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Immanuel Lutheran Church

# MESSENGER

GOD WITH US

Roman Catholicism makes claims to be the original or the true church; don't worry Lutherans make such claims, too. As we begin Bible study this fall and look at different branches of Christianity, I thought it fitting to look at our own church, the Lutheran Church. I have heard many different views from non-Lutherans on who and what we Lutherans are. The Roman Catholics think we are Protestant, and the Protestants think we are Catholics. You know, I am not sure either of them is wrong. We are "traditional". Even our contemporary services look liturgical to many in the protestant world.

Our confessions even declare that we support the historic Liturgy, our order of service. Attending a Roman Catholic Mass with my friends, I always felt at home, for I knew most of the responses by heart. Martin Luther even wrote a service in German known simply as "Die Deutsche Masse", or The German Mass. Our Divine Services are known by many in our own church body as masses. Yet, the theology contained within our Divine services, in our masses, is different from Catholicism.

Listen to the words of the offertory "What shall I render to the Lord". Our sacrifices are not proprietary. A pastor earns nothing salvific for officiating a mass, and an individual earns nothing for mere attendance, that is apart from faith, either. In the offertory we sing "I will offer the sacrifice of Thanksgiving". That is what we do, and what the Lutheran Church has always done. In Scripture, communion is often referred to as the Eucharist, or the "Thanksgiving". Christ's atonement is complete. He paid for it all. He continually gives of Himself at His Table. We have nothing to give and nothing to do. Our

views on the Eucharist alone separate us from Rome.

Yet, we don't really agree with the Protestants either. We do not try and lock Christ up in heaven. We know He is not too remote, too sovereign, to truly interact or to truly come to His people. We simply believe His words. "This is my body". "This is my blood". No imagery, no metaphor, just a simple statement of fact. Communion is not a symbol or representation. The body and blood of Christ are truly present. Ever heard Lutherans talk of the body and blood of Christ being IN, WITH, and UNDER the bread and wine? Lutherans use these words to ward off heretical thinking about the Lord's Supper that can easily come about if we delve away from scripture and into our own reason and understanding.

Likewise, we do not try to improve the communion elements or make them more pliable to our hearts and minds or to our own liking. We use what Jesus used, we use what Jesus directed us to: unleavened bread and wine. We do this not because we are drunkards, but because these are the elements Jesus used. These are the elements Jesus commanded us to use. So, we see that as Lutherans we do not agree with Protestants either, for grape juice is not permitted, and neither is leaven bread.

As Lutherans we lie in the middle. Neither Roman Catholic nor Protestant. In Sunday's Adult Bible Study, we will look at our unique Lutheran identity and the rest of the whole Christian church on earth. We will look at the sources of authority and the way the different church bodies see scripture and the sacraments. Come and study with us!

***Pastor Yonkers***

## SPECIAL DATES IN SEPTEMBER:

- LWML Mite Collection, **Sept. 3**
- Sunday School & Bible Study Begins, **Sept. 3**
- Labor Day, **Sept. 4**
- Back to School Bash, **Sept. 8**
- Patriot Day, **Sept. 11**
- LWML Fall Rally, **Sept. 12**
- First Day of Autumn, **Sept. 23**
- Women's Bible Study Begins, **Sept. 26**
- Capital Fund's Steak Fry, **Sept. 30**

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**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.

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**CHOIR AND HANDBELLS STARTING:** It's time for our choir and hand bells to begin practicing again. The first rehearsals are on Wednesday, **Sept. 6**. The choir will meet at 6:00 pm; with hand bells following at 6:45 pm. Anyone with an interest in either is welcome to join us. You don't have to read music to be able to make a joyful noise unto the Lord – anyone is welcome to come join us to sing and ring praises to our Lord!

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**ZORA DREWS:** Thank you to all who continually and faithfully support in giving to the Zora Drews Scholarship Fund. This fund gives financial support to families to help in their children to attend our school. The fund was overspent by over \$8000 last school year. We have transferred funds from school savings to provide a start-up for this school year. The plan is to continue to hold door offerings for this needed fund on 5th Sundays. There will also be 3 other Sundays with door offerings when ILS students sing in our church service and their families will be present. We could really use some more in the fund to be able to meet future needs. Please prayerfully consider donating to this fund. You may use a designated offering envelope and simply mark it for Zora Drews. Thank you!

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***Live as if God sees and hears everything... Because He does!***

**BLESSED WITH WORK:** In the movie *Return to Me*, Grace works for her grandfather, Marty, in his restaurant, and the two live upstairs. After closing time one night, Grace looks through the apartment window and sees Marty cleaning tables. She yells down to ask if he wants help, and he replies, "No, dear, that's okay. I'm blessed with work." Here's a man well past retirement age laboring extra hours after his staff has clocked out. Marty simply continues to delight in his work, despite the late hour. Although this snippet had little to do with the movie's plot, I've always remembered Marty's words. But I don't think I've ever claimed to be "blessed with work." By contrast, I often sigh as I'm dealing with messes or long to-do lists. I can get so caught up in tasks that I overlook the incredible people around me. I miss out on the blessing — the joy — of work. Ecclesiastes 5:19 (NLT) says, "*To enjoy your work ... is indeed a gift from God.*" In what ways are you "blessed with work"?

***Thank you, Lord...***

Lord, thank you for this sink of dirty dishes;  
we have plenty of food to eat.

Thank you for this pile of dirty laundry;  
we have plenty of nice clothes to wear.

Thank you for those unmade beds;  
they were so warm and comfortable last night.

Thank you for this bathroom with splattered mirrors,  
we have clean water and they are so convenient.

Thank you for this oven that absolutely needs cleaned  
It has baked so many things over the years.

Thank you for our tall grass that needs mowing;  
my kids are healthy and able to run and play.

Lord, the presence of all these chores awaiting me says  
You have richly blessed my family. I shall do them cheerfully and I shall do them gratefully!

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**SAVE THE DATE!** The Capital Fund will once again host our Annual **Steak Fry** on Saturday, **Sept. 30**, from 4:30 to 6 pm. The menu includes grilled ribeye steak, baked potato, green beans, salad, Italian bread, dessert, and drink for \$25. An additional steak is \$10. The tickets will be available beginning **Sept. 3**

on Sundays after church and during the week in the church office. Gym set up and kitchen cleaning will be Friday, **Sept. 29**, at 4:30 pm. We'll need lots of help with set up, during the event, and take down afterwards. There will be volunteer sign-up sheets for this plus a dessert signup sheet in the chapel hallway along with the tickets. ***This event has advance ticket sales only – they will not be sold at the door.***

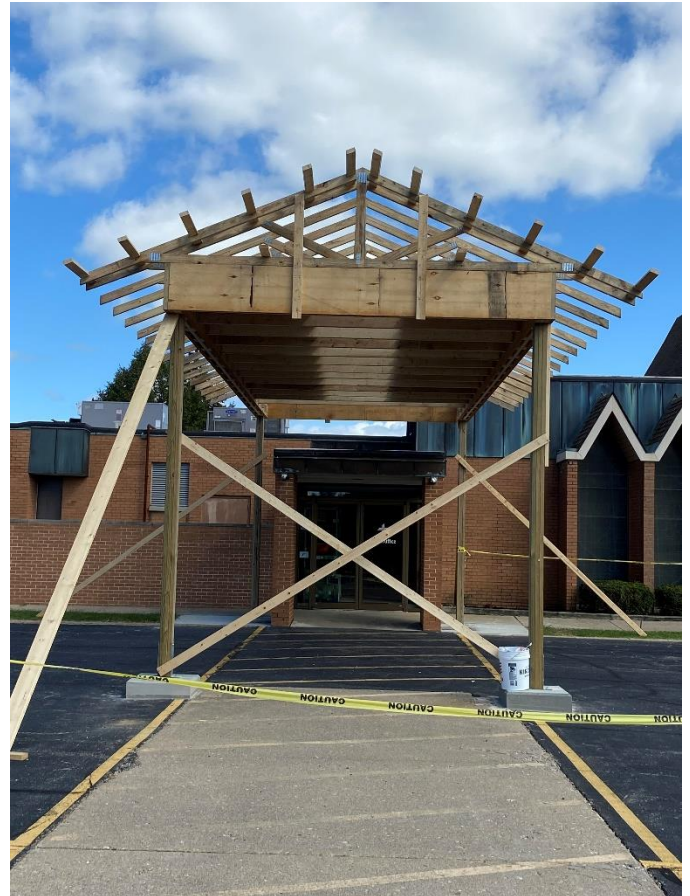




# Stewardship SPOT

**Stewardship in the First Commandment:** The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety. Luther starts with the Ten Commandments. The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him. This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him. Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him. In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment: This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don’t have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God’s work.

**EXCITING NEWS!** Construction has begun on our new covered entrance that will replace our awning. Over the years, our awning has been hit, causing thousands of dollars in damage each time. This new, permanent structure will be taller and wider to prevent that issue and will look similar to the one at First Baptist Church on Vermilion. During construction, we ask that you use a different entrance and more details on that are forthcoming. Please contact Scott Huckstadt or Butch Buesing if you have any questions or concerns. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation!



**PATRIOT DAY:** On December 18, 2001, Congress approved a joint resolution designating September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day." It's a day to remember the more than 3,000 innocent lives lost on that September morning in 2001. The resolution requests that each year the President issue a proclamation calling on the American people and state and local governments to observe the day with appropriate programs and activities. Those activities include remembrance services, candlelight vigils, moments of silence, and flying the American flag at half-staff. In his 2003 proclamation President Bush said, "On that day, and in



its aftermath, we saw the greatness of America in the bravery of victims; in the heroism of first responders who laid down their lives to save others; in the compassion of people who stepped forward to help those they had never met; and in the generosity of millions of Americans who enriched our country with acts of service and kindness." Keep them all in your prayers this Patriot Day.

**SCRIP ORDERS:** The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on **Monday, Sept. 11**. Updated order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway; please use these for your orders and throw away your old blanks. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank; if you want to check if your favorite vendor participates in the Scrip program, you can find a full vendor list and check the availability online at [raiserright.com/resources/organization](http://raiserright.com/resources/organization) or see the list posted in the hallway bulletin board. If your vendor is available 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. *The following have been added to the vendor list: McDonald's (2% profit), Casey's Gas (3% profit), Saltgrass Steakhouse (9% profit), Jimmy John's Subs (8% profit), and Sonic (when it opens) with an 8% profit to the church.* These orders will be available for pickup on **Sunday, Aug. 20**, or in the church office after that, or you may make special arrangements with Jo Van Hoveln. Selected cards are available all the time; they are most of the local fast food/chain restaurants (with varying rates of profit to the church), plus Meijer and Wal-Mart. If you have questions, please see Jo Van Hoveln, Judy Creek, or Kim Davis.

**SCRIP CARD EXPLANATION:** The cards come in various amounts and can be used just like a credit/debit card at the designated vendor. For example, you order and get a \$100 Meijer card. The church gets \$3 (3%) of income from this card, and you buy \$100 worth of groceries, prescriptions, gas, etc. with it. There are varying rates on these cards from 1.5% to 13% so the amount the church receives depends on the rate on the individual vendor card. There is a printed list of the vendors and the percentages they give on the bulletin board and at [www.raiserright.com/resources/organization](http://www.raiserright.com/resources/organization). These cards are *good anywhere in the USA and can also be used for confirmation, birthday, graduation, Christmas, new baby, or wedding gifts.*

**CAPITAL FUND DRIVE:** The current bank balance is \$32,902.00. Our current project is the resealing of the north part of the parking lot and a couple of other areas for \$17,435. The north parking lot area will also have stripes for parking. There are special envelopes at the ushers' desk and between the Stewardship bulletin board by the coat room and member mailboxes. The Capital Fund was established in 2012, and thanks to you, our generous congregation, we have accomplished many much needed upgrades and 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 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.*

**WITH SYMPATHY** we pray for the family and friends of Marilyn Le Pere, who died August 27<sup>th</sup>. *May the good Lord comfort all who mourn with the hope of the resurrection of all who believe in Christ Jesus!*



**SAVE THE DATE!** The Fall Rummage and Bake Sale is scheduled for **Oct. 6** from 3 – 7 pm and on **Oct. 7** from 8 am – 12 pm. It's time once again to clean out your closets and support Immanuel! You may bring donations for the sale and put them behind the curtain on the stage anytime. Please do not bring any large televisions, Christmas trees, or computers. We will also be looking for volunteers to help set up, work the day of the sale, and clean up. Thanks!



## WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS:

- Please sign up to attend the LWML Fall Rally at Trinity, Danville on **Sept. 12**. It should be an uplifting morning and you are encouraged to attend. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the flower chart, or you may contact Diana Pratt.
- Our first regular luncheon meeting after summer break will be on Tuesday, **Sept. 19** at 11:30 am. Bring a dish to share and everything else will be provided. Items on the agenda include the budget, bazaar, and missionary visit. Hope to see you there!
- Mark your calendars for our missionary visit from Ashley Lehr on **Oct. 15**. Potluck and presentation on Puerto Rico will follow our worship service.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY:

- **New Business:** The end of the year financial reports were reviewed in detail and a motion to close to FY 2022-2023 was passed. An outdoor pavilion was discussed. The board of directors would like to begin a committee to plan for the future of Immanuel that would cover topics such as building the congregation, adapting our worship style while remaining doctrinally sound, staffing, etc.
- **Old Business:** Our increased deductible from Church Mutual Insurance was discussed following their response that are unable to lower our deductible below \$10,000. We will call around to church of comparable size for recommendations and call for quotes.
- **Christian Education:** Enrollment is currently at 96 students! Kurt thanked everyone who has worked to prepare the school. We are fully staffed. Meet the Teacher was successful with an estimated 95% of school families in attendance! The Christian Ed Committee decided to designate \$5000 of school savings for Zora Drews. We will continue with 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday door offerings, along with three other Sundays when school families are in attendance. Other ideas to fund Zora Drews Scholarships include additional fundraisers like Advent/Lenten suppers.
- **Finance:** Financial reports were reviewed. Sam reported that we received \$26,000 from Thrivent as a bequest. These are undesignated funds so 25% will go to our organ fund, with the remaining 75% to stay in savings. We still have 4 months to go on our Vibrant CDs.
- **Properties:** The old awning is gone and the footings for the new permanent structure have been poured. The 3 door refrigerator went out and a new 2 door commercial fridge was ordered. It was in stock so it should arrive quickly. The old one will be taken out to Mervis for scrap.
- **Stewardship:** The date for the Fall Rummage and Bake Sale is set for Oct. 6 & 7.
- **Worship:** Church in the Park will be Aug. 27 at the Lincoln Park pavilion. Choir and handbells will begin the first week of September.
- **Parish Education:** Christian Education Sunday will be Oct. 15 and will coincide with the LWML missionary visit. We will install ILS teachers and staff and Sunday School teachers and helpers during the service followed by a potluck lunch with a brief presentation by the missionary on her work in Puerto Rico.
- **Youth:** Sue DeMoss will make the youth room available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month and presented ideas from the youth on how they envision the youth room to look.

- **Missions:** Reviewed Reports.
- **Elders:** Elders discussed our Usher teams. We would like to add a youth team, led by an adult, and allow women to serve as ushers. The board approved both and Josh has already spoken to Ray Wittmann as head usher. Kim will update the schedule once we know who would like to join our usher teams.
- **Deaconess Intern:** A new idea for Rachel would be to have her lead a post high school young adult or young married couples Bible Study on Sundays.
- **Vice President:** Butch is working with Christian Education. Annual employee reviews will be completed soon.
- **President:** No report.
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 6:00 pm

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**GREAT JOB LADIES!** The Women's Guild received this letter below in August from the LCMS Mission Advancement. Please take a moment to stop by the LWML bulletin board and look at the certificate received.

Dear members of Immanuel Lutheran Women's Guild,

You have played an integral part in keeping missionaries on the field, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who don't know Him. We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you. Below is a list of the missionaries you have partnered with through the years.

Rev. Joshua and Amanda Gale  
Deaconess Kim Bueltmann  
Freeman and Susan Rohlfing  
Rev. Delwyn and Lenita Campbell  
Ashley Lehr

Please convey our gratitude to the members of Immanuel Lutheran Women's Guild. Without you the ministry of these missionaries would not be possible. God's blessings to all of you.

Sincerely,

*Julie Loehring*  
Missionary Support Coordinator  
LCMS Mission Advancement



We invite you to attend the ILS Back to School Bash! Please come on Friday, **Sept. 8** at 5 pm to meet and mingle with our school families and enjoy a hotdog on the grill!

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**YOUTH NIGHT!** Join us on Thursday, **Sept. 7** at 6:30 pm for snacks, games, and fellowship. We are even going to start remodeling the youth room, how exciting! We will study God's Word, build life-long friendships, and have lots of fun. Come learn about who you are in Christ. *You belong here!*

**WHAT IS NEXT FOR IMMANUEL?** *Where will Immanuel be in 5, 10, 20 years? Where will you be?* These questions are often on our mind and concern and worry us. We look to the future and wonder, what lays in store for us, what challenges will we face and what opportunities will God lay at our feet? We talk about the plans of old, and we wonder what happened to those ideas, and why haven't they been brought to fruition? Some of them have been fulfilled and we do not realize it. Others perhaps were mere pipedreams, and some just fell away and were forgotten. We know it will not look like the present, but the unknown makes us fear. This is why we are forming a planning committee. It will not be tasked to run the current events, but rather to look to the future. Immanuel needs focus and direction so that we can carry out not just the ministry of Christ, but the mission as well. Please *prayerfully* consider joining this committee. Speak with Josh Christensen with any questions.



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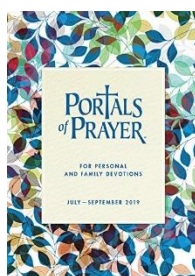
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### CAMP CILCA

**September 3:** Chicken Fry and Auction

Fresh fried chicken and all the sides. Auction items up for bid. Preview all of the auction items online at [cilca.org/auction-items](http://cilca.org/auction-items) Make a weekend of it and camp out with friends from across the state!

### PRAISE AT THE PARK:



**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for October through December are available in the Narthex. *Portals of Prayer* is great for personal devotions; with each devotion featuring a Bible reading, meditation, and prayer in an east-to-read format. Take one for you and a friend!

### ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH:

September is Alzheimer's Awareness month. It is likely that we all have personally known someone with Alzheimer's. 1 in 9 seniors over 65 are diagnosed with Alzheimer's. It is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States, killing more than breast and prostate cancers combined. 1 in 3 seniors will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other form of dementia. It can be a very difficult disease, but there is a poem, titled "Do Not Ask Me to Remember," that can bring some insight. It might be what someone suffering with it might say. If you know someone whose loved one is suffering from Alzheimer's or other dementia, please share this with them.

Do not ask me to remember, don't try to make me understand, let me rest and know you're with me, kiss my cheek and hold my hand. I'm confused beyond your concept, I am sad and sick and lost. All I know is that I need you to be with me at all cost. Do not lose your patience with me, do not scold or curse or cry. I can't help the way I'm acting, can't be different though I try. Just remember that I need you, that the best of me is gone. Please don't fail to stand beside me, love me 'til my life is done.





## SEARCHING FOR SILVER

Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

### What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

### What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sand-box or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.

# A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

*Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.*



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1:3-4, NIV

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, NIV



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**September 3** (Romans 12:9-21)

**“Genuine Love”**

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

God’s Word teaches us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Is our love “The real McCoy”? No fakes or forgeries will suffice! How is our love impacted by the real Jesus? No fakes or forgeries will suffice!

**September 10** (Matthew 18:15-20) **“Courageous Conversations”**

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

God moved heaven and earth, sending His Son Jesus Christ to die and rise to life, because of His great love for us. He calls you and me to exercise such extravagant and urgent love in the lives of others. He calls us to Courageous Conversations with those He places among us.

**September 17** (Genesis 50:15-21)

**“Forgiveness Benefits”**

*By Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary~Fort Wayne, IN*

When wronged, we are tempted to get revenge. But Jesus teaches us to forgive those who have trespassed against us. There are, in fact, great benefits associated with forgiving others.

**September 24** (Matthew 20:1-16) **“Unreasonable Generosity”**

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

The generosity of God goes against everything we innately hold dear. It is not fair. It makes no sense. And yet, because of this unreasonable generosity given to us through Jesus, we are saved!



# September

## Official Acts

### Funerals

Roger Carpenter  
Marilyn Le Pere



### Elders

Sept. Don DeMoss, Dean Hull, Kurt Thornsborough

### Communion Assistants

Sept. 3 Dean Hull, Allen Julian  
17 Don DeMoss, Allen Julian

### Ushers

Sept. Team "C"  
Capt. Kurt Thornsborough, Paul Pasquale,  
Don Page, Butch Buesing, and Gary West

### Lay Readers

Sept. 3 Allen Julian  
10 Kathy Kyle  
17 Gail & Barb Garner  
24 Carrie Farrell

### Gospel Reader

Allen Julian  
Joe Kyle  
Gail Garner  
Josh Christensen

**Wednesdays:** Sarah Stuhr

### Greeters

Sept. 3 John & Marcy Heeren, Kitty Lee  
10 Charles Vollmer Family  
17 Bill & Joyce Martin, Walter Harbison  
24 Volunteer needed

### Altar Guild

Sept. Sharon Runyan, Kathy Christensen

### Money Counters

Sept. Team "C" Mary Powell and Holly Clem

### Check Signers

Sept. Butch and Julie Buesing, Sue Heidle

### Acolytes

Sept. 3 Jamie Yonkers  
10 Carley Wright  
17 Eli Mann  
24 Kyla Culotti

### Videographer / Soundboard

Sept. Dwain Dixon and Butch Buesing

### Immanuel Cares

Sept. Debbie Ferris, Juanita Rottmann

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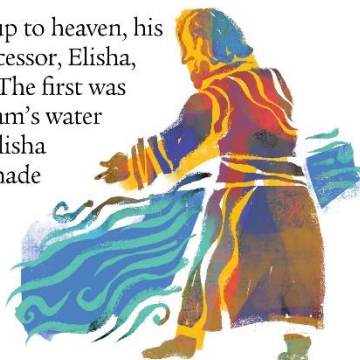
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?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

After Elijah was taken up to heaven, his newly commissioned successor, Elisha, performed two miracles. The first was making a poisonous stream's water safe to drink. What did Elisha toss into the water that made it wholesome?

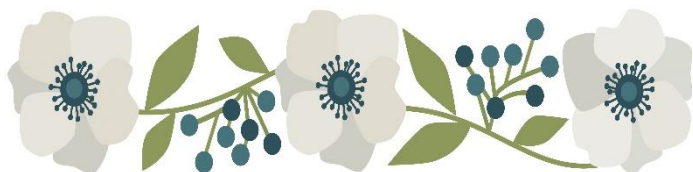
A. a stick  
B. a new bowl  
C. bread  
D. salt



Answer: D (See 2 Kings 2:19-22.)



Pastor Dave indulges in one of his favorite daydreams.





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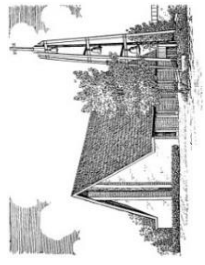
As we walk –  
even through dark valleys – we're never alone.

## God promises,

"I will walk among you and be your God."  
*Leviticus 26:12-14*

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**Worship Schedule**  
**Sundays**  
Sept. 3, 10, 17 & 24  
at 9:30 am

**Wednesdays**  
Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27  
at 5:00 pm

**WORSHIP**  
*with us*

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