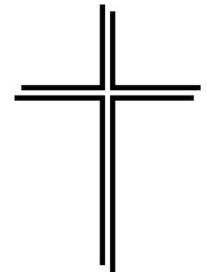
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Transfer Out

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Funeral

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Elders

Aug. Don DeMoss, Ken Kuhn

Communion Assistants

Aug. 8:30 am 2 Wayne Mann
 5:00 pm 2 Kurt Thornsborough
 8:30 am 16 Roger Dahlenburg
 5:00 pm 16 *Volunteer needed!*
 8:30 am 30 Josh Christensen
 5:00 pm 30 Don DeMoss

Ushers

Aug. **Team "B" (8:30 am & 5:00 pm)**
 Capt. Ray Wittmann, Scott Huckstadt, Wayne Mann, Ted Mann, Larry Fredericks, Stuart Barnes, Mike Heidle.

Lay Readers

Aug.	8:30 am	5:00 pm
2	Mike & Sue Heidle	<i>Volunteer needed!</i>
9	Al Julian	<i>Volunteer needed!</i>
16	Nancy Purviance	<i>Volunteer needed!</i>
23	Carol Johnston	<i>Volunteer needed!</i>
30	Jan Mann	Sue DeMoss

Greeters

Aug.	2	Narthex Chapel	John & Marcy Heeren Kitty Lee
	9	Narthex Chapel	Charles Vollmer family Charlotte Schendel
	16	Narthex Chapel	Bill & Joyce Martin Carl & Jerry Young Walter Harbison
	23	Narthex Chapel	Gary & Sarah Stuhr Carol Johnston
	30	Narthex Chapel	<i>Volunteer needed!</i> Dianne Seibert, Roger Seibert

Acolytes

Aug.	8:30 am	5:00 pm
2	Josey Clem	Deegan Culotti
9	<i>Volunteer needed!</i>	<i>Volunteer needed!</i>
16	Hannah Christensen	Zachary Davis
23	Rhylie Beauvois	<i>Volunteer needed!</i>
30	Noah Christensen	Kyla Culotti

Altar Guild

Aug. Caralee Homann, Mary Powell

Money Counters

Aug. Team "B" Nancy Purviance, Martha Elliott

Check Signers

Aug. Sharon Glossinger, Jo Van Hovel

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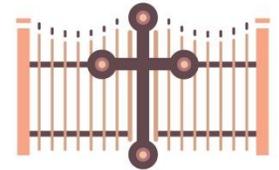
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Bible Quiz

In John of Patmos' vision, what is special about the 12 gates of the New Jerusalem?

- A. They are made of gold and always closed.
- B. They are made of amethyst and onyx.
- C. They are closed by day and open by night.
- D. They are made of pearl and never closed.



Answer: D (See Revelation 21:21, 25.)

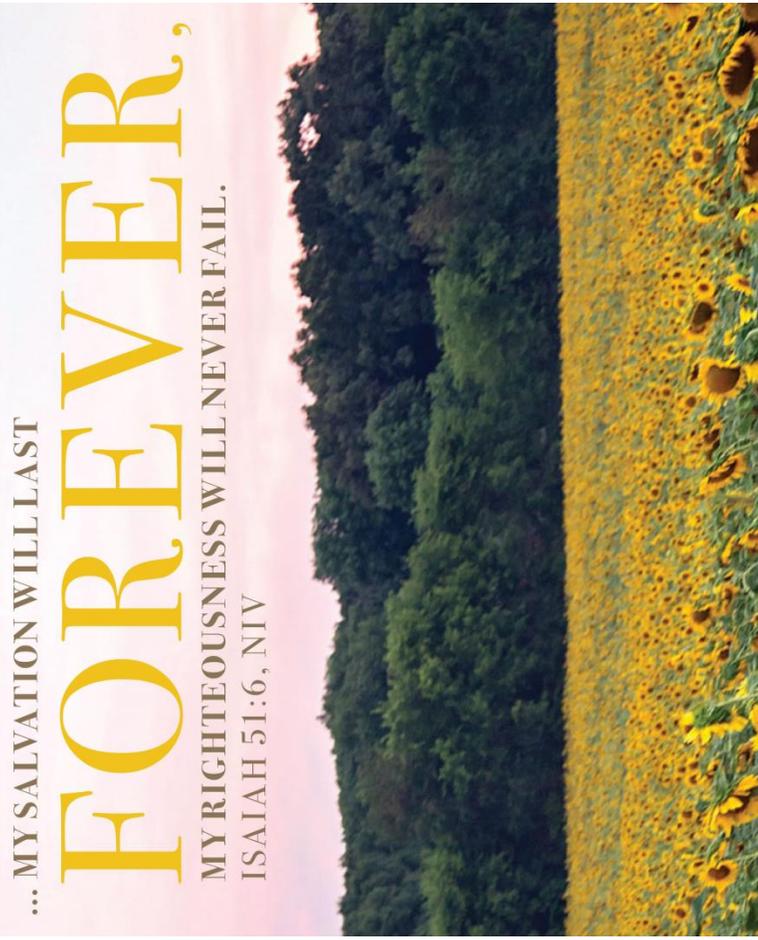


"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the..."

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... MY SALVATION WILL LAST

FOREVER,

MY RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL NEVER FAIL.

ISAIAH 51:6, NIV

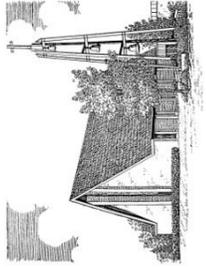
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Sundays
Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23
& 30
at 8:30 am & 5 pm

Wednesdays
Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26
at 5:00 pm

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Communion Schedule

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Aug. 2, 16 & 30
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