



# Thankful FOR Friends

*July 2024*

Since I have come here, many members have expressed to me the longing for the good old days. A desire to see the church with families and children. These days are here. This year, many of our ILS families join us in worship, and already we see more of our own youth in the pews. Help Immanuel this fall by remembering that they belong here, that you belong here, that we all belong here in worship. Help us to welcome new members and visiting families alike. Let's make our youth know they are wanted and welcomed here as they learn about Jesus and about what it means to be a Christian and a Lutheran. As we do, I invite you to reflect on some of the elements of worship; to think about what we do when we enter into God's house.

The liturgy is a dance, and one all people can participate in. In the invocation, we call upon the name of our God to remember His promises and to be with us as we, His people gather in His house. In confession and absolution, we are restored into a right and proper relationship to God as our sins are washed away. In the introit we speak back the word of God to Him, not so that God recalls it, He remembers, but so that we, both communally and individually, remember the covenant relationship which God Himself, has established with us His people. Next, in the salutation, we are finally welcomed into the house of God and invited to come to His table.

The liturgy is a discussion back and forth between God and His people. God acts, and we respond. It is never the other way around. We are invited into His presence and then showered with His gifts. This is what it means as His children worship, to receive His gifts, and then give praise and thanks to God for what He has first given to us. Even in our prayers, we come before God because He has invited us to ask Him for all our needs of body and soul. These are enumerated in the Small Catechism, especially in the meaning of the Lord's Prayer. After praying the collect for the day, we then hear the very Word of God. After hearing the Word of God, we respond in faith in our confession of the faith. Normally, one of the three ecumenical creeds, but sometimes a fitting part of the confessions as well. This is a way to join together in what God has taught us. Then we hear the sermon, an exposition on what we have heard in the Word of God. Where appropriate, we might hear a few comments on the world today, on ethics, morals, social issues, and maybe even politics, but these remarks should not be the opinion of the pastor. These remarks should be based on what God has revealed to us through His Word. The sermon is followed by more prayer, where we again approach God and ask for all of our needs, wants, and desires.

Following the prayers, we collect the offering. In some cases, the offering is collected outside and then brought up to the front at this time, but generally the offering is collected through the passing of the offering plate. Offering is most famously noted in the widow's mite (Mark 12:41-44). A Tithe is mentioned in Genesis 14:20 with Abraham giving a tithe to Melchizedek. As Christians these gifts are meant to be thank offerings unto the Lord for all that He has given to us in both body and soul. The service may continue with more prayers and the benediction or go on entering into the service of the sacrament.

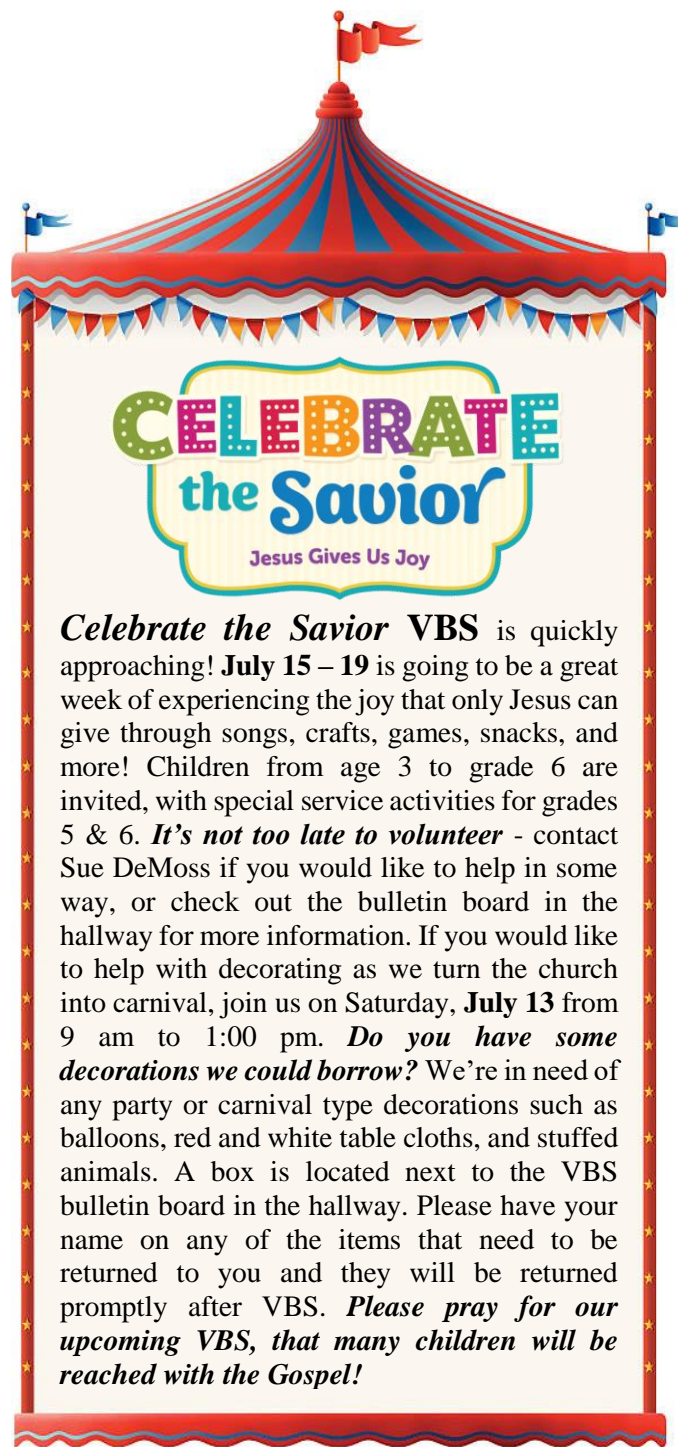
In the service of the Sacrament, Heaven and Earth unite as we are invited to the table of God, where Jesus is really present in, with, and under the bread and wine. Each table is welcomed and dismissed with a blessing. We then thank God for the gifts He has given to us through the sacrament. We then have some final prayers and then leave the service with the benediction, a blessing. The service is full of the riches and blessings of God. We come into the sanctuary but poor miserable sinners, and after confessing our sin we receive blessing upon blessing of forgiveness, word, and our savior Jesus Himself. We then depart as holy children of God, refreshed and renewed children of God.

Now we have children in the service, and they need to learn, too. As a pastor, I know of a small child who was screaming and scaring the child's parents until the words Power and Glory could be understood. The child was learning the liturgy and screaming out the Lord's Prayer at home at the dinner table. Children need the gifts of God too, and He works amidst the commotion of the little children as they too hear and learn the intricate waltz, the giving and the receiving within the liturgy. Let us go into the house of the Lord and rejoice. AMEN.

*Pastor Yonkers*

## SPECIAL DATES IN JULY:

- Independence Day, **July 4**
- LWML Mite Collection Sunday, **July 7**
- Ladies Lunch and Shopping, **July 9**
- VBS Decorating Day, **July 13**
- Vacation Bible School, **July 15 – 19**
- VBS Kids Sing in Church, **July 21**
- Pastor Yonkers Vacation, **July 22 – 26**



**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.

**LUTHERAN LEGACY:** Immanuel has two endowment funds (one for general fund and one for building and grounds). To donate directly to Lutheran Legacy, go online to [lutheranlegacyfoundation.org](http://lutheranlegacyfoundation.org) and click on the "funds" link on the top of the page, then on "churches" for Immanuel or "parochial schools" for ILS. The funds are listed in alphabetical order, scroll down until you find Immanuel in Danville and click on the "donate" button to the right. You can choose to donate by credit card or check. Thank you!

**LESSONS FROM HIKING:** Whether I'm hiking an easier stroll or a 20-mile trek, I've noticed parallels to my journey with Christ.

- This is my journey. Too often I waste time comparing my stride, pace or equipment to that of fellow hikers.
- I don't know what's around each bend, but God does. I can't let anxiety steal my joy.
- It's best to balance hiking in silence with sharing the trail with friends.
- I'll be sore tomorrow, and that's okay. Engaging new muscles leaves a reminder that growth is uncomfortable.
- Being prepared is good; being *too* prepared makes for a heavy backpack. I need to do my due diligence and let God handle the rest.
- It's not a race, so finishing quickly offers no reward. When I'm not in a hurry, I tend to notice more of God's blessings.
- I need to look up, enjoying God's creation as I let him determine my steps.

**Celebrate the Savior VBS** is quickly approaching! **July 15 – 19** is going to be a great week of experiencing the joy that only Jesus can give through songs, crafts, games, snacks, and more! Children from age 3 to grade 6 are invited, with special service activities for grades 5 & 6. ***It's not too late to volunteer*** - contact Sue DeMoss if you would like to help in some way, or check out the bulletin board in the hallway for more information. If you would like to help with decorating as we turn the church into carnival, join us on Saturday, **July 13** from 9 am to 1:00 pm. ***Do you have some decorations we could borrow?*** We're in need of any party or carnival type decorations such as balloons, red and white table cloths, and stuffed animals. A box is located next to the VBS bulletin board in the hallway. Please have your name on any of the items that need to be returned to you and they will be returned promptly after VBS. ***Please pray for our upcoming VBS, that many children will be reached with the Gospel!***

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Capital Fund will once again host our Annual **Steak Fry** on Saturday, **Sept. 21**, 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. Carry-outs are available. Volunteer and dessert signup sheets will be in the chapel hallway mid-August; tickets will also be sold then. Please consider taking a block of tickets to sell to family, friends, and/or co-workers. We'll need lots of help with set up, during the event, and take down afterwards. ***This event has advance ticket sales only – they will not be sold at the door.***

**GIFT (SCRIP) CARDS ORDERS:** The next Scrip order is due to the church office by 9 am on **Monday, July 8**. Updated order blanks are on the table in the chapel hallway; please use these for your orders and throw away old order blanks. Orders are not limited to the vendors listed on the order blank; if you want to order a vendor not listed, first see if it is available through this program by looking it up on the internet or looking at the listing posted on the chapel bulletin board. *The following have been added to the vendor list: McDonald's with a 2% profit to the church, Casey's Gas with a 3% profit to the church, Jimmie John's Subs with an 8% profit to the church, and Sonic (when it opens) with an 8% profit to the church.* You can find a complete list of vendors online at [www.raiseright.com/resources/organization](http://www.raiseright.com/resources/organization) or on the bulletin board in the hall. 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. Orders will be available on **July 14**, in the church office after that, or you can make special arrangements with Jo Van Hovel. If you have questions, please see Jo Van Hovel 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 on their website at [www.raiseright.com/resources/organization](http://www.raiseright.com/resources/organization). These cards are *good anywhere in the USA and make great birthday, Christmas, new baby, or wedding gifts.*

**CAPITAL FUND DRIVE:** The current bank balance is \$35,811 and a Certificate of Deposit for \$20,000. The resealing of the north part of the parking lot and a couple of other areas has not been paid for yet. This leaves us with about \$38,800 for our new project (see details under new project heading). The congregation established the Capital Fund Drive in 2012, and thanks to our generous congregation, we have accomplished many needed upgrades and renovations. Prior generations worked and sacrificed to build the school and 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. There, you'll find special envelopes for Capital Fund donations. *"...because of my devotion to the house of my God I give my treasure for the house of my God. 1 Chronicles 29:3b.* All donations from large to small are equally appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Van Hovel or any of the committee members.

**ROOF DRIVE:** Sentry Roofing put a Duro-Last Membrane roof on the school wing in 1996 which is just about shot. We have had to make many leak repairs, and water is pooling everywhere on the roof. After some areas were resealed, we can get about 2 more years out of the present roof, at the most. The gym roof of approximately 7,200 square feet is in better shape than the school roof. The gym roof has 2 layers while the rest has 1 layer. The preliminary Sentry quote to reroof gym is \$72,240 which will put thicker layer on it. Reroofing the lower school roof would be \$166,960. If we do both at the same time, the total cost would be discounted \$7,000. There is an option for another layer of insulation on the school roof for \$26,740. If we do all the above, the total cost will be \$258,940. The skylights would also need to be redone. The Capital Fund Committee is making this our next project with help from the Board of Directors and/or church auxiliary organizations. The fundraising will take a couple of years to get the dollars needed. **THIS PROJECT WILL NOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL ALL THE MONEY IS IN THE CAPITAL FUND ACCOUNT.** There is a display in the narthex just to the north of the sanctuary doors; please stop by and look at it. The display shows the deterioration of the roof surfaces and a fundraising thermometer which will show our progress towards the goal of \$260,000. There are also special envelopes on the table for donations. If you have any questions, please ask Scott Huckstadt, Jo Van Hovel, other committee members, or members of the Board of Directors.



**WOODEN BOWLS:** Gail Garner has graciously volunteered to make various size wooden bowls as an additional fundraiser for the Capital Fund Drive. They are made from the library shelves of the school. They would make a good keepsake for former students and/or parents of students. A display will be put up in the church narthex soon. If you want to special order a set of them, please talk directly to Gail.

**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.

**WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS:**

- **Lunch and shopping?! Yes, please!** Ladies, check your mailboxes for the outline of our **July 9** outing for lunch and shopping and sign up on the bulletin board by **July 7**. We are looking forward to a fun day!
- **Ingathering:** We have had many school families express interest in attending church services twice per month! In order to help them feel welcome, as well as help out our young member families, we will be collecting supplies to create a “Family Care Center” in the narthex. These items will hopefully aid them with caring for their children during services and send the message that they belong here! There is a tote in the coat room for your donations. Items requested are:

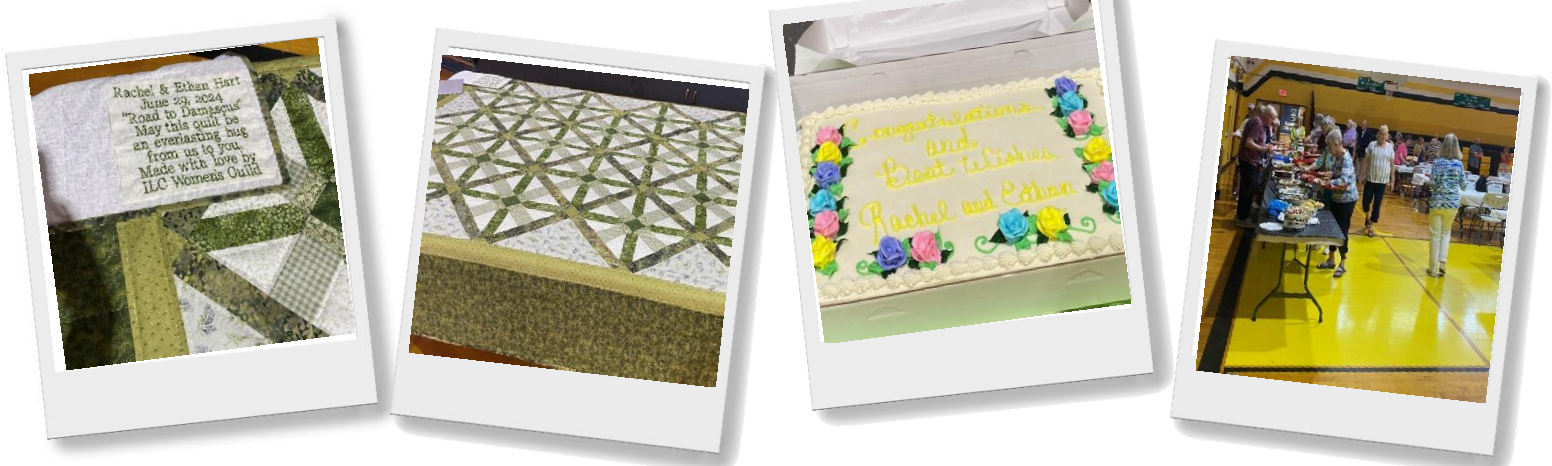
- Diapers and wipes, all sizes
- Pull ups
- Small packages of tissues
- Snacks and juices
- Small, quiet toys
- Picture books
- Coloring sheets and crayons
- Stickers
- Hand sanitizer
- Pacifiers
- Cups with lids
- Small bottles of water



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUMMARY:**

- **New Business:** Budget: Items of significance that were discussed includes benefits, gym rental fees, cleaning services, DCFS regulations, and support for the cemetery. A motion was passed to take the proposed budget to the voters on June 23.
- **Old Business:** Church property insurance will be tabled at this time and we will look into it once the school roof is completed.
- **Christian Education:** Enrollment for the next school year is at 80 as of June 17. 10 families are interested in the church attendance discount, 5 Immanuel families and 5 new families. Interviews are scheduled for vacant positions. Summer Camp is full and running well. The first day of school is Aug. 19.
- **Finance:** Reports were reviewed.
- **Properties:** The parking lot has been resealed. Karl has been working during summer camp. He is helping renovate our new sensory room and waxing floors.
- **Worship:** Tom has reserved the Lincoln Park pavilion for Worship in the Park on Aug. 25.
- **Youth:** Youth enjoyed a cookout at Kickapoo to wrap up Rachel’s internship year. There is no youth night on July 4. Right now, the main focus in VBS then will switch to the National Youth Gathering.
- **Missions:** Reviewed reports for Immanuel Cares and food pantry.
- **Elders:** Received the transfer in for Luke, Cade, and Brogan Robinson. Discussed what we can do to help families feel welcome.
- **Pastor’s Report:** Patriotic service on June 30. During Pastor’s vacation to Houston, Josh will cover the Wednesday service. There is no Communion. Pastor will be here both Sundays so we do not need to look for coverage.
- **President:** Josh talked about encouraging members to stay for the Voters Meeting and the importance of participation. Typically, about half leave after the service. At elders, it was also discussed if the church should provide a meal and conduct the meeting in the gym to see if that would improve attendance.
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, July 16 at 6:00 pm.

**PHOTOS FROM RACHEL’S FAREWELL:**



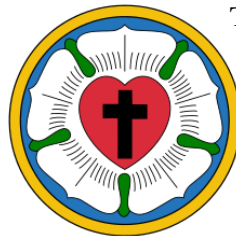
# Stewardship

**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." 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. 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.

## Immanuel Lutheran School News

**ILS REGISTRATION OPEN:** We are now accepting registrations for our 2024 – 2025 school year! If you or someone you know with small children is interested, please register soon as some classes may fill quickly! Please share this news with your friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers who have small children – you can help us grow our school!!

**ILS SENSORY ROOM:** We are looking for sponsors for our sensory room items! You'll find a poster board in the narthex with our desired sensory room items such as comfortable furniture, paint, sensory wall items and more! By each item, there is a post-it note stating the item and the cost. Please take the post-it note with you and write a check out to "Immanuel Lutheran School" for the amount it costs. Place the post-it and your check in the small envelopes provided by the poster board and place in the basket. You can also bring them to the school office. *Thank you and we're excited to work on renovations soon!*



The most enduring symbol of the Lutheran Reformation is the seal that Luther himself designed to represent his theology. By the early 1520s, this seal begins to appear on the title page of Luther's works. Here is how Luther himself explained its meaning:

*First, there is a black cross in a heart that remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17). The heart should stand in the middle of a white rose. This is to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). This rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that a joyful spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed. Around the field of blue is a golden ring to symbolize that blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Heavenly blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.*

(From: Letter from Martin Luther to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530 [WA Br 5:445]; tr. P. T. McCain)



**DID NOAH FISH?** A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."



“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22). This is life in the world after the Flood. When it is too hot in the summer, we long for the cool of fall. When it is too cold in the winter, we crave the warm days of spring. Such a back-and-forth seems to be quite natural, but, ultimately, life thrives all the more in warmth.

In these warm, summer months, the newly planted crops are bursting with life and rushing with growth. In this teaching half of the Church year, you and I are blessed to do the same. Having heard again the words of Christ’s birth and life, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we are blessed to receive the teachings of our Lord in the light and warmth of his work for our salvation. God bless you in these summer months as you grow in faith in the Word of Christ! As Jesus said, “Blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear...As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty” (Matthew 13:16, 23).

— *Rev. Jeff Caithamer, St. John Champaign*

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## Camp CILCA News

Camp CILCA has been blessed with a new head cook! There is still a need, however, for assistant cooks to fill in gaps and be extra hands around the kitchen. If you or anyone you know would be interested in making some extra money and helping in the kitchen in the summer, fall, and spring, please contact Pastor Joshua Theilen at [director@cilca.org](mailto:director@cilca.org) or 217-487-7497.

Celebrate the close of the 2024 camp season at Homecoming on Saturday, July 27 from 10am-2pm at Camp CILCA. There will be craft and food vendors, live music performed by Lloyd Garrelts,

games, balloons, face painting, and more. There is no cost for the event. Just pay for your food and drinks. Come and enjoy one more summer day at Camp CILCA.

Calling all men! Act Like Men Field Training takes place every Saturday morning in the Camp CILCA athletic fields at 6:30 sharp. There is 30 minutes of exercise, 10 minutes of status update from each man, and 5 minutes of prayer. There is no equipment to buy and no price to attend. Let iron sharpen iron as we push one another physically and spiritually. See you there.



There will be no Youth Night on Thursday, July 4. We hope you all have a safe and fun Independence Day!

The youth had a great time at our last event with Rachel. We enjoyed a cookout at Kickapoo, ending her internship year with the youth the same way we started it! We’ll certainly miss her, but wish her and Ethan well on all of their future endeavors!





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## **July 2024**

**July 7** (2 Corinthians 12:7-12)                      **“Less Thorn or More Grace?”**                      *Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer*  
Paul wanted less “thorn” (suffering). Instead, God gave him more grace! What thorns plague your life? What could God be teaching you through this? What blesses us for eternity – less thorn or more grace?

**July 14** (Mark 6:14-29)                      **“John’s Triumphant Death”**                      *Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III*  
To many people John the Baptist had a miserable, terrible conclusion to his life. But the spiritual reality is that he had a triumphant death. The account of the end of his life speaks to you today, and gives you great comfort and encouragement.

**July 21** (Mark 6:42)                      **“More Than Enough”**                      *Rev. Thomas Eggold*  
We’ve all experienced times when our own resources simply aren’t enough; when we are backed into a corner and all we can do is throw up our hands, admit that our situation is hopeless, and cry out for help. And it’s in that moment of surrender and honesty that God works and, in spite of what we lack, He provides what we need the most.

**July 28** (Mark 6:50)                      **“I AM. Fear Not.”**                      *Rev. Shayne Jonker*  
It’s nice to hear and to know about Jesus walking on the water in the wind at three in the morning. It’s saving to know Jesus walking on the water of your Baptism with the Spirit of God blowing over those baptismal waters. Walking on the sea, Jesus reveals Himself to be Lord of Creation; in the water of Baptism, He reveals Himself to be your Lord and Savior.

## **August 2024**

**August 4** (John 6:22-35)                      **“Food That Endures”**                      *Rev. Paul Shoemaker*  
Jesus tells us we are to “Labor for the food that endures to eternal life” (John 6:27). That means we are to plan properly for the long term. Christians are to be long range planners.

**August 11** (John 6:35-51)                      **“I am the Bread of Life”**                      *Rev. William Mueller*  
Jesus tells us He is the Bread of Life. This is one of the great “I Am” statements in John’s Gospel. But what does Jesus mean about this? He gives Himself for us.

**August 18** (John 6:60-69)                      **“Ideal – Ordeal – New Deal”**                      *Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer*  
Our walk with Jesus, like so many of our relationships, appears so wonderful in its early days. Then comes an issue or crisis that intrudes upon our faith. God be praised that our Savior has “words of eternal life” (John 6:68) that can offer the “new deal” of forgiveness and life when our ideal has become an ordeal.

**August 25** (Psalm 14)                      **“Without Wrinkle”**                      *Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III*  
Wrinkles – we want to avoid them, but cannot. The good news is that God sees us, and all believers, as without wrinkle, in a way which is far more important than in the physical sense. This means that we will live forever.



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July Don DeMoss, Dean Hull, Kurt Thornsborough

**Communion Assistants**

July 7 Kurt Thornsborough, Dean Hull  
21 Allen Julian, Kurt Thornsborough

**Ushers**

July **Team "A"**

Capt. Don and Sue DeMoss. Pete Rudolph, Randy Wilkinson, RJ and Kim Davis, Chris Davis

**Lay Readers**

July 7 Nancy Purviance  
14 Janet Terry  
21 Kurt and Debbie T.  
28 Butch and Julie B.

**Gospel Reader**

Josh Christensen  
Allen Julian  
Kurt Thornsborough  
Butch Buesing

**Acolytes**

July 7 Carley Wright  
14 Eli Mann  
21 Jamie Yonkers  
28 Kendall Wright

**Videographer**

July 7 Dwain Dixon  
14 RJ Davis  
21 Butch Buesing  
28 Josh Christensen

**Sound/Screens**

Eli Mann  
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**Altar Guild**

July Pam Van Camp, Debbie Ferris, Rosemary Hilton

**Money Counters**

July Team "A" Jerry and Charlotte Kennett

**Check Signers**

July Mary Powell, Mike Ferris

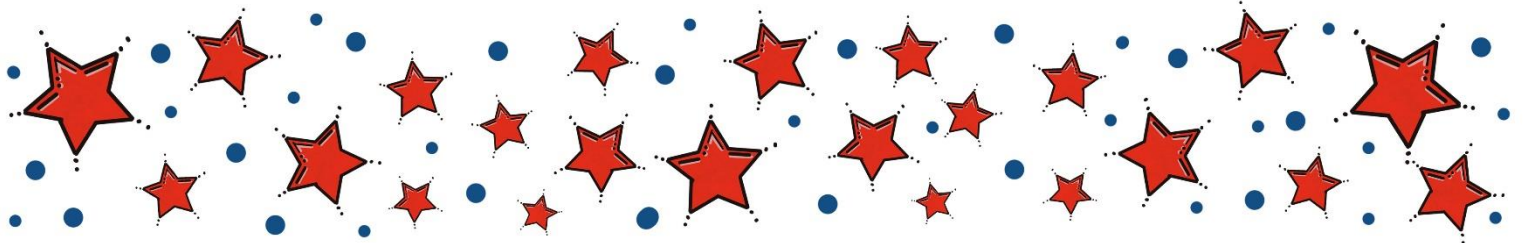
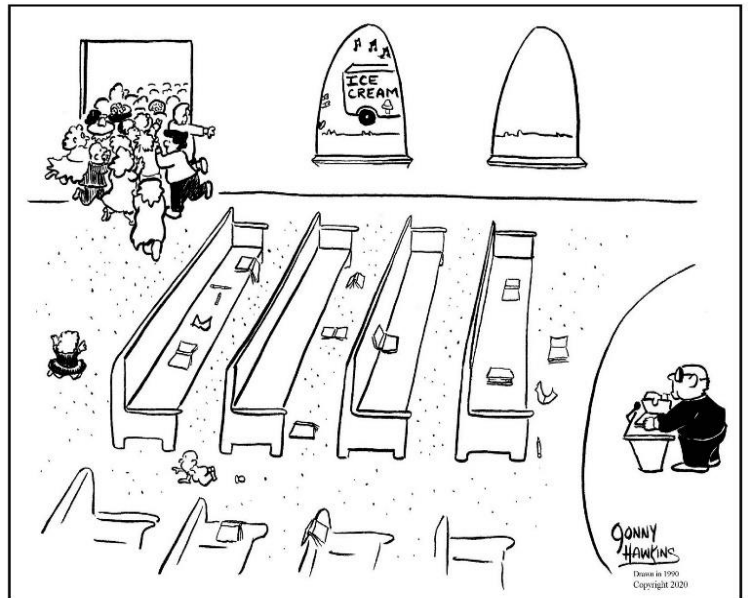
**Bible Quiz**

In the final poem of Psalms, what musical instrument is mentioned as a means to praise the Lord?

- A. brass
- B. percussion
- C. strings
- D. woodwinds
- E. all of the above



Answer: E (See Psalm 150:3-5)







Why do stars appear to twinkle? Try this experiment to find out!

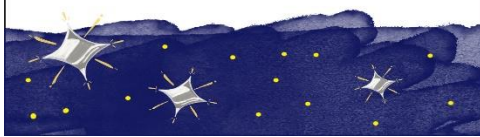
**What you need:**

- Aluminum foil
- Large glass bowl
- Water
- Flashlight



**What you do:**

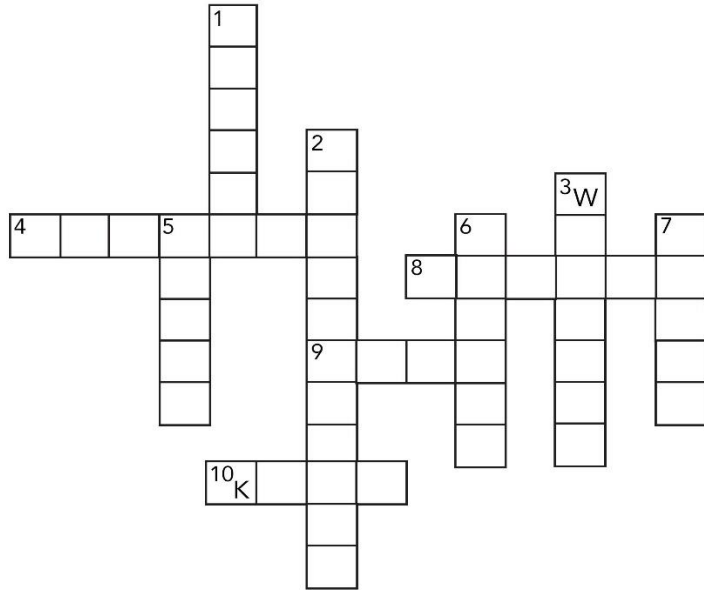
1. Crumple the foil into a ball. Carefully unfold it and lay it flat on the ground.
2. Fill the bowl with water and place it on the foil.
3. Turn off the lights and make the room as dark as possible. Shine the flashlight about 1 foot from the water's undisturbed surface. Light will reflect onto the foil.
4. Then tap your finger on the water's surface. As the water moves, what happens to the light on the foil?
5. This flickering simulates scintillation, which happens when starlight enters Earth's atmosphere. As light passes through layers of gas and water, it refracts and appears to twinkle.



# THE WONDER OF STARS

The heavens display evidence of God's great power.  
What else does the Bible say about the sky?

Directions: Use the clues and Bible references (all NIV) to complete the crossword.



**DOWN**

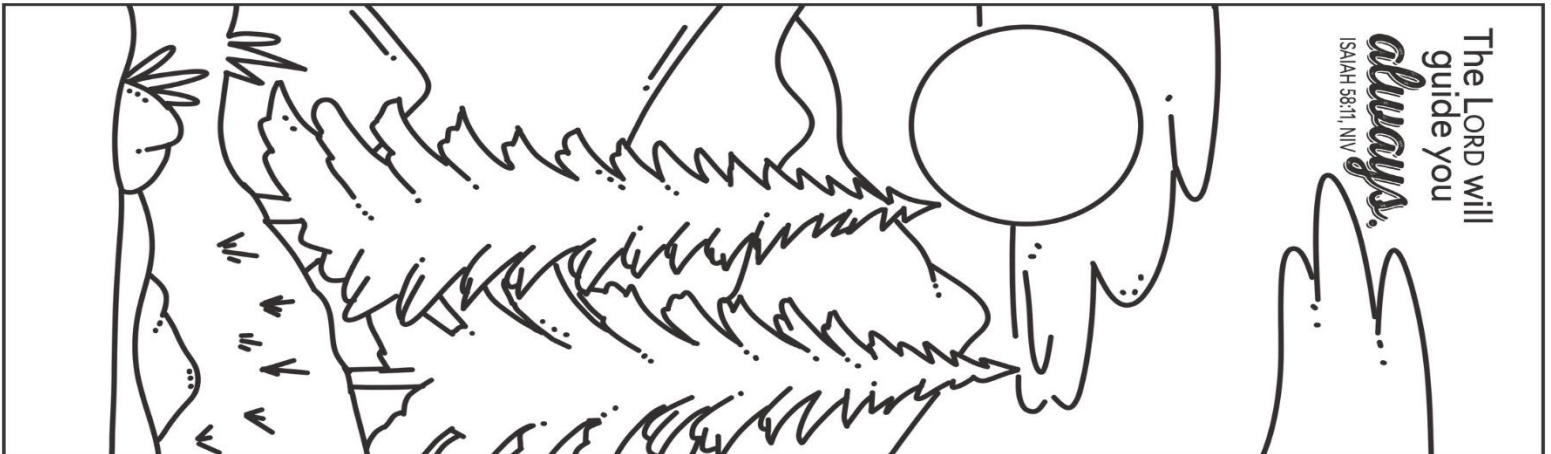
1. The sun, moon and stars do this to God. (Psalm 148:3)
2. God made these as numerous as the stars. (Genesis 26:4)
3. Don't do this to the stars and sky. (Deuteronomy 4:19)
5. What do the heavens declare? (Psalm 19:1)
6. The moon and the stars do this at night. (Psalm 136:9)
7. When we're pure, we do this like the stars. (Philippians 2:15)

**ACROSS**

4. The heavens are the work of these. (Psalm 8:3)
8. On what day did God create the stars? (Genesis 1:14-19)
9. God calls each star by this. (Isaiah 40:26)
10. A star announced the arrival of him. (Matthew 2:2)

Answers: DOWN: 1. praise, 2. descendants, 3. worship, 5. glory, 6. govern, 7. shine, 8. fingers, 9. fourth, 10. king

Color and cutout this bookmark! If you have a hole punch, make a hole at the top and tie a ribbon or string on.



The LORD will  
guide you  
*always.*  
ISAIAH 58:11 NIV



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# MESSENGER

GOD WITH US

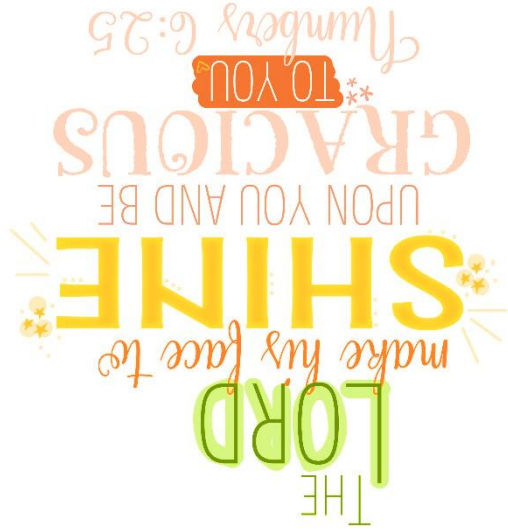


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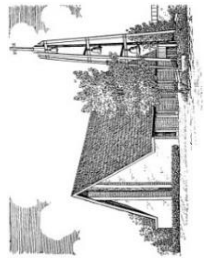
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at 5:00 pm



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