

BLESSED beyond measure



I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in the true faith. In the same way, He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

Reading the Third Article of the Creed, one might get the impression that the Holy Spirit does all the work in ministry—that there's nothing left for us to do. Yet when we look to Scripture, we find Jesus's words in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19): "*Go and make disciples of all nations.*" That is a clear call to action. It's not an invitation to sit passively and watch the Holy Spirit at work, but a command to participate in God's mission. Perhaps this tension is part of why ministry is so difficult to measure.

Jesus's own ministry adds another layer of complexity. In Luke 17:11–19, He heals ten lepers—but only one returns to give thanks. Ten percent isn't a number most of us would find encouraging. And yet, for Jesus, it is enough.

This teaches us something vital: We are called to be children of the living God. And as His children, we are called to share His love with those around us—whether it's a family coming through the food pantry, someone benefiting from our social ministries, or the new person sitting beside you in church (even if it's in *your* usual seat—after all, our sanctuary has no assigned seating).

It's been difficult combing through the rolls of our congregation and seeing how many people have moved on. Some have relocated and now attend other faithful Lutheran churches. Others have drifted but remain within the broader Christian family. And sadly, some have left the Church altogether.

So how do we measure ministry? There are two approaches. One is through numbers—and yes, some aspects of ministry lend themselves to metrics. We track finances, for instance, because stewardship matters. When we built our sanctuary, we made thoughtful plans for the future, knowing the importance of planning and provision.

But many aspects of ministry resist measurement. God promises that His Word will not return empty (Isaiah 55:11), yet He never guarantees that *we* will see the fruit of the seeds we sow. The harvest belongs to Him. As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3:6, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." The glory is God's alone.

Take Baptism, for example. It's not the work of the one being baptized, nor the pastor's doing. It is the Holy Spirit who works through water and the Word to create faith and bring forgiveness. Yet the Church still plays a role—we pour the water and speak the Word through which the Spirit is active.

In the same way, we might invite a friend to church, but it is through the hearing of the Word that the Holy Spirit works in their heart.

All of this shows that ministry is more than what numbers can capture. Ministry is messy. It's hard work. But here at Immanuel, we are doing that work faithfully. Our ministries are vibrant and impactful. At the recent district convention, I shared about our school and other community outreach efforts. The other pastors were eager to hear more—they were encouraged by the great work being done here.

So let us continue to proclaim God's Word in every way we can. Let us keep tending the fields, trusting that in His time and according to His will, the Kingdom of God will grow. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Rev. James Yonkers

IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST:

- LWML Mite Collection, **Aug. 3**
- Youth Group Service Project, **Aug. 10**
- ILS Meet the Teacher, **Aug. 14 & 15**
- ILS First Day of School, **Aug. 18**
- The Ark Encounter Trip, **Aug. 23**
- Church in the Park and Picnic, **Aug. 24**
- Zora Drews Scholarship Door Offering, **Aug. 31**

HELP US CARE FOR YOU: *Your well-being is important to us and we want to pray for you!* Unfortunately, we are no longer notified by the hospital; please call the church office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 7 am - 3:30 pm) when you have any medical 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 us informed of their needs.

A PATH OF PERSISTENCE: Some Christian converts in an overseas village were diligent about daily prayer. In the thicket outside town, they each had a place where they prayed in solitude. Over time, these believers wore pathways through the brush to their special prayer areas. If someone neglected his or her prayer life, it was evident because fresh grass started growing on that footpath. Out of concern, fellow Christians offered this loving reminder: "Friend, there's grass growing on your path." How worn is your own path to prayer? Are you persistent when answers don't seem to come? Do you trust that God will answer your prayers, according to his good and gracious will? When you grow weary, remember this promise in Galatians 6:9 (NIV). "At the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

GOLF OUTING RESULTS: A swinging success! We are thrilled to share the *astounding* results: \$36,900 was raised! Of that, \$26,900 will directly benefit Immanuel Lutheran School, and \$10,000 will go to the church. A very special thank you goes to Butch and Julie Buesing of Schomburg & Schomburg, and all who took part in any way to make this event such a resounding success. We can't wait to build on this momentum and see you all again next year!

"Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings."

—William Arthur Ward

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Our church will soon be participating in an LCMS revitalization program called Re:Vitality, which will provide opportunities to strengthen our congregation for years to come. In order to make the most of this program, we need your input to know where to start. We want your opinion. Beginning August 10th, we are asking everyone to go online and fill out a simple survey about our church. We want input from every one of you. It makes no difference if you have been a churchgoer all your life, or whether you just started coming this week; whether you are a member, guest, or regular attendee – we want to hear from each one of YOU. Your responses to the survey will be completely anonymous. No one will know your name. And no one here will see any of the individual responses. It is important that you are honest so that we can have an accurate assessment of where our church is and answer the question, "Where are we...really?"

Joshua Christensen - Congregation President

Survey Dates: August 10 – 31

Paper Copies:

We would prefer that you fill out your survey electronically, if possible, but if you would like a paper copy, please call the church office.

To access the survey online, visit:

<http://lcms.cadds.alchemer.com/s3/&cong=C223009>

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RE:VITALITY
BECAUSE WE'RE THE CHURCH

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY:

Date: July 15, 2025 / Next Meeting: August 19, 2025

New Business

Welcomed the new Board of Directors. Discussed the 5th Sunday Zora Drews Door Offerings. It was decided to keep them, since the funds are used by school families. Discussed EverSafe window films.

Old Business

Discussion on the Ark Encounter transportation.

Christian Education

Current enrollment is 73. Finishing staff hiring. Approved an application for Zora Drews. The Back to School event will be a Fall Carnival fundraiser, rather than a BBQ.

Finance

Reviewed reports. We will begin working on audits in Aug. and Sept. Discussed updates from Capital Fund.

Properties

Lost a phase during VBS, 11 light fixtures needed replaced. Al will look into entire building surge protection. Al removed some dead bushes and weeds. Driveway potholes need patched.

Stewardship

Sue discussed putting envelopes in the pews for guests and visitors at a cost of \$25 for 500. Liked informational flyers Salem Lutheran had in the pews regarding Lutheran worship and beliefs. First item that I would like to talk about as the news stewardship director is acknowledging that all we possess is a gift from God.

Evangelism

No report.

Worship

Discussion regarding Church in the Park on Aug. 24 and the backgrounds of the screen used during worship services.

Parish Education

Will meet in August to begin planning the Children's ministry for the year. Looking at Oct. 5 or 12 for Christian Education Sunday.

Youth

No report.

Mission and Social Ministry

Reviewed reports.

Elders

Approved a motion adding Josh Schmidgall and Butch Buesing as elders. We are excited for the new energy.

Vice-President

No report.

President

Discussed the Cemetery operations.

Pastor

Baptism of Hudson Huckstadt was 7/5. Will be meeting with a member's spouse for adult instruction. Discussed school staff. Reported visits made to hospitals and nursing homes.

CAPITAL FUND:

The current balance is \$205,373. We have been awarded (but will not receive it until the end of the project) a grant of \$50,000 for this project from the Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation, which is reflected in the current fund balance. Also, we have received a grant from the Iroquois Federal Foundation and have been awarded a pending grant from the Vermilion Healthcare Foundation. 79% of OUR GOAL of \$260,000 for our current project of reroofing the school/gym wing of the building is currently funded! Stop by the display in the narthex to see the pictures of the current roof. We want to schedule the project for the spring of 2026 at the latest, so we need to raise the rest of the money (approximately \$54,600) this year. 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 Capital Fund Drive bulletin board in the hallway between the coat room and the parish mailboxes, where you'll find envelopes for ongoing donations throughout 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. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Van Hoveln or any of the committee members. THANK YOU to everyone who has helped to raise this money for the project. Pray for the Capital Fund and the completion of the current project.

SCRIP ORDERS: Looking for a thoughtful gift, or just want to make your everyday purchases work for a good cause? Scrip cards are great for birthdays, graduations, confirmations, weddings, holidays, even your weekly grocery run. The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on **Aug. 11** and will be ready for pick up on **Aug. 17**. Here's how it works: you purchase a gift card at face value (for example, a \$100 Meijer card), and the church receives a percentage back (in this case, 3%). You still get the full \$100 to spend—on groceries, gas, prescriptions, or whatever you normally buy—and the church gets a boost at no extra cost to you. Every card you purchase helps support the daily expenses of our church home. Thank you for using this simple and impactful way to give back!

SAVE THE DATE!

The Steak Fry is Saturday, **Sept. 20** from 4:30 pm to 6 pm. The menu includes grilled ribeye steak, baked potato, salad, Italian bread, dessert and drink for \$25. An extra steak costs \$10. This is a sit-down dinner with carryout meals available. **Advanced ticket sales only – tickets will not be sold at the door.**

Tickets will be sold on Sundays after church from Aug. 17 to Sept. 14 and in the church office during the week. Signup sheets for desserts and volunteers to help at the event will be available starting Aug 17. Set up is Sept. 19 at 4:30 pm. Clean up will be Sunday after church. Please consider helping since we will need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event! Thanks!



"Faith, Fellowship, and Forty (Almost!):

We're thrilled to share that 39 people have signed up to join us on our upcoming day trip to the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY—what a blessing! Thank you to everyone who registered. We're looking forward to a day filled with faith, fellowship, and fun as we explore this incredible full-sized replica of Noah's Ark together.

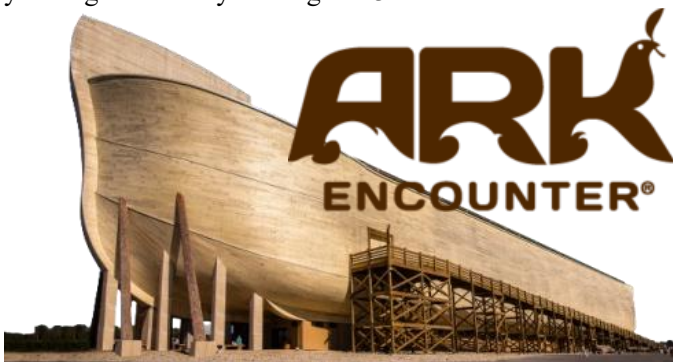
Trip Details – Please Read Carefully:

- Date: Friday, August 23
- Bus Arrival at Immanuel: 5:30 am
- Departure: Please be on board and ready to leave by 6:00 am sharp!
- Estimated Arrival at the Ark Encounter: Around 10:00 am (traffic permitting)
- Time to Explore & Enjoy: Spend the day touring the Ark, walking through immersive exhibits, and reflecting on the Genesis account of the Great Flood (Genesis 6–8)
- Group Meal: We'll gather for a delicious lunch at Emzara's Buffet
- Return to the Bus: Please be back by 6:30 pm
- Departure from Williamstown: 7:00 pm
- Estimated Return to Immanuel: Around 11:00 pm

This trip is not just a chance to see a fascinating biblical attraction—it's an opportunity to connect with others, grow in faith, and enjoy a special day together as a community. As we tour the Ark, we'll be reminded of God's promises and the truth of His Word, through the lens of Sola Scriptura—Scripture alone.

Looking Ahead...

If you've enjoyed the planning and idea behind this outing, we'd love to hear from you! Would you be interested in making a day trip like this an annual tradition? Let us know your thoughts—and if you have destination ideas, we're all ears! We can't wait to share this special day with you. See you bright and early on August 23rd!



Martin Luther reminds us:

"At home in my own house there is no warmth or vigor in me, but in the church when the multitude is gathered together, a fire is kindled in my heart..."

In this season after Pentecost, Year C, we are invited to live faithfully, serving in community and anticipating Christ's return together. May our gatherings spark that same warmth, courage, and purpose.

SAVE THE DATE! The Fall Rummage and Bake Sale is scheduled for **Oct. 3 & 4!** It's time once again to clean out your closets and support Immanuel! You may bring donations for the sale after the Steak Fry and put them on the stage in the gym. We will also be looking for volunteers to help set up, work the day of the sale, and clean up. The proceeds will benefit the Capital Fund.



STEWARDSHIP: Thanks be to God for the month of August. Here I begin to serve as the Director of Stewardship. I've started by beginning to read the book "Much More Than Giving" by Roy Bleick. The book begins by focusing on "Stirring up" our faith. We do this by first acknowledging that all things in our life are from God our Father who gives us good gifts.

Think about the last birthday party you went to. How did the recipient of the birthday gifts respond? If it was something they really wanted, were they over the top with excitement?

Then, think back to a Christmas gift. Who among us received socks, underwear, or pajamas? These were good gifts, from our parents, not exciting as the latest toy or electronic gadget, but needed just the same. In contrast, how different our reactions are when we try to measure the value in our gifts.

I am asking you this month to reflect on where everything that we own comes from. We like to take the credit way too much. Especially when we focus on ourselves as the giver/receiver. This month acknowledge God as the giver of all we possess. Our house, home, spouse, children, our occupations, money, health, love, happiness, and friends. Once we accept that God our Father is the one who provides all our needs in His good and gracious time, we then can begin to have honest gratitude and give praise to Him who deserves praise. Next month's focus will be on gratitude.



SUPER-SECRET SERVICE PROJECT!

Good Deed Project: Not telling.

Who Is It For: Not telling.

What's for Dinner: Not telling.

When: Sunday, August 10 at 4:00 pm.

Where: Youth room

Dress: Something you're not afraid to get paint on.

Who Should Come: Teens and young adults. (Friends are welcome.)



National Youth Gathering 2025 was a successful and meaningful trip. Awe inspiring really. While our send off was a bit rocky and things didn't go as planned, we ended up back in Danville to regroup and load up the van to drive overnight. Before we did, we had an impromptu chapel service complete with communion. We focused on Jesus and began anew. Shouldn't that always be the way, when things don't go as planned? Thanks be to God, Josh and Don for driving all night to arrive safely. Our journey was filled with experiences that were new to us. The food was different, some we liked, some not so much. The City of New Orleans is huge! Each one of us walked 62 miles, crossing from the hotel to the convention center, to the Superdome. Along the way we made friends, gave countless high fives as the Youth Adult Volunteers cheered us on. We attended our sessions, had Bible Study and enjoyed the hall where there were so many things to see and do! Each evening, we went to the Superdome where the mass of 25,000 Lutherans from 45 states and 10 countries praised and worshiped together. On our last day there, the mass of people celebrated Divine Service and communed together. One of the presenters said, unless you go to the 2028 Youth Gathering you may not witness such a group worshipping until we do it in heaven. Let that sink in! My mind was filled with the imagery of Angels and Arch Angels and all the company heaven in one voice praising our Triune God! Our youth worshipped with energy as they have never before; clapping and singing with energy that literally shook the floor and seats. May we worship with such energy and enthusiasm now that we are home! To each of you who prayed, gave, encouraged and celebrated this trip with us, we thank you with profound gratitude.





Join us at the Lincoln Park Pavilion (English & Logan Streets) for Church and a Family Picnic on **Aug. 24**. We'll have our service at 9:30 am, then follow with a picnic lunch - bring your favorite picnic dishes to share. Drinks and table service will be provided. Picnic tables are available in the pavilion but feel free to bring lawn chairs for the service as well. We hope you'll join us!

ILS FALL CARNIVAL: We are excited to host a Welcome Back Fall Carnival on Saturday, **Sept. 13** from 5-7 pm! This is a freewill donation event for both school families and the church. We are looking for volunteers to help our school staff make this an amazing event for all! We are looking for help cooking, serving, set up and tearing down, running games and activities (ideas are welcome), and baking cakes to run a cake walk! We'll also need help getting prizes to give to people who win. Contact our director, Rachel Schmidgall in the school office or by email ils.schooldirector@gmail.com if you're interested in this fun opportunity!

SAVE THE DATE! As we enter the fall season and return to routines of learning and growth, we invite you to join us for a special observance of **Christian Education Sunday** on Sunday, **Oct. 19**. This day is set aside to celebrate the blessing of teaching and learning God's Word, both for children and adults. In a world that constantly shifts its values and priorities, we stand firm in the truth that God's Word endures forever—and that Christian education is essential for building lives of faith. During our worship service, we will reflect on the importance of raising children to know, trust, and love the Lord, while also affirming our own lifelong call to grow in His Word. We will include a special installation and prayer of blessing for the dedicated teachers and staff of Immanuel Lutheran School. We will also lift up our preschool, Sunday School, youth programs, adult Bible studies, and all educational ministries in prayer as we begin this new season rooted in Scripture.

In the words of Martin Luther: *"I am afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the hearts of youth."* This quote reminds us how vital it is to anchor all learning in God's truth—and why we joyfully support Christian education at every level. To God be the glory, now and always!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: All women are invited to join us for our Tuesday morning Bible study, beginning **September 16** at 9:30 a.m. in the conference room. This fall, we'll be diving into *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. The study explores the lives of 16 women from Scripture and the timeless lessons their stories offer for our lives today. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please add your name so we can order a book for you. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Cindy Pasquale. We hope you'll join us for this time of study, conversation, and encouragement in God's Word!

ZORA DREWS: A Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in memory of one of our school's beloved teachers, Zora Drews. She began teaching Kindergarten in her home in Danville. It was her desire as well as her family's to create a means by which families in need of assistance could receive help. Thus, the Zora Drews Memorial Scholarship Fund was established. Our next door offering is **August 31**. You can help fulfill the mission of Immanuel! You can help families who are struggling financially to keep their children in our school. Please support this scholarship fund and keep our school in your prayers! But you don't have to wait until the 5th Sunday; support the Zora Drews fund any time and regularly! *Thank you!*


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Bible Quiz

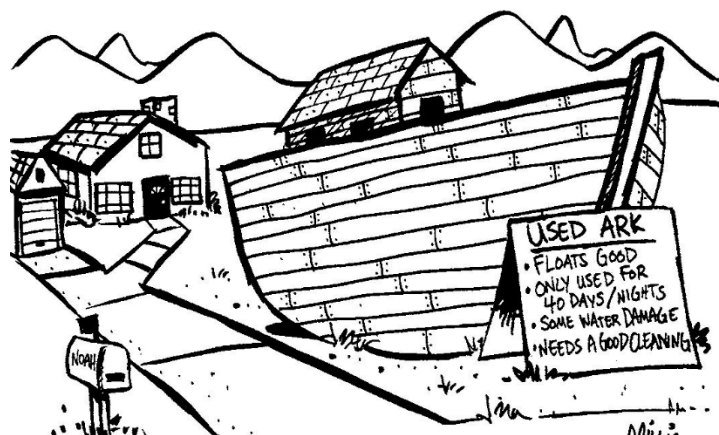
For years, King David showed special kindness to the son of King Saul's son Jonathan, because David and Jonathan had been dear friends.

Which of the following statements is not accurate?

- A. The name of King Saul's grandson was Mephibosheth.
- B. He was lame in both feet.
- C. His feet had been injured when he was 5.
- D. He was injured while playing with his brothers.



Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 4:4; 9:1-7; 21:7.)





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Prayer Request

Pray for Our CID Missions supported by your church's contributions to the District. "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored."

Please remember in your prayers our District's Lutheran Early Response Training (LERT) volunteers, who provide help in Jesus' name to churches and individuals affected by natural disasters. Pray for the hundreds of LERT workers in CID and throughout our Synod.

"Reaching In" Prison Mentoring Program is coming to the Central Illinois District!

You can help with prison ministry from outside a prison! "Reaching In," a letter-writing mentoring ministry developed in southern Illinois, is now available in CID. Correspond with inmates via letters sent back and forth to a P.O. Box, thus guarding your identity and location information. For more info, you can e-mail your name and phone number to prisonministry@cidlcms.org.

Camp CILCA News

S.E.L.F. Retreat – Aug. 22 – 24

What does S.E.L.F. stand for? Singles Engaged in Lutheran Fellowship. What is our goal? Our goal is fellowship and fun. We are planning to do lots of activities and have a ton of fun with other Lutherans who also happen to be single. Anyone over the age of 18 is invited to attend.

HOMECOMING

Saturday, August 2, 2025



Tent/RV sites available all weekend



Meal



Beach open



Vendor Fair



Echelon Concert



4124 Camp CILCA Road
Cantrall, IL 62625



Items of Interest to Share

IN CELEBRATION OF CAMP CILCA'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

WEEKLY BROADCAST SCHEDULE:**Sundays at 7:00 am – WTWO – TV2 (NBC)****Sundays at 7:30 am – WCIX Channel 3****Sundays at 10:30 am – TCT Network – Direct TV Channel 377****Nationwide Sundays: Direct TV Channel 377 (11:30 am Eastern / 10:30 am Central / 9:30 am Mountain / 8:30 am Pacific)****Tune in anytime online: www.worshipforshutins.org*****August 2025*****August 3, 2025*****“Regarding Possessions”* by Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III****Sermon Text: Luke 12:13-21**

Our society often seems crazed with the desire to possess: to have some new product, to increase one's earthly possessions, to grow wealthy. Christ frequently encountered this same kind of attitude, and in response, he told the parable of the foolish rich man. This parable leads each one of us to ask, “What is my view regarding possessions?”

**August 10, 2025*****“Do Not be Anxious”* by Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer****Sermon Text: Luke 12:22**

Do you feel as if you are being stretched beyond your limits? That your world is breaking apart? God holds the entire world in His hands. He gave His Son for us. Do not be anxious!

**August 17, 2025*****“The Faith Race”* by Rev. Shayne Jonker****Sermon Text: Luke 12:49-50**

Run the race of faith with joy and hope. Focus on Jesus. His joy was to save you. Your joy is to receive the salvation He won for you, to be welcomed at the end of your race into the open arms of your Savior, and to have Him put the victor's wreath on your head.

**August 24, 2025*****“The Time is Coming”* by Rev. William Mueller****Sermon Text: Isaiah 66:18-23**

Isaiah prophesies about the last days and the gathering of believers from every nation. Who is at the center of this? How is He described as “the glory of God”? And our hearts are also searched to see if we are ready for the “outsider” to become an “insider.”

**August 31, 2025*****“It's Hard to be Humble”* by Rev. Paul Shoemaker****Sermon Text: Luke 14:1-14**

It's hard to be humble. Our pride encourages us to think more highly of ourselves than we ought. Our Lord Jesus humbled Himself and became like we are, yet without sin. In His humility He won for us the gift of life eternal. He encourages us to put aside our pride and, like Him, live a life of humble service.

Serving Schedules

August 2025

Elders

Don DeMoss, Dean Hull, Butch Buesing, and Joshua Schmidgall

Communion Assistants

- 3 Allen Julian, Dwain Dixon
- 17 Don DeMoss, *sub needed*
- 31 Kurt Thornsborough, Allen Julian

Ushers – Team “B” Youth

Capt. Josh Christensen, Hannah Christensen, Jamie Yonkers, Eli Mann, Kendall and Carley Wright, and Owen Price

Lay Readers

- 3 Allen Julian
- 10 Jan Mann
- 17 Carrie Farrell
- 24 Nancy Purviance
- 31 Kurt & Debbie T.

Gospel Reader

- Allen Julian
- Josh Christensen
- Gail Garner
- Butch Buesing
- Kurt Thornsborough

Acolytes

- 3 Eli Mann
- 10 Kinley Pratt
- 17 Kendall Wright and Brooklynn Hunt
- 24 Hannah Christensen and Owen Price
- 31 Jamie Yonkers

Videographer

- 3 Butch Buesing
- 10 Dwain Dixon
- 17 Kim Davis
- 24 Dwain Dixon
- 31 Kim Davis

Sound/Screens

- Jan Mann
- Jamie Yonkers
- RJ Davis
- Don DeMoss
- RJ Davis

Altar Guild

Mary Powell and Eileen Huckstadt

Money Counters

Team “B” Nancy Purviance and Martha Elliott

Check Signers

Mike Ferris and Jo Van Hovel

September 2025

Elders

Don DeMoss, Dean Hull, Butch Buesing, and Joshua Schmidgall

Communion Assistants

- 7 Dwain Dixon, Dean Hull
- 21 Don DeMoss, Josh Christensen

Ushers – Team “C”

Capt. Kurt Thornsborough, Paul Pasquale, Butch Buesing, Gary West, Allen Julian, and Jim Robinson

Lay Readers

- 7 Dwain Dixon
- 14 Sue DeMoss
- 21 Gail and Barb Garner
- 28 Jan Mann

Gospel Reader

- Dwain Dixon
- Butch Buesing
- Gail Garner
- Allen Julian

Acolytes

- 7 Eli Mann
- 14 Carley Wright
- 21 Kinley Pratt
- 28 Owen Price

Videographer

- 7 Josh Christensen
- 14 Dwain Dixon
- 21 Kim Davis
- 28 Dwain Dixon

Sound/Screens

- Jan Mann
- Don DeMoss
- RJ Davis
- Jamie Yonkers

Children’s Church

- 7 Jan Mann
- 21 Jan Mann

Nursery

- TBD
- TBD

Children’s Sermon

- 14 TBD
- 28 TBD

Altar Guild

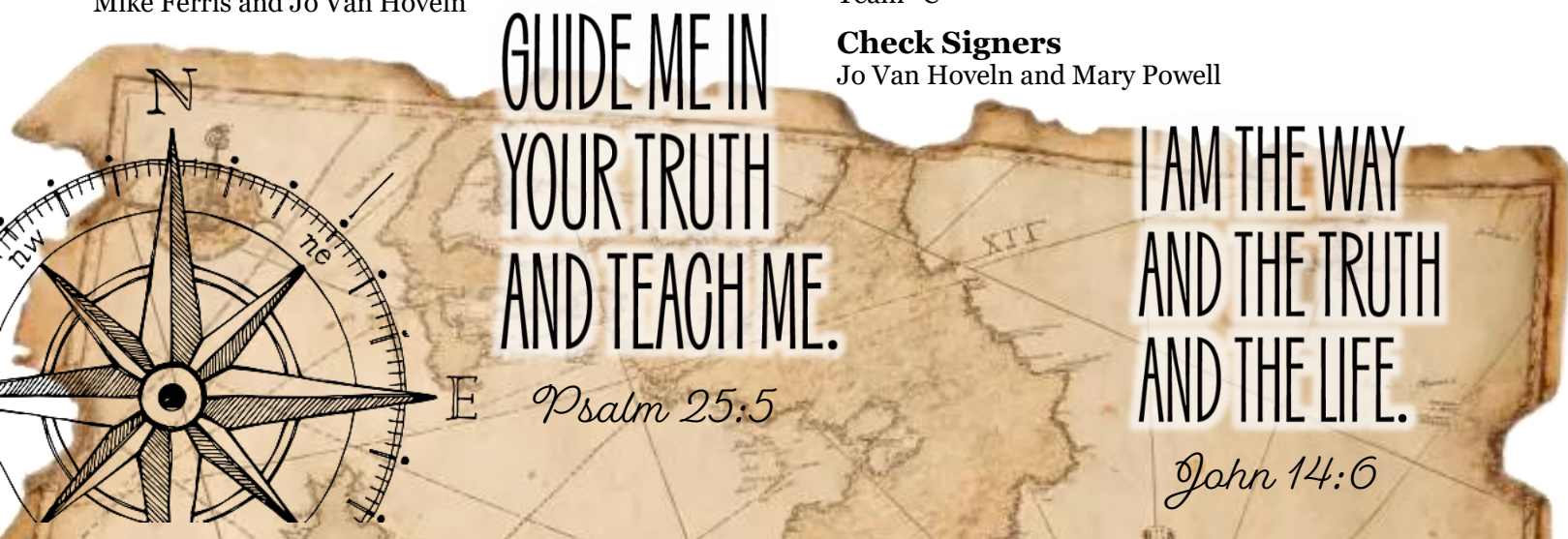
Sharron Runyan and Kathy Christensen

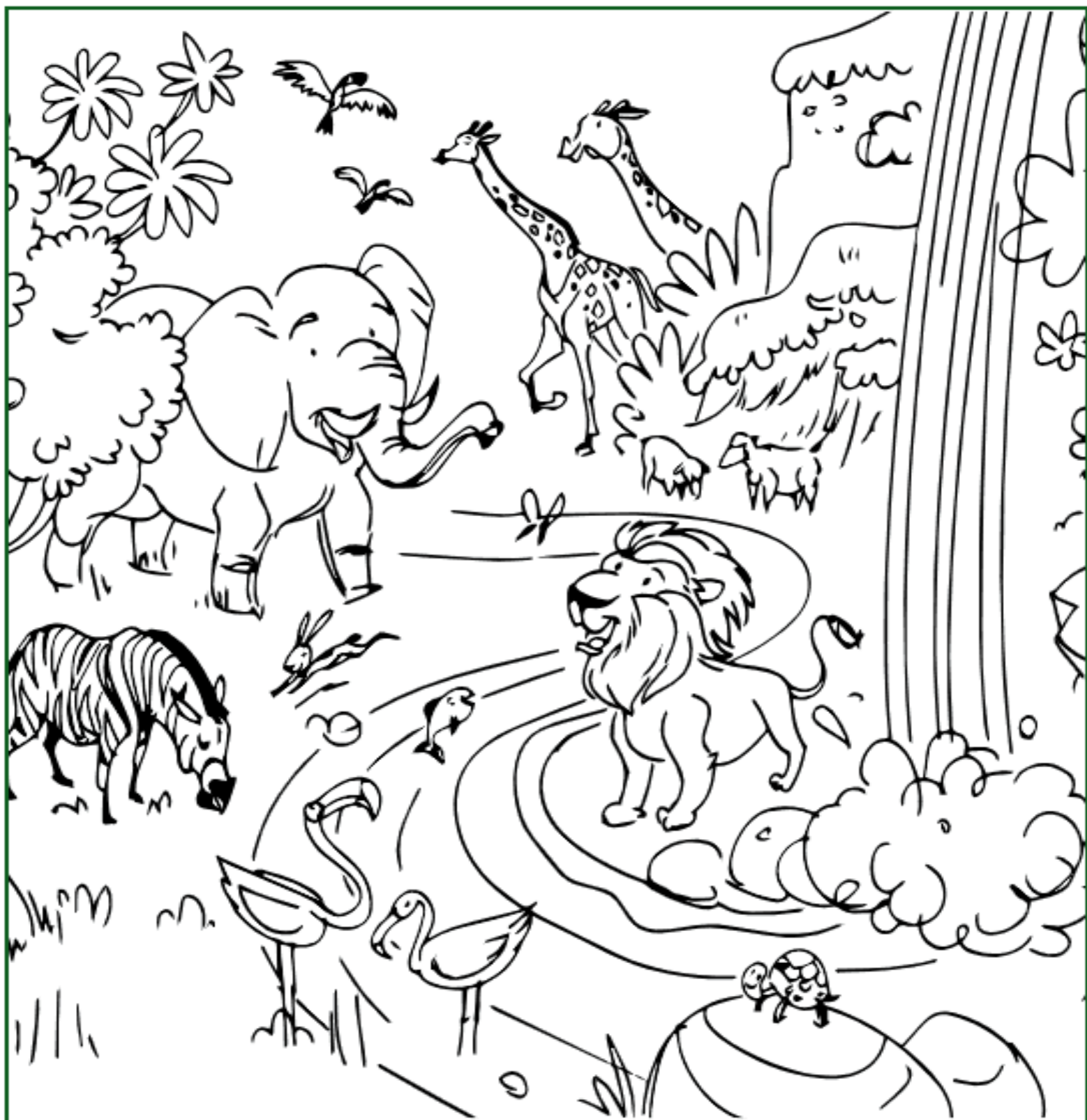
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Team “C”

Check Signers

Jo Van Hovel and Mary Powell





God made the animals.

Puzzle!

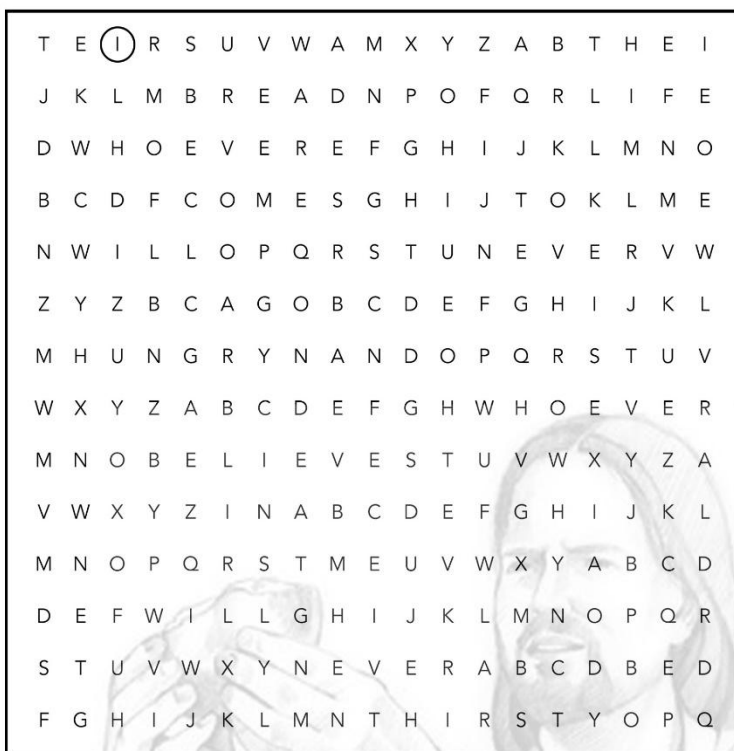
Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

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WORD LIST

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hungry go life me me never to never the the of will
will thirsty whoever



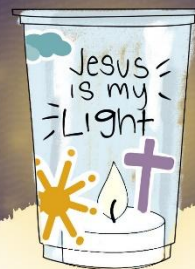
"I _____

_____."

- John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

SHINE FOR Jesus



This easy and colorful craft helps kids remember that Jesus is their light—no matter where they go!

What you need:

- Clear plastic cup
- Battery tea lights
- Tissue paper squares (pre-cut)
- Glue stick
- Markers (optional)
- Stickers (optional)



What you do:

1. Use the glue stick to press colorful tissue paper squares around the outside of the cup.
2. Add a simple phrase like "Jesus is my Light" or use fun stickers to decorate.
3. Turn on the tea light and place it inside the cup.
4. Turn off the lights and let your lantern glow!

The Lord is my light
and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

— Psalm 27:1, NIV



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prepared prayerfully for:

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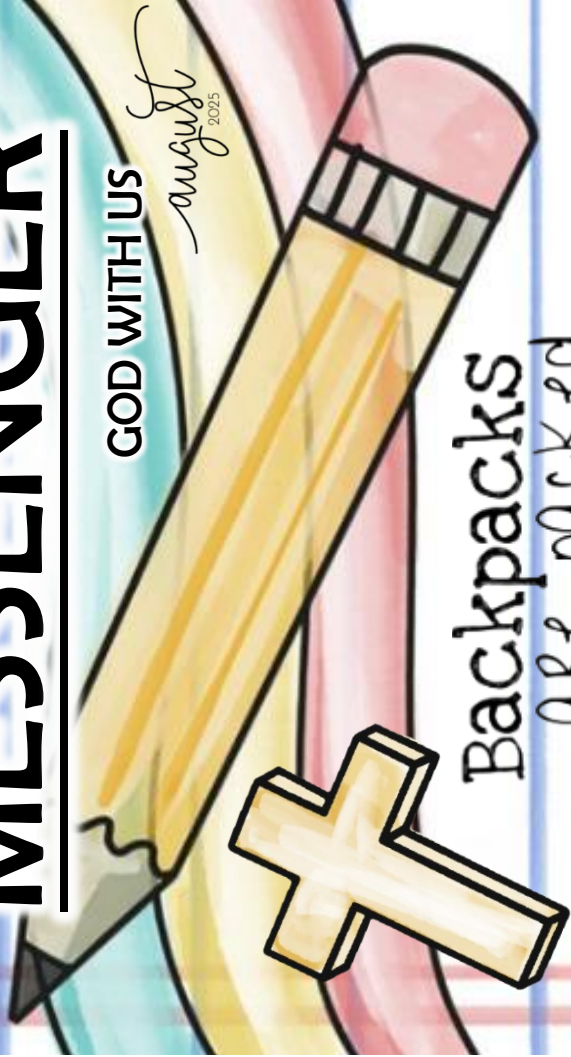
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Backpacks
are packed,

LET'S COVER
our
HEARTS
are ready -
STUDENTS
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