

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Summertime, for many people, means a change in schedule. Students and teachers are not in school, so many families have more time together, either at home or on vacation. Days are longer, so even in hot weather, people tend to be outdoors more, whether to work (in yards or gardens, on projects) or to play (at a campground, pool, beach, or ballpark). Of course, most working people still have work to do, and some work is even busier during this season (like road construction). Summertime is an interesting and often enjoyable season.

Like many married couples, my wife and I have a summer wedding anniversary, and I celebrate another anniversary each summer. Two years before we were married, I became a pastor, so my ordination anniversary is a special day for me. My mom always sends me a card close to that day, with an encouraging message for me. Believe it or not, I'm now about twice as close to retirement age (65) as to my age when I was ordained (nearly 29). As you may have noticed, many pastors continue working at least part time well beyond the age of 65, but eventually we'll need younger men to take up the tasks we're now doing: preaching the Gospel, administering the Sacraments, caring for God's flock, reaching out to the lost.

Our church body has recognized the need not only for pastors, but for a variety of other church workers as well: teachers, musicians, deaconesses, and more. Recognizing the need is good; doing something about it is better. If you read LC-MS publications or look at our website (lcms.org), then you may already be familiar with Set Apart to Serve (SAS). This is our church work recruitment initiative. Mostly SAS is geared toward younger people, but there's also an emphasis on encouraging second-career folks to serve in the church and her schools, ministries, and missions. It's a plentiful harvest, with not enough workers.

In July, we rejoice with our neighboring congregations of Saint Salvator and Olive Branch as they welcome their new pastor, Rev. Jim d'Entremont, a second-career pastor who is moving here from Gulf Breeze, FL. Also in July, you could hear four guest preachers at Immanuel if you attend both services on the two weekends I'm away. They are as follows:

7/13 Rev. Darwin Schrader (served two interims at Immanuel: 1999-2001 & 2009-2011)

7/14 Rev. Tim Scharr (Southern Illinois District President; former pastor, Trinity-Nashville)

7/20 Rev. Art Eichhorn (our Circuit Visitor; retiring, but still open to serving somewhere)

7/21 Rev. Mark Rabe (began serving the LC-MS as director of missionary recruitment in 2022; previously he had two calls in the USA and two in Africa; he's a new acquaintance)

Meanwhile, I look forward to hearing excellent preachers / preaching while I'm in Seward, NE, at a conference; in Leavenworth, KS, with my parents-in-law; and in Waseca, MN, with my parents. I truly treasure my times to be *in church* and to receive God's gifts but not to be "on duty." Thank you for allowing me time away to be refreshed and renewed. We also treasure time with our family members, who live hundreds of miles from us. When we can't be with them, our church family forms an important network for us and fills in for our blood family in some ways. Thank you for your faithful support and kind encouragement.

JULY CALENDAR

- Tuesday, July 2 6:30 p.m. Elders' Meeting
Saturday, July 6 5:30 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, July 7 9:00 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. – Bible class – Pastor Wood
Move furniture at school from East to West side of hall
Pastor Wood at Conference – July 9-12
Saturday, July 13 5:30 p.m. Worship Service – guest preacher – Rev. Darwin Schrader
Pastor Wood on vacation – July 13 through July 21
Sunday, July 14 Worship Service – guest preacher – Rev. Timothy Scharr
10:15 a.m. – Bible Class – Pastor Scharr
Move furniture at school from West to East side of hall
Wednesday, July 17 7:00 p.m. Congregational Fund Meeting
7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
Thursday, July 18 6:30 p.m. Board of Parochial Ed.
Saturday, July 20 5:30 p.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion –
guest preacher – Rev. Art Eichhorn
Sunday, July 21 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion –
guest preacher – Mark Rabe
10:15 a.m. Bible Class – Mark Rabe
Saturday, July 27 5:30 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday, July 28 9:00 a.m. – Worship Service with Holy Communion
Quarterly Voters' Meeting after the service
No Bible Class

Pastor Eichhorn will be on call July 7 after Worship Service through July 21.
He can be reached at 314-882-1983.



*May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us
and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor
and give us peace.*

Principal's Newsletter Article July

It is the end of June and things are still happening in the school. The major item right now is the flooring in the gym. The workers are very close to completing the removal of the old tile and then the new flooring will be laid. There is a sample of the type and color of the new flooring in the school office if you are interested in seeing it beforehand.

One storage closet has been cleaned out and painted by Mrs. Borrenpohl. This will become the school's library. It will be looking very nice by the time school begins. Along the same lines, the office restructuring is coming along. To accommodate parents and other visitors to the school, what is now the principal's office will be the school office where Mrs. Yehling will be working. This will allow her plenty of room and offer a more pleasant area for visitors. The room that was next door to the principal's office and which housed the staff mailboxes and also was used as a type of storage area will be the new office for the principal. This keeps him close to the school office and allows the principal the chance to view the entire school hallway. What was the school office will become the teachers' area. The staff mailboxes will be in this room as well as supplies for the staff. It will also be a workroom and breakroom for the staff. It will also allow teachers a place to eat their lunches in an area designated for them. All of this should be completed before school begins.

Parents please take note: registration days will be Thursday, July 25, from 6 pm -8 pm and on Friday, July 26, from 9 am -11 am. Registration papers, fees, physical forms, etc. will be collected on those days.

With the retirement of Pastor Eichhorn, we were in need of a new music teacher. And we have one! Mrs. Diane Backs will be serving as a part time music teacher, teaching music to students.

On Sunday, August 11, during the church worship service, our teachers will be recognized and installed. Following the worship service the school will conduct the annual Open House which will be followed by a school picnic serving hot dogs, bratwurst, chips and watermelon. A special opportunity for purchasing a treat will also be available. Please come and worship with us, walk through the school and meet your teacher and join us for this special lunch.

The school's floors will be waxed on July 13 (east side classrooms) and July 20 (west side classrooms, hallway and offices.)

There was a change in the school calendar, the SID office relayed an erroneous date for the SID/CID teachers' conference. Contrary to what was published earlier this summer, we will have a full day of school on Friday, October 4 and will not have school on Friday, October 11 as the teachers will be attending the teachers' conference in Bloomington.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship

Newsletter Article – July 2024

The Rewards of Godliness

It's no secret that you can't bribe your way into heaven. No amount of good works will impress God enough to open heaven's door for their sake. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23) and the person who "keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it" (James 2:10). Rather, salvation is "the free gift of God ... in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:23).

So, your good works won't earn you the reward of heaven. But does that mean that there are no rewards at all? Consider what the Small Catechism says in the "Close of the Commandments":

What does God say about all these commandments?

He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Ex. 20:5–6)

What does this mean?

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands. (SC II)

God promises to bless you in keeping His commandments. What might these blessings be? Well, consider what Paul says about keeping the Fourth Commandment: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' (this is the first commandment with a promise), 'that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land'" (Eph. 6:1–3).

And think about what your life would be like if you went around stealing (breaking the Seventh Commandment), telling lies about people (breaking the Eighth Commandment), and generally being cruel to those around you (breaking all the commandments!). That is obviously not a blessed way to live. In fact, you'd be miserable living that way.

And Jesus says more about what is in store for those who make sacrifices for His sake: "Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life'" (Matt. 19:28–29).

So don't grow impatient in doing good. Follow the Lord who has freely given you everlasting life.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to each of you having a birthday in July!

1. Payten Harre, Tyler Traub
3. Bernice Hemminghaus
8. Jilien Harre
10. Katie Glynn
11. Roland Obermeier, Rodney Schilling,
Jordan Schwankhaus
12. Anna Long, Alayna Kraus, Adam Logan
15. Madisyn Wienstroer, Caleigh Friedrich
16. Brook Langenhorst
17. David Blumhorst, Breck Kramper,
Gene Rennegarbe
18. Kyle Martens
19. Jeff Obermeier, Kristen Segelhorst
20. Jamil Borrenpohl, Nora Wood
22. Tina Horvath
23. Lynn Borrenpohl
24. Zachary Borrenpohl, Stephanie Meyer
25. Paul Lange
30. Bruce Heckert, Jacob Streuter, Ruth Weeke
31. Vicki Martinez, Janice Krug

VISITATION COMMITTEE

Pat Quinlan

ALTAR COMMITTEE

Charlotte Durham and Sharon Storck

ORGANISTS/PIANISTS

- Saturday, July 6th – Nora Wood
Sunday, July 7th – Barbara Croessman
Saturday, July 13th – Barbara Croessman
Sunday, July 14th – Sharon Krueger
Saturday, July 20th – Barbara Croessman
Sunday, July 21st – Sharon Krueger
Saturday, July 27th – Nora Wood
Sunday, July 28th – Sharon Krueger

ACOLYTES

- Saturday, July 6th – Landan Kraus
Sunday, July 7th – Olivia Bergmann
Saturday, July 13th – Rex Obermeier
Sunday, July 14th – Dylan Seaton
Saturday, July 20th – Kooper Suedmeyer
Sunday, July 21st – Michael McCarthy
Saturday, July 27th – Tyler Storck
Sunday, July 28th – Emmerson Hasheider

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- July 4th – Charles and Donna Davis
July 27th – Brent and Jody Schneider
July 29th – Bob and Donna Kraus

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- July 6th – Kent Helbig
July 7th – Jonathan Schneider
July 20th – Dennis Pruehsner
July 21st – Mike Jacobs

USHERS FOR JULY

- Saturday – Steve Brammeier
Sunday – Ken and Tyler Storck

PASTOR WOOD ON VACATION

Pastor Wood will be out of town after the service on July 7th through July 21st. He will be attending LCMS Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music at Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska Tuesday, July 9th – Friday, July 12th. He will then be on vacation July 13th – July 21st. Pastor Art Eichhorn will be on call 314-882-1983

BIBLE CLASS

July 7 is with Pastor Wood.
July 14th and 21st are with guest pastors.
July 28th Bible class will not be held.

CONGREGATIONAL FUND MEETING

Wednesday, July 17th at 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, July 17th at 7:30 p.m.

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptisms:
5-11-24 Sophia Blair Hall, daughter of Lauren and Kyle Hall

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT CELEBRATING THE SAVIOR

Immanuel Lutheran Sunday School hosted the VBS "Celebrating the Savior – Jesus Gives Us Joy!" on June 17th – 21st. We had a great response this year with our program which totaled 99 students, 20 adult volunteers and 23 student volunteers. Adult volunteers included: Christy Segelhorst, Stephanie Meyer, Lauren Elliott, Kristal Jacobs, Pam Hundelt, Angie Kampwerth, Glenda Recker, Cindy Hundelt, Allison Dunn, Krissy Schneider, Deitt Schneider, Toni Davis, Kristina Brammeier, Mollie Bergmann, Lynn Isringhaus, Cindy Hundelt, Christine Rabenort, Kristy Weinstroer, Cristie Rossel, and Nancy Rossel. Student volunteers included: Maylen Kramper, Lexey Kohlen, Cece Groom, Sophia Wood, Brinley Kohlen, Hudson Schnieder, Olivia Bergmann, Colton Segelhorst, Brendel Turner, Cambrie Hesker, Nora Wood, Maddie Rennegarbe, Devon Hundelt,

Megan Davis, Lily Gass, Savannah Meyer, Kate Borrenpohl, Ryker Obermeier, Rex Obermeier, Rae Obermeier, Ady Harre, Ransom Luge and Emmett Segelhorst. We are so happy to have awesome volunteers who helped the participants with snacks, crafts, Bible lessons, recess, and singing. We could not have had such a great week without the volunteers. We are also so grateful to those that donated supplies and money for the things needed to put together our week. During the VBS week we raised \$198.00 for the Concordia Gospel Outreach to send Bibles, story books, and teaching materials around the world.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS REPORT

The Alumni & Friends group had a great yard sale this year! Thank you to every donor, volunteer, and customer! This is a huge project and there were some very wonderful, dedicated volunteers. This sale brings people to Heritage Days, helps people with reasonably priced clothing and other items, and makes some money for the school. The profit from the sale this year is \$3,488.93! Even better than that, through generous donations, we were able to help two families that recently lost everything in home fires and a home school group that found all kinds of useful items. Even after all the sales, there were quite a few boxes of nice items left. Thank you to the family that came and offered the trailer to move the remaining inventory to another organization. Thrivent provided funds for snacks. Again, the Board appreciates each and every volunteer effort! This project could not be done without you!

LWML NEWS

The LWML will not have meetings during the months of July or August.

PASTOR OF SAINT SALVADOR AND OLIVE BRANCH LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Rev. James d'Entremont will be installed as the Pastor of Saint Salvator and Olive Branch Lutheran Churches on Sunday, July 21, at 3:00 PM. The service will be held at Saint Salvator, and a dinner will follow the service. Pastor d'Entremont is coming from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School of Gulf Breeze, Florida where he has served since 2016. He graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1992, and received his Master of Divinity degree from Concordia Seminary in St Louis in 2016. Prior to becoming a Pastor, he worked in logistics, corporate sales, retail management, and was a project manager. Pastor's wife, Kristen, is a Spanish teacher. They

were married in 1994. Pastor and Kristen have three children: Jacqueline who is 23, James who is 17, and Jacob who is ten years old. The family will be living in the Olive Branch parsonage.

LERT TRAINING CLASS

A Basic Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) training class will be held for the congregations of the LCMS-Southern Illinois District, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 680 W Walnut St. Nashville, IL 62263 on Saturday, July 13th, 2024 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Participants will be introduced to the LCMS Disaster Response program, learn basic nature of disasters, the opportunities to respond to personal needs in disasters, and how Christians can support families, congregations and the public as the hands and feet of Jesus during trying times of natural disasters. A lunch will be provided.

The registration fee is \$35.00 per person which helps cover the cost of the LERT manual, ID badge, a disaster response T-shirt, and lunch. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church Elders. Please note on memo line 'LERT' Training'. Checks may be sent to: Trinity Lutheran Church, 680 W Walnut St Nashville, IL 62263, or brought the day of training. LERT Trainer will distribute all materials for the class. Registration should be completed prior to the training date. For questions or additional information, please contact Matt Bierman, 618-967-5522 or matt.bierman@washingtonco.illinois.gov. In the chaos of disaster, it's important to stay focused on the task at hand. This training will help you focus on the most important thing to remember as you prepare for or respond to a disaster in your community or beyond. At the center of our LERT Volunteer training is one thing: MERCY! Christ's mercy is the basis for everything we say and do. This training event will equip you to be an effective volunteer should a disaster strike your community. After a brief introduction regarding the goals and theological rationale of LCMS Disaster Response, the LERT volunteer training will address the following: Christian care in times of disaster A Ministry of Presence The LERT Program and how it works with other responders Introduction to Disaster Response Service Opportunities after a Disaster & Safety Protocol To register go to <https://www.lcms-lert.org/> Create an account. Look for Southern Illinois District find LERT training Trinity Nashville and Click register.

SCHOOL NEWS

Registration will be held Thursday, July 25th 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Friday, July 26th 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Teacher Installation is Sunday, August 11th beginning during worship at 9:00 a.m. followed by open house at 11:00 a.m. and ending with a school family picnic at noon.

First Day of student attendance is Tuesday, August 13th.

School Physicals All students entering Kindergarten, Grade 6 and Grade 9 are required to have a physical. The state requires diabetes screening on all incoming physicals, and requires students in Kindergarten, Second, Sixth and Ninth grades to have proof of recent dental examination. Dental exams are required within one year of entering Kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th, and 9th grade by May 15th. Vision exams are required for entering Kindergarten or first entering school from another state. Also, incoming Kindergarten students are asked to bring the following items before the first day of school: copy of birth certificate, Social Security number and physical. Immunization documentation is due by August 31st.

S.A.F.E. (Scholarship Assistance for Education)

Applications are available in the school office for families who need financial assistance for tuition for the 2024/2025 school year. The applications are available from Leigh Ann in the school office.

Immanuel Lutheran School is searching for an afternoon part time pre-school aide this next school year. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Mr. Bower at 618-243-6142.

Immanuel Wee Care is in search of a custodian for a couple hours each day after 5:30 p.m. If you are interested or would like additional information, please call Cheri Kurtz at 618-243-6161.

WEEKLY WORSHIP RESOURCE LISTINGS

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, July 6 & Sunday, July 7, 2024

Old Testament: Ezekiel 2:1-5

Epistle 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Order of Service – Divine Service Setting One

Hymns – 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

664 Fight the Good Fight

806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, July 13 & Sunday, July 14, 2024

Old Testament: Amos 7:7-15

Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Order of Service – Prayer & Preaching

Hymns – 913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

810 O God of God, O Light of Light

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, July 20 & Sunday, July 21, 2024

Old Testament: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel: Mark 6:30-44

Order of Service – Divine Service Setting Four

Hymns – 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

644 The Church's One Foundation

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

861 Christ Be My Leader

645 Built on the Rock

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, July 27 & Sunday, July 28, 2024

Old Testament: Genesis 9:8-17

Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel: Mark 6:45-56

Order of Service – Responsive Prayer Two

Hymns – 557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way

540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

535 How Wide the Love of Christ



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THE BOOK OF PSALMS AND CHRIST

Our Lord often quoted the Psalms and said that they testify about Him (Luke 24:27; John 5:39). In doing so, Jesus confirmed the psalter's prophetic witness about Himself as Israel's coming Messiah. In this workshop we will consider how the psalter's arrangement contributes to the Psalms' rich picture of Christ. We also will explore ways we hear Christ speaking as He identifies with sinners. Together, we will join Him in prayer, praise and thanksgiving to God.

Saturday, Aug 3, 2024
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sleck Hall, Room 202
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Dr. Adam Hensley
Associate Professor of Exegetical Theology

Registration
Deadline: July 22, 2024
 ce@csl.edu
 314-505-7286
Students register: ce@csl.edu



Cost
\$20 without lunch
\$35 with lunch

*This event is free for all CSL
students/spouses (without lunch).*



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