



# Immanuel Lutheran Church

# MESSENGER

GOD WITH US

*No creed but Christ* is a common mantra of many protestant denominations, and it is meant well. It comes from a desire to hold fast to sola scriptura. Yet, this doctrine by itself, good and right though it is, has led many Protestants away from sound teaching and doctrine. For example, the seventh day Adventist hold to Old Testament ceremonial law, insisting that Saturday is the true Sabbath and that we must worship on that day alone. They also cling to the rituals of the dietary laws in the Old Testament, forgetting about the vision of Peter in acts 10 and the council of Jerusalem we had in our readings earlier in his Easter season.

We have creeds because they offer us a succinct and concise summary of Christian belief and are in full accord with Scripture and its teaching. The church has the three ecumenical creeds. Namely, these are the Apostle's Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed. Tradition, legend, and lore tell us that the 12 Apostles collaborated together to compose the Apostles creed. Each of the 12 apostles wrote a line of this, the shortest, simplest and most ancient of the three creeds. In the fourth century a dispute arose over the nature and identity of Jesus. A man named Arius was teaching that Jesus was the first and greatest of God's creation, but a creature, and therefore, not God. This obviously created quite a commotion in the church. Emperor Constantine, who had recently legalized Christianity by issuing the Edict of Milan in 313AD called the council of Nicaea in 325AD to resolve this dispute about the nature of Christ. This is why the Nicene Creed contains a much longer confession about who Christ is, where He comes from, and the work that He

has accomplished for us men and for our salvation. The creed we confess today also contains some additional statements, especially in the third article regarding the Holy Spirit and His work. These statement were added by the first council of Constantinople in 381AD which dealt with the Holy Spirit, His work, and His identity.

The third Ecumenical Creed is one that we use once a year in our services and is named after and attributed to Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria and a great leader of the Council of Nicaea. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, his authorship began to be questioned. Still, it bears his name and the creed is authoritative in the church. This is not because of authorship, but because of the content of the creed. The Athanasian Creed is lengthy because it seeks o clearly lay out the complete doctrine of the trinity and of the Christian faith. Perhaps its most controversial words are those near its end:

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*And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil into everlasting fire. This is the Catholic Faith.*

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The confusion comes from misunderstanding what a good work is. Here it speaks not of our actions and deeds, but rather to our faith, for in the eyes of God, only a Christian can do or be good. For the work of any person is tainted by sin until it is washed in the blood of the lamb and made white as snow.

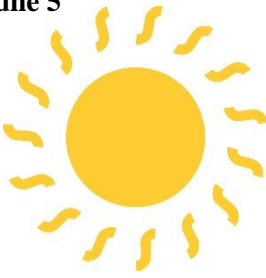
The History of the Ecumenical Creeds is deeply fascinating. Each one contains the teaching of the Christian church, and each one was written in a certain time and place, but has a meaning for the church in all time and in all places. The creeds, like the Lutheran Confessions, act as curbs on our path of faith. The creeds keep us focused and can be used as a measuring stick to judge teaching our other theological ideas. The

Three Ecumenical creeds are indeed a great gift to the church.

**Pastor Yonkers**

## SPECIAL DATES IN JUNE:

- LWML Mite Collection Sunday, **June 5**
- Pentecost, **June 5**
- Trinity Sunday, **June 12**
- Voters' Meeting, **June 12**
- Parish Ed Monical's Day, **June 14**
- Flag Day, **June 14**
- Father's Day, **June 19**
- The First Day of Summer, **June 21**



## SPECIAL DATES IN JULY:

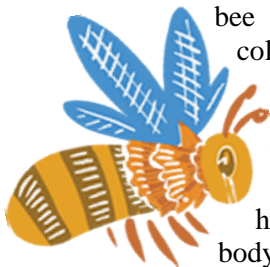
- LWML Mite Collection Sunday, **July 3**
- Independence Day, **July 4**
- Pastor Yonkers Vacation, **July 2 – 11**
- Central IL District Convention, **July 17 – 19**
- ILS Sunday with Zora Drews Door Offering, **July 31**

**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. Please call the church office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 7 am - 3:30 pm) when you have any medical/surgical procedure or in any time of spiritual need at 217-442-5675. In case of emergencies after hours, please feel free to contact Pastor Yonkers on his cell at 260-413-8375.



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

**THE CHURCH HIVE:** Bees live in a cooperative way described as “eusociality,” or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church’s health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul’s words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts “*but the same Spirit*” (1 Corinthians 12:4). According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect “*living illustration of how to walk in unity.*” He wrote, “*Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we ‘may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ’*” (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church “hive”?



**SUMMER BIBLE CLASS:** This summer Bible class will continue on Sunday mornings. We will go through a few short topical Bible studies, looking at Christian ethics in June and miracles in July. We invite you to come and explore these topics throughout the summer!

**PASTOR YONKERS VACATION:** Katie and I will be out of town **July 2-11**, headed to Pioneer on the Lake in Angola, NY for its first week of camp. The beautiful property has been rehabilitated by friends of pioneer and reopening this summer with its family camp program. I will be returning to my old summer camp where I spent three summers in college and serving as their chaplain for the week. There I will run daily chapel, Bible Studies, and campfire devotions while enjoying the warm place in the Son that Pioneer has always been to me and so many people. Check out their website: [www.pioneeronthelake.com](http://www.pioneeronthelake.com). For a closer trip, look at our districts camp, Camp CILCA. I have taken a couple trips there this year and seen the beautiful facility our own Central Illinois District has been blessed with.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for July through September are available in the Narthex. *Portals of Prayer* is great for personal devotions, featuring a daily Bible reading, meditation, and prayer. It is available in pocket size and in a large print edition.

**GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS:** The next Scrip order is due by 9:00 am on **June 13**. The July Scrip orders are due at the same time on **July 11**. **Please place them in Jo Van Hoven's mailbox.** *Scrip cards make great Confirmation, graduation, and wedding gifts!* Order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank. There is a full vendor at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or on the hall bulletin board. If your vendor is available write the name, denomination of the gift card, number of cards wanted, and total amount on a blank line of the order form. Your orders will be available for pickup after church on **June 19** and **July 17**.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Kim Davis will be out of the office from **June 6 through June 24** for a medical procedure, returning on Monday, **June 27**. Pastor Yonkers will strive to be in the office as much as possible, but he will still go to visits at homes, nursing homes, hospital, etc., so please call before stopping by to make sure someone is here to let you in. *Thank you for your patience and prayers!*

*“There is not — nor can there be! — any reason for tearing oneself away from the church in schism. Rather, the worse things become, the more one should help her and stand by her, for by schism and contempt nothing can be mended.”*

—Martin Luther

**CAPITAL FUND DRIVE:** We are now working on parsonage updates and replacing the driveway lights. The current bank balance is \$18,418. We made a partial payment of \$11,298 to RC Electric for the lights. There were several fundraisers in the past months which helped build up our finances: rummage sale, soup supper, and pie day totaling almost \$4,100. We will be meeting soon to start planning for our next event fundraiser coming up in late September or early October. The congregation established the Capital Fund Drive in 2012, and thanks to our generous congregation, we have accomplished many needed upgrades/renovations. Prior generations worked and sacrificed to build the school/church building, and it is up to us to preserve and improve our church home just as we would our own household's. There is a list of projects completed and the costs on the Capital Fund bulletin board (between the mailboxes and the coat room); please stop by and check it out. There are special envelopes at the same bulletin board for ongoing donations through the year. *"...because of my devotion to the house of my God I give my treasure for the house of my God. 1 Chronicles 29:3b*

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket, volunteered to help at the pork loin meal event, and/or donated to the Capital Fund Drive. The results of the event are \$1,577.

**VOTERS MEETING:** Our next regular Voters Meeting is on Sunday, **June 12**, immediately following the worship service. We'll discuss the budgets for the church and school, hold an open forum to address your comments and/or concerns, and the positions up for election. The ballot (so far) is as follows:

- President, Joshua Christensen
- Head Elder, Don DeMoss
- Properties, Scott Huckstadt
- Evangelism, Julie Buesing
- Parish Education, Diana Pratt
- Worship, Tom Fricke
- 4 members of Christian Education

Our leadership are wonderful, they spend their time and talents to aid and encourage the life of the church. Our leaders make Immanuel a congregation that runs well and serves its people, but we need help. Some people have served for many years and could use a break. Our youth position remains unfilled. Please prayerfully consider serving on our board of directors or simply join a committee. Serving elects your voice to be heard, and helps the Word of God grow both here at Immanuel and throughout the many places God touches through Immanuel.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHTS:** So far, we have had two Family Fun Nights. Our most recent one was an outdoor movie in a giant inflatable movie screen. We had a great time and enjoyed hot dogs on the grill, popcorn, and fellowship with one another and some school families! We'd love to hear some ideas from YOU! What are some fun things you would like to do? Potlucks? Game nights? More movie nights? A picnic? What else? We are not asking you to volunteer or plan (although you are always welcome), just what you would like to do together as a church family. Please talk to our leadership and let us know! Here are some pictures from that night:



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** Please note that there are a few changes for June and July. In June, we will follow our normal schedule, with the exception that we will also have Communion on **June 12**, because it is Trinity Sunday. In July, the Wednesday night service on **July 6** has been cancelled due to Pastor's vacation. We will still have Sunday Worship on **July 3 & 10** with a guest pastor.

**WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS:** In 2023, the LWML will turn 80 years old. As part of a national "What's your 80?" project, our CID zone is doing an 80's project. We have 10 groups in our Central Illinois zone, and each group will be putting together 8 school kits and 8 hygiene kits for the Orphan Grain Train, which will make 80 of each kit. *How can you help?*

- ✓ Look at the display in the church narthex. Sign up and take a list for a kit.
- ✓ Purchase the items and return the completed kit to church by **Sept. 25**.
- ✓ Come to church on **Oct. 2**, LWML Sunday, when our kits will be dedicated.

**PHONE DIRECTORY:** 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](mailto:ilcd.churchsec@gmail.com). We can add your email, cell numbers, etc. As a reminder, your information is for congregational communications only; it will not be distributed or used for any solicitation purposes.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The last Sunday that we will meet before summer break is **June 5**. Have a safe and fun summer – we'll see you in the fall!

**EAT PIZZA AND SUPPORT PARISH ED!** Join us for a community Monical's Day on **June 14**! The flyers, that you must take with you, are available in your church mailbox or on the table in the hallway. Just take the flyer to the Monical's locations in Danville, Tilton, or Hoopeston and 20% of your order will be donated!

### CALLING ALL MEN OF IMMANUEL:

*Welcome to the Men's Club of Immanuel Lutheran Church!* All men of all ages are encouraged to become active members of our Men's Club. *Why should you participate?* We'll grow together spiritually through fun, fellowship, and service to our congregation. To kick start a new year, please join us on Monday, **June 6** at 1 pm for a brief meeting in the multipurpose room. Following the meeting, we will drive out the Vermilion County Airport to view a German aircraft. Afterwards, we'll head off to a local restaurant to enjoy a meal together.



### FATHER'S DAY HUMOR:

When a teenager received his driving permit, he asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss use of the car. His father said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut, and then we'll talk about it." A month later, the young man returned to continue the discussion. "Son, I've been real proud of you," the father said. "You've brought your grades up and studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!" The teenager replied, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair and even Jesus had long hair ...." "Yes," the father said, "and they walked everywhere they went!"

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THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ALWAYS PICK UP THE CHECK ON FATHER'S DAY

### More Biblical dad jokes...

Q: Who was the smallest person in the Bible?

A: Knee-high-miah!

Q: Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

A: No, just an apple!

Q: What kind of person was Boaz before he got married?

A: Ruth-less!

Q: Need to build an ark?

A: I Noah guy!

Q: How did Moses start his mornings?

A: Hebrews a pot of coffee!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY:

The May Board of Directors meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Yonkers. Important upcoming dates were reviewed.

**ILS Director's Report:** Mike Heidle stated that we are now at 38 children registered for school next year – well on our way to our goal of 50. He shared some examples of Art to Remember and keepsake books for parents.

### New Business:

- ILS Employee Handbook – the handbook has been an ongoing project for the school board and an initial draft was reviewed. There are still a few items that we need to look into and to the District office for guidance on policies. It should be ready for use in the fall.
- June Voter's Meeting – The date has been set for June 12. Items on the agenda will include the budget, an open floor session to address congregational concerns and/or comments, and elections. The positions up for election are President, Head Elder, Properties, Evangelism, Parish Education, Worship, and 4 members of the Christian Education Board. The budget as prepared was approved by the board to present to the congregation.

**Christian Education:** Sue DeMoss reported that the handbook has been their focus. She enjoyed the kids singing in church and what a wonderful job they did at the PreK graduation as well.

**Finance:** We have received the \$100,000 bequest from the Penny Faber bequest. 25% of unstipulated bequests are designated to the organ fund. The board voted to put \$50,000 in savings, and send \$25,000 to the building and grounds Lutheran Legacy Fund, which will see a 20% match for an additional \$5,000. Monthly reports were reviewed.

### Properties:

- Driveway lights have been removed and the concrete work is expected to begin next week depending on the weather.
- Discussed having a cemetery cleanup, however, the mowing company responded that they will have it mowed and trimmed prior to Memorial Day.
- Power surges need to be investigated. RC Electric will take a look and we will report the surges to Ameren as well.

**Evangelism:** Looking for new members.

**Missions and Social Ministries:** Reports were reviewed from the food pantry and Immanuel Cares.

**Elders:** A motion was passed to transfer the membership of Sarah Albers to Trinity in Harvel. Discussed chapter one of Connected to Christ: Why Membership matters and went over study guide questions. It did inspire great conversation. All will read and complete chapter two for next meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** Discussed SB818, Confirmation, recognizing visitors to our church, summer Bible study, CID Convention, and his vacation time in July.

**Vice-President's Report:** Butch met with Kim and Sam to work on the budget for the church and school.

**Next Meeting:** June 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm.



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***“And if I go and prepare a place for you...”***

***—John 14:3a ESV***

Jesus speaks of going to prepare a place for us. But Jesus came from heaven. He had been there for millennia. Why would He still need to prepare a place? Didn't He have enough time before?

Jesus did indeed reign with the Father from before the Creation, but He needed to prepare an eternal dwelling for our flesh. His time there before His earthly ministry was entirely according to His divine nature, but the place He prepares is for our human nature. So now He takes His resurrected flesh and blood, as truly human as you or I, into the eternal realms to prepare that place where we will dwell eternally as resurrected, flesh and blood people. Rejoice, for our Lord is ascended for you!

*He has raised our human nature / On the clouds to God's right hand; / There we sit in heav'nly places, / There with Him in glory stand. / Jesus reigns, adored by angels; / Man with God is on the throne. / By our mighty Lord's ascension / We by faith behold our own.* (LSB #494:5)

***— Rev. Michael Mohr, Holy Cross in Vandalia***

## 60th Regular Convention

**July 17-19, 2022**

**Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL**

Pastor Yonkers will attend as our pastoral delegate, and Mike Heidle was elected as our lay delegate at the February Voters Meeting.

## Camp CILCA News

Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting. The Act Like Men Camp is July 31 – August 5 and costs \$150. Men 16 year and older, prepare for a week of learning new skills (i.e. general carpentry or woodworking), competition, worship, relaxation, encouragement, Bible study, and friendship.

## Stay Connected...

CID's website: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

Subscribe to the E-GatePost (digital newsletter) and monthly bulletin inserts: <http://www.cidlcms.org/>

Follow the CID on Facebook and Instagram

**ZORA DREWS:** Immanuel will hold a *Fifth-Sunday* door offering on **July 31** for our *Zora Drews Scholarship Fund*. Please prayerfully consider a generous donation – you can help families who are struggling financially to keep their children in ILS. Keep our school in your prayers!

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**VBS TO GO KITS:** If you ordered a VBS to Go kit, you may pick them up at church on June 5, or on Monday, June 6 at ILS. A total of 36 kits were ordered!

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*Do all the good you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as you ever can.*

-John Wesley

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Hey kids! Grab your Crayons and color this picture to gift to your dad on Father's Day!



**STACKS up to you!**  
**Happy Father's Day!**



Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.



#### What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

#### What you do:

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?



# Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

*Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.*



How 13+10 to me are your 12+6, God!



How 8+11 is the 10+3 of them!



Were I to 15+6 them,

they would 3+12 the grains of 4+18 —



when I 13 + 4, I am still with you.



**PSALM 139:17-18, NIV**

Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake



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### Elders

June Don DeMoss, Ken Kuhn, and Kurt Thornsborough

### Communion Assistants

June 5 Kurt Thornsborough, Don DeMoss  
19 Josh Christensen, Dean Hull

### Ushers

June **Team "F"**  
Capt. Tom Farrell, Dwain Dixon, Allen Julian,  
Jim Osterbur, and Aaron Pratt

### Lay Readers

June 5 Janet Terry  
12 Josh Christensen  
19 Carrie Farrell  
26 Gail and Barb Garner

### Gospel Reader

Mike Heidle  
Josh Christensen  
Allen Julian  
Gail Garner

### Greeters

June 5 John & Marcy Heeren, Kitty Lee  
12 Charles Vollmer Family  
19 Bill & Joyce Martin, Walter Harbison  
26 Volunteer needed

### Acolytes

June 5 Hannah Christensen  
12 Kendall Wright  
19 Deegan Culotti  
26 Jamie Yonkers

### Videographer

June 5 Dwain Dixon  
12 Dwain Dixon  
19 Dwain Dixon  
26 Dwain Dixon

### Soundboard

Noah Christensen  
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### Altar Guild

June Sharron Runyan and Tina Ammermann

### Money Counters

June Team "C" Mary Powell, Holly Clem

### Check Signers

June Mary Powell, Butch and Julie Buesing

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

Jesus was known for using a certain type of speech in his teaching. What was it?

A. soliloquy  
B. parable  
C. lecture  
D. riddle

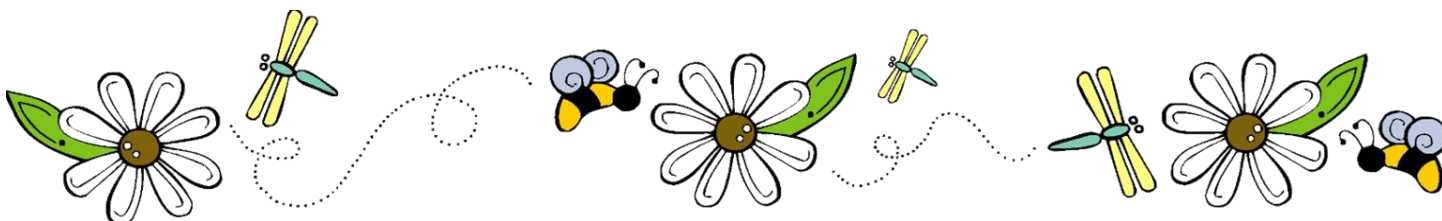
Answer: B (See Mark 4:33-34.)

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## Communion Assistants

July 3 Josh Christensen, Dean Hull  
17 Allen Julian, Kurt Thornsborough  
31 Dean Hull, Allen Julian

## Ushers

July **Team "A"**  
Capt. Don DeMoss, Pete Rudolph, Randy  
Wilkinson, RJ Davis, Chris Davis

## Lay Readers

July 3 Mike and Sue Heidle  
10 Joe and Kathy Kyle  
17 Marilyn Le Pere  
24 Diana Pratt  
31 Allen Julian

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July Sharon Crow, Debbie Ferris, Rosemary Hilton

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July Team "A" Jerry and Charlotte Kennett

## Check Signers

July Jo Van Hoveln and Mike Ferris

# **RUNNING the RACE**

## **SUMMER** Reading Plan

**Life — and exercise — move at different paces for different people.**

Some enjoy leisurely walks, strolls or rolls, while others speed-walk, jog or even sprint. Some people have a 26.2 sticker on their vehicle, indicating they've run a marathon, while others boast of running a half-marathon (13.1) or no marathon (0.0)!

Thankfully, you don't have to be an athlete of any kind to run the Christian "race." The Bible uses running metaphors, however, to encourage followers of Jesus to train, focus, persevere and attain the heavenly prize. Use this Summer Reading Plan to strengthen your faith and your relationship with Jesus. Complete one square each day or every other day, and you'll journey through significant chunks of the New Testament this summer. Feel free to invite a friend or family member to join you as a "running partner"!

### **Mile 1 Read Philippians 1**

Re-read verse 6 and consider how your faith journey is a work in progress.

### **Mile 3 Read Philippians 3**

Look back at verses 13 and 14, and brainstorm a list of ways to keep your eyes on the heavenly "prize."

### **Mile 5 Read Colossians 1**

Re-read verse 11. Name three specific ways God gives you strength and endurance.

### **Mile 7 Read Colossians 3**

Look back at verses 23 and 24. What keeps you running for God, not for other people or for personal accolades?

### **Mile 9 Read 1 Timothy 1**

Doodle about how God's law keeps you from wandering away from him.

### **Mile 11 Read 1 Timothy 3**

What aspects of staying "above reproach" are most challenging for you as a follower of Jesus?

### **Mile 13 Read 1 Timothy 5**

Anonymously perform a kind deed for someone in your family or community.

### **Mile 15 Read 2 Timothy 1**

Describe specific ways your life reveals a spirit of power, a spirit of love and a spirit of self-discipline.

### **Mile 17 Read 2 Timothy 3**

Add a daily Bible-reading time to your spiritual training regimen.

### **Mile 19 Read James 1**

Look back at verse 12. Reflect on how God has kept his promises to you. How does that help you during times of trial?

### **Mile 21 Read James 3**

Re-read verses 17 and 18. Pray for godly wisdom as you continue your faith journey.

### **Mile 23 Read James 5**

After re-reading verse 19, think of ways to reach out to people who have wandered away from God.

### **Mile 25 Read John 20:1-18**

Consider how the good news of Jesus' resurrection gives you reasons to run and share the Gospel message.

### **Mile 2 Read Philippians 2**

Re-read verse 5 and pray to have the same attitude as Jesus.

### **Mile 4 Read Philippians 4**

Write verse 13 on a sticky note and place it where you'll see it daily.

### **Mile 6 Read Colossians 2**

Review verses 6 and 7, make a gratitude list and say a prayer of thanks to God.

### **Mile 8 Read Colossians 4**

Write a note or letter to someone who needs spiritual encouragement.

### **Mile 10 Read 1 Timothy 2**

Re-read verses 5 and 6. Offer praise to Jesus for being our mediator and ransom — and for running the race perfectly for us.

### **Mile 12 Read 1 Timothy 4**

As you exercise, ponder verse 8 and brainstorm ways to build your spiritual muscles.

### **Mile 14 Read 1 Timothy 6**

Review verses 11 and 12. In what ways might faith be viewed as a fight? To whom have you made bold profession of your faith?

### **Mile 16 Read 2 Timothy 2**

Re-read verse 5. The next time you participate in or watch a sporting event, compare the value of God's "victor's crown" to earthly achievements.

### **Mile 18 Read 2 Timothy 4**

Memorize verse 7. Think about people you know who have already "finished the race." How can their example strengthen you?

### **Mile 20 Read James 2**

Put your faith into action today by meeting someone's needs.

### **Mile 22 Read James 4**

Review verse 8. Confess your sins to God and ask him to come near you.

### **Mile 24 Read Luke 15:11-32**

When have you run away from God? What brought you back? When have you seen proof of God running toward you (see verse 20, as well as James 4:8)?

### **Mile 26 Read 1 John 1**

Re-read verse 7. Write "Walk in the Light" on a sticky note, and place it by a lamp or light switch.

**Mile 26.2 Read Revelation 2:10** Praise God aloud: "Come, Lord Jesus!"



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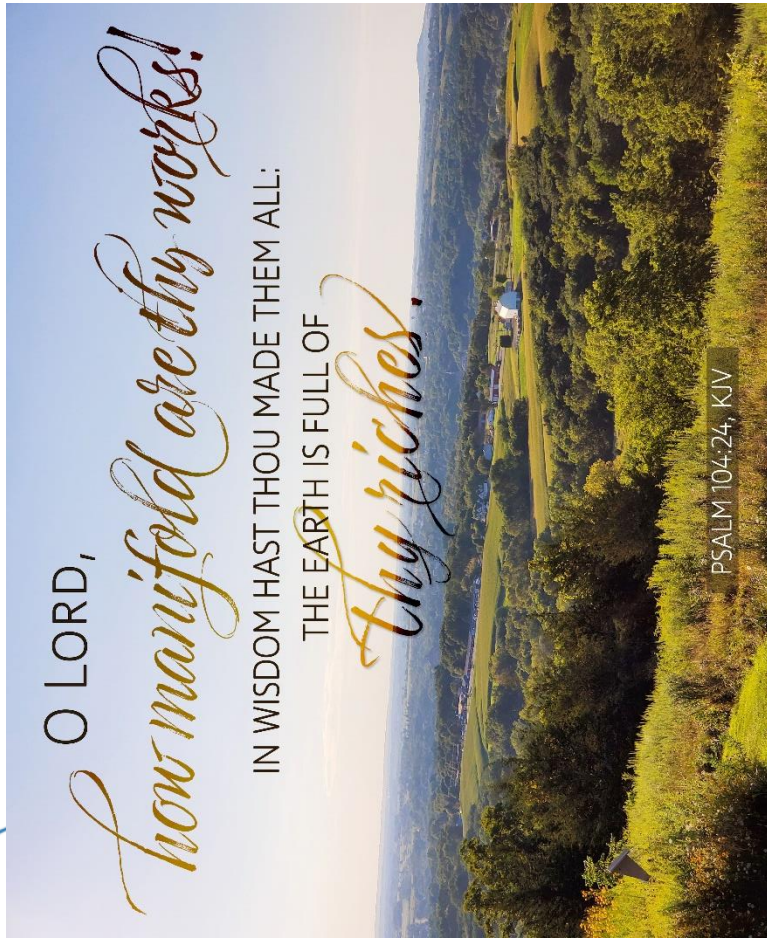
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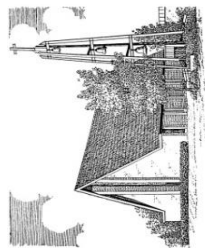
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## Worship Schedule

### Sundays

June 5, 12, 19 & 26  
July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31  
at 9:30 am

### Wednesdays

June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
July 13, 20 & 27  
at 5:00 pm



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## Communion Schedule

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at 9:30 am

### Wednesday

June 29 and July 27  
At 5:00 pm

