



FROM THE ELDERS

Good news! The Call Committee has received a list of pastors from the Synod. If it is God's plan, our next pastor's name is on that list. Have patience, pray for all involved in this process, and also that we carry out God's will.

October's guest preachers will be Pastor Schaefer, Pastor Halche, Pastor Braband, and Daniel Keah, who is a Vicar from District Heights, Maryland. There is also a baptism scheduled for October 23. Please support these and all other pastors with your thoughts and prayers. Come and be with your church family to listen and learn from these teachers of the Word, so we may be well prepared and eager to share the Good News throughout the coming weeks.

Mark Frase

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer has come to a close and I would like to thank those individuals, groups, and committees that tirelessly plugged on during this time. Here's some of what happened during the summer months: We participated in the Firemen's parade once again and provided volunteers to man bingo at the carnival for an evening. Vacation Bible School happened just as it has for many, many years. We sent two participants to an overnight "Tending the Flame" district conference. The contemporary service continued on and as many as seventeen of our shut-in members were visited and given communion once a month. We even had a successful Labor Day chicken BBQ fundraiser.

Now we look forward to new beginnings. After many months of work the Call Committee has received the list of potential pastoral candidates from the district and will begin the process of getting to know these men and their families. It is up to us as a

congregation to keep moving forward during this time so that when we find the pastor God has chosen for us, we will be ready to do God's work as a team.

And speaking of teams, we will be needing several new Church Council members. Offices to be filled are Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Education. Sam Lozen has agreed to continue as Recording Secretary. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one of these positions. Elections will be at our next Voters' meeting to be held on November 13. Please see me if you are interested or have any questions.

In closing, I would just like to remind everyone to invite friends, neighbors, and family to our contemporary service on the second Saturday of the month at 5:00 p.m. The service is casual come as you are, with good music and a more personal atmosphere. If you haven't been, come check it out!

Janice Isenberg, President

UPDATE ON THE CALL PROCESS

The Call Committee met on Thursday, September 29 to consider a list of potential pastors. We have eight men on our call list. We are meeting a few times in October to narrow it down to three or four candidates whom we will interview further. Please pray for these men and their families, and also for the committee. Also pray for direction and insight.

Ann Schmick





LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

The food pantry at the Lutheran Mission Society in Cambridge is in need of many of its regular items. Hot and cold cereals, canned soups, dried beans, canned meats, and canned fruits are in low supply. Please leave your donations in the designated baskets in the narthex. If you need help getting your donations into the church or wish to make a cash donation please see (or call, 410-310-2571) Irene Wheatley. Thank you for your support in helping us to help others.

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Hebrews 13:16 ESV

Irene Wheatley

SPECIAL MISSION OFFERINGS

Remember that on the first Sunday of EVERY month, there will be an additional and special offering to underwrite the work that our congregation does through the Southeastern District and the Missouri Synod. Please join in the special work.



Thank you to all who placed flowers on the altar during our summer months. Two Sundays remain to be filled for this Fall: **October 30 & November 6.** If you are interested, please pick a

date and sign your name and telephone number on the flower chart that hangs on the elevator door in the Narthex. For more details, or for florist information, please call the church office 410-673-7107.

TAKE FLIGHT WITH WINGS!

We would like to invite any woman who has an interest in serving the Lord and helping others, to join us. Women in God's Service meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our

officers are: Pres. Jan Lewis, V.P. Carol Frase, Treas. Dee Lambert, and Sec. Marsha Kenton.

These are some of the things WinGS does: babysitting in the nursery during church, funeral receptions for members, potluck for Ash Wednesday. We do Trunk-or-Treat, desserts for the spaghetti dinner, and we helped pay for painting the undercroft. In June we do Bingo at the Carnival, VBS, and P.E.S. Springfest. We paid for lunch on Rally Day. We also do flowers in Church, poinsettias for shut-ins, and last year we helped with caroling. We also do receptions for Baptisms and our Nursery School (in the Spring and for their Christmas program in December) and for our concerts.

In March we donated \$100.00 to the after prom party, we made Easter eggs and we donated \$1,000.00 to the parking lot, \$5,000.00 to the General fund, and also donated \$500.00 to Irene for Angel children family. We also donated \$1,000.00 to our Nursery School. In 2015 we gave \$1,000.00 to Chrissy Frase's missionary trip. Our Yard Sale profit for May 16, 2016 was over \$1,100.00.

As you can see, we are very active. We'd love to have you join us as we work for the Lord!

Karen Lyons



Trunk or Treat

WinGS will again coordinate Immanuel's participation in the community Trunk-or-Treat, in partnership with Bethlehem Wesleyan and Bethesda United Methodist Churches. Details are still being worked out, but the event should take place in the Preston Carnival grounds, during Trick-or-Treating on Halloween night. Watch the bulletin at church for further information.



For so many people in this fast-paced, ever changing world, Sunday worship just doesn't work. This less traditional service, time, and atmosphere will hopefully be another option for people to come and worship. Share this with people you know family, friends and neighbors. Pastor David Nuss from Christ Lutheran in Seaford will be leading us in worship.



Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. If you believe this gospel, if you stand upon it, and cling to it, you are saved. Trust in this is the dividing line. It defines, either positively or negatively, all men. It separates and divides Cain from Abel, Job from his so-called friends, Abraham from Abimelech, Isaac from Ishmael, Jacob from Esau, David from Saul, Daniel from Belshazzar, Joseph from Herod, Lazarus from the rich man, and the tax collector from the Pharisee. What defines men is not whether they are good or bad, but whether or not they believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

The problem with man is his heart. Our hearts are fallen and predisposed to think that we can impress God. We think that if we do all the right things God will reward us, and we will escape evil. We think that God will be impressed with our gifts, that our prosperity and goodness is evidence that God loves us or that it should motivate God to love us.

But we know better because God has blessed us with the faith of Abel, Job, and Abraham. We know that God's grace in Christ saves us, not our works.

We know that God is not impressed with our giving. He is not impressed when we give him that which is already his. God doesn't benefit from our giving and He doesn't need it. But our neighbor does need it. And God delights in us growing more and more like Him. He blesses us, and He invites us to bless one another with our giving: so that the Gospel may be proclaimed, so that the poor may be fed, so that all God's work through the Church may be done.

So consider God's priorities in comparison to your own. And be honest. Reevaluate where you are and where God has called you to be. Look into your own bank statement. Would any accountant think that the Church was your priority? He would see a spreadsheet filled with where your money actually goes: into house and clothing and cars, into eating out and beauty supplies and entertainment. Indeed, much of it wasted on frivolous things. But would he find great percentages going to the church? Figure up the percentage. Put it in relation to the proportion of your income. What percentage of your income do you give for the mission of the church: the preaching and

teaching, the baptizing and communing, the help for the weak and poor brothers of Christ? Is it even enough for a deduction when you file your income taxes? The widow gave all she had and thought nothing of it. She was glad to do it. The rich man gave what to him was meaningless, trifle amount and desired a plaque in his honor. Why is it that the less we give the prouder we are and the more credit we expect?

All your works, even your monetary gifts, done in faith please God now for Christ's sake. No matter how great or small, frequent or infrequent. They are all washed and cleansed by grace through faith on account of Christ. Whatever you do from faith in God pleases him for the sake of the Son. So reevaluate your generosity in the light of the grace of Christ. Freely you have received, freely give.

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BRIEF NEWS ITEMS

- **Directory Update:** Bob Lorenz' new email address is rhlorenz14@gmail.com.
- **Jars Needed:** Jars for jellies and homemade canned goods are needed for the fall bazaar. The required jar size is pint and half-pint. If you can donate them, please get in touch with Donna Collins at jcollins1957@comcast.net
- **Nursery Attendants** are needed for service. If you can help, please let Dicky Wheatley know.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

On Saturday, September 10, Janna Less, daughter of our former Circuit Visitor, Pastor Keith Less, passed away during a surgical procedure. Before accepting a call to North Carolina, Pastor Keith had been helping Immanuel by visiting our shut-ins and leading the contemporary service during our vacancy. Please keep Pastor Keith, his wife Denise, and family in your prayers. Immanuel took a collection for a memorial to be sent to St John's Lutheran Church, Winston Salem, NC, in memory of Janna. Cards or condolences may be sent to the following addresses:

Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Keith Less
2870 Woodworth Dr.
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

St John's Lutheran Church
2415 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27103



Lindy Gulick-Ayers	10/1	Dottie Welsh	10/10
Bradley Plutschak	10/1	Jennifer Kenton	10/13
M. Kim Rosebrock	10/1	Charles Turner	10/14
Richard Tucker III	10/2	Frances Madigan	10/16
Austin Alexander	10/3	Zoe Durando	10/17
Matthew Harris	10/3	Melissa Phillips	10/17
Cooper Stevens	10/3	Carol Frase	10/18
Michael Fisher	10/4	Emilee Patchett	10/18
Christina Frase	10/4	John Wingate	10/18
Denise Mitchell	10/4	Justin Frase	10/22
Jesse Arnold	10/6	Phyllis Frase	10/25
Marilyn Harris	10/6	Glenda Coppage	10/28
Evelyn Reichlin	10/6	Sarah Ferkler	10/30
Brandon Stuart	10/7	Grayson Fisher	10/30
August Thomas	10/7	Susan Frazier	10/30
James Erskine	10/10		



Claire & W.Keith Bennett	10/3
Mark & Carol Frase	10/3
Lawrence & Viola Schmick	10/3
Rex & M. Kim Rosebrock	10/4
John & Sandra Johansen Jr.	10/8
Ronald & Brittany Andrew Jr.	10/19
Susan & Elliott Frazier	10/19
Jack & Donna Collins	10/21
Bobby & Roxie Wingate	10/21
Bradley & Heather Plutschak	10/22
Katie & Adam Taylor	10/23
Michael & Kimberly Jantz Sr.	10/25

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Iris Rieck

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Mark & Susan Andrew

In Memory of Martha Hopkins

Richard & Irene Wheatley

In Memory of Martha Hopkins

Thrivent Choice

Robert Lorenz

Iris Rieck

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Leonard Slyter

Richard Wheatley

Glen Plutschak

Mary Lou Plutschak

Thrivent Choice

Irene Wheatley

Robert Hopkins

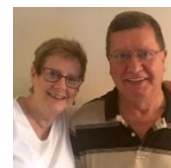
In Memory of Martha Hopkins

Karen Karas

Sunday School

SEPTEMBER GUEST PASTORS

Thanks to our guest pastors for leading services in the month of September We are very grateful to have them take the pulpit at Immanuel!



From left: Rev. Carl Kruelle, Rev. Robert Mordhorst,
Rev. Chuck Braband

NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

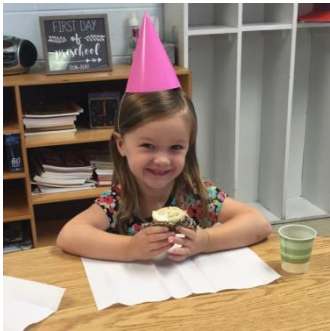
Sarah Meekins & Amanda Kaczynski

Last month we started our first month back to school, welcoming thirteen new students. We have had a busy first couple of weeks, packed with fun activities! See what we have been up to!



To remember our first day at Lutheran Nursery School we took pictures to cherish! Here, Ali displays her "First Day of School" plaque and mugs for the camera!

Carole Greenage was nice enough to bring her school bus out for a tour. We all packed on and learned how a school bus functions. We can't wait to ride the school bus again! Thank you Carole! Here's a group photo from the day we explored the bus! From left: Ali, Skylar, McKenna, Zoey, Charlie, Brady, Cole, Abby, Abram, Julia, and Reece.



Abby celebrated her fourth birthday! We helped her celebrate with cupcakes and party hats, while singing "Happy Birthday."

We started learning all about our shapes! To help us recognize our shapes we had to match Lego bricks on the tape of our assigned shape.



Coming Soon!

We have tons more fun activities planned! We can't wait to celebrate Julia and Cole's birthday on September 15! With fire prevention week approaching we have lots of lessons planned pertaining to fire safety. And our fallfest on October 20 will sure be a blast!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<div>1</div> 7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting
<div>2</div> 9:00 am - Kids' Breakfast 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion	<div>3</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School 7:00 pm - Church Council	<div>4</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School	<div>5</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School 6:45 pm - Bell Choir 7:45 pm - Adult Choir	<div>6</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> 5:00 pm - Contemporary Worship Service 7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting
<div>9</div> 9:00 am - Kids' Breakfast 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship	<div>10</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School 7:00 pm - Elders	<div>11</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School	<div>12</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School 6:45 pm - Bell Choir 7:45 pm - Adult Choir	<div>13</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> 7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting
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<div>23</div> 9:00 am - Kids' Breakfast 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship	<div>24</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School	<div>25</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School	<div>26</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School 6:45 pm - Bell Choir 7:45 pm - Adult Choir	<div>27</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School 7:00 pm - Nursery School Board Meeting	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> 7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting
<div>30</div> 9:00 am - Kids' Breakfast 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship	<div>31</div> 9-11:45 - Nursery School	<div>Immanuel Lutheran Church</div> <div>(410) 673-7107</div> <div>immanuel Lutheran Preston@verizon.net</div>				

Nov. 12, 2016

9 AM - 2 PM

BAZAAR

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Main St. & Backlanding Road
Preston, MD

**Homemade
Soup**



Sandwiches



Baked Goods



Silent Auction



Crafts



Gift Items



Produce & Plants



Book Table



Treasure Chest



Pray For Us Calendar

These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission.

Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at lcms.org/prayforus or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.

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CHURCH WORKERS — OCTOBER 1-31 Pastors; deaconesses; Lutheran school teachers; directors of Christian education, Christian outreach and family life ministry; parish musicians. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) is blessed with many faithful church workers who assist and lead people in participating in the fulfillment of the Great Commission, while building up the Body of Christ.

Remember God's work through the Synod's church workers as you pray:

1. with overflowing thanksgiving for the many dedicated church workers in the LCMS, who share in our joys and sorrows. Ask the Lord to comfort and defend them from every assault of the devil.

2. for the Synod's pastors, that they would hold fast to the Word of God and find strength to continue preaching and teaching God's truth in an increasingly anti-Christian culture.

3. that God would bless the work of directors of Christian education, as they develop educational ministries for children, youth, adults and families.

4. for the Synod's directors of Christian outreach, that God would guide their efforts to support a congregation's or organization's outreach and evangelism work.

5. for teachers in Lutheran schools, that they would model Christ-like behavior for students and incorporate the Gospel message into each and every day.

6. for Lutheran school principals and administrators, that they would lead with integrity and encourage stakeholders to embrace the mission of the school to make disciples.

7. for the Synod's deaconesses, that they would be equipped with all things needful to love and serve people in every situation.

8. for directors of family life ministry, that God would guide their vital work to strengthen the families in our congregations.

9. for directors of parish music, that they would find joy and satisfaction in their work of enhancing the worship life of the church.

10. for the Synod's commissioned lay ministers, who work under a pastor's guidance to support a church's efforts in evangelism, Christian education, parish administration and other areas that are God-pleasing.

11. for missionaries, who leave home and family to work in far-away lands. Ask God to give them strength, wisdom and protection as they do His work.

12. for young people who are considering a career in church work. Ask the Lord to raise up more church workers and to guide young people to seek His will for their lives.

13. with thanksgiving for Veterans of the Cross, a program of the LCMS Office of National Mission and Concordia Plan Services that helps retired church workers and spouses pay for necessities like medication, food and utility bills.

14. with thanksgiving for Soldiers of the Cross, a program of the LCMS that provides emergency support and pastoral care to current church workers who are affected by natural disasters, illness or other unexpected circumstances.

15. with thanksgiving for every person who volunteers in a congregation as an elder, an usher, a greeter, a Sunday school teacher or in another capacity. Praise God that He calls His people to support professional church workers in a variety of ways.



The Rev. Wally Arp, senior pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Oviedo, Fla., greets children as they arrive to the parish school.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Do you know a high-school student who is thinking about attending one of the colleges or universities in the Concordia University System? Visit kfuoaam.org/events/concordia-college-fair to hear folks from each of the Concordias talk about what makes their school unique.
- What does a director of family life ministry do, anyway? Visit lcms.org/careers-in-church-work to download a PDF about the roles of different church workers.
- Learn more about Soldiers of the Cross by visiting lcms.org/sotc. Visit lcms.org/votc to learn about the Veterans of the Cross program.

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- 16.** *for sole pastors and other church workers who don't have a ministry team, that God would provide the support and encouragement necessary to refresh them for their service each day.*
- 17.** *for Grace Place Wellness Ministries, that this Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS might provide respite and refreshment to weary church workers.*
- 18.** *for DOXOLOGY, an RSO of the LCMS, that it might help pastors improve their own spiritual health and enhance their ability to provide pastoral care to others.*
- 19.** *for Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, an RSO of the LCMS, that it might provide healing and assistance to those church workers who are struggling with serious issues.*
- 20.** *for seminary students, especially those who are currently serving vicarages, that they would be welcomed and shaped into effective future church workers.*
- 21.** *for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., that they would continue to properly prepare future pastors and deaconesses to serve God and His Church.*
- 22.** *for Lutheran Education Association, that this RSO might be a blessing to those who work in our Lutheran schools.*
- 23.** *with thanksgiving for every person and organization that supports the Synod's missionaries. The prayers and financial support of God's people enable them to share the Gospel with people around the world.*
- 24.** *for the colleges and universities of the Concordia University System, that they would equip their students with the necessary knowledge and skills to serve the Church as both church workers and laypeople.*
- 25.** *for the health and well-being of all church workers, that they would utilize opportunities for rest and renewal when needed.*
- 26.** *for Concordia Plan Services, that God would continue to guide this organization in providing employee health, retirement and disability benefits that enable our church workers to take care of themselves and their families.*
- 27.** *for military chaplains, who put themselves in harm's way to minister to members of our armed forces. Ask God to keep them safe as they share Christ's love with our servicemen and women.*
- 28.** *for specialized pastoral ministers, who serve the ill, imprisoned, aging, troubled, conflicted and isolated. Give thanks for their service to people in the midst of tragedy or crisis, and ask God to give them strength for this often-demanding work.*
- 29.** *for church workers who are experiencing a crisis. Pray that the body of Christ would care for them and support them in every need, just as they support others during times of worry and loss. Pray also for all who would gladly serve but are without a call.*
- 30.** *that church workers on ministry teams would work together in God-pleasing unity and that their joint efforts would further God's kingdom.*
- 31.** *with thankful hearts for the blessings God gives to His people through full-time church workers. These faithful men and women love us, care for us, pray for us and teach us the Word of God.*



Deaconess Amy Rat, associate director of deaconess formation at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., teaches deaconess students in Tanzania.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from lcms.org/prayercards.

- Oct. 4** Graham Guenther, South Korea
- Oct. 6** Michèle Kuddes, French-speaking Africa
- Oct. 11** Deborah St-Onge, Latin America
- Oct. 13** Duane Meissner, Belize
- Oct. 14** Aimee Cirna, Southeast Asia
- Oct. 16** Gail Ludwigson, Dominican Republic
- Oct. 20** Clarion Fritsché, Dominican Republic
- Oct. 21** Mark Moss, Africa;
Andrew Schlund, Mexico
- Oct. 22** Arthur Rickman, Asia
- Oct. 26** Wayne Braun, Germany
- Oct. 31** Suanne Forrester, Hong Kong

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER:

Chaplain Brian Hamer, Lemoore, Calif.;
Chaplain James Freitag, Kuwait; Chaplain Richard Townes, Great Lakes, Ill.; Chaplain Vincent Bain, Fort Campbell, Ky.; Chaplain Jon Smithley, Vance AFB, Okla.; Chaplain Quentin Genke, Dover AFB, Del.; Chaplain Ryan Mills, Afghanistan; Chaplain Scott Simpson, Shaw AFB, S.C.



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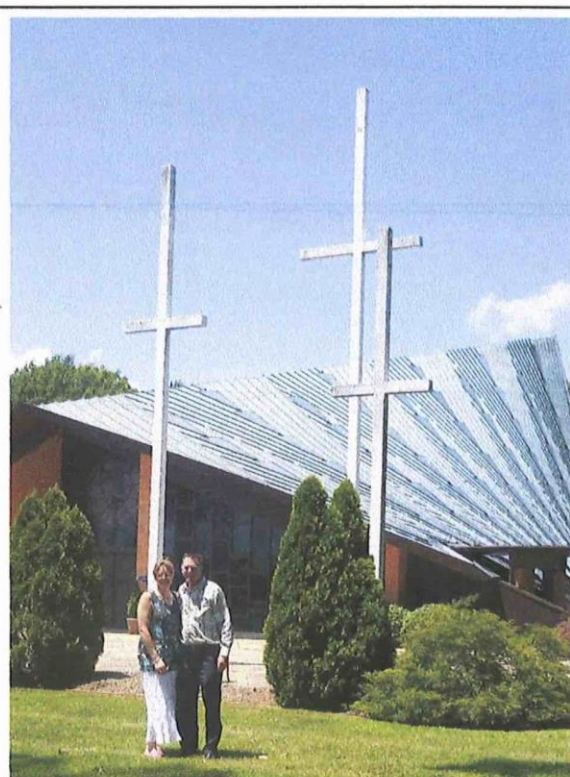
Immanuel Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 39
Preston, MD 21655-0039

September 4, 2016

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church,

God's blessings to you! Well...we made it! By God our Father's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit Shauna and I completed our vicarage at Concordia Lutheran Church in Conover NC on July 31st. It was a bittersweet day as we said goodbye to the beautiful people God placed in our midst for the past year. We can't thank Pastor Schudde, the wonderful staff at Concordia Lutheran Church and Christian Day School, and, most of all, God's children who walked alongside us this past year. They taught Shauna and I much as we endeavoured to serve them as God intended. It was a true blessing and privilege to be Concordia's Vicar!

We had a very long sendoff in June and July...it was the ultimate in "long goodbyes" for everyone. We were the fortunate recipients of so many meals, times of fellowship, gifts, and fantastic memories as we prepared to return to St. Louis. We cherish the time and the treasures that were bestowed on us so generously in those last several weeks. We've also appreciated the continued phone calls, cards and letters, and text messages that continue to wish us well. But, at the end of July, it was time to pack the



Jim and Shauna outside Concordia Lutheran Church following a day of Sending Rites on July 31.



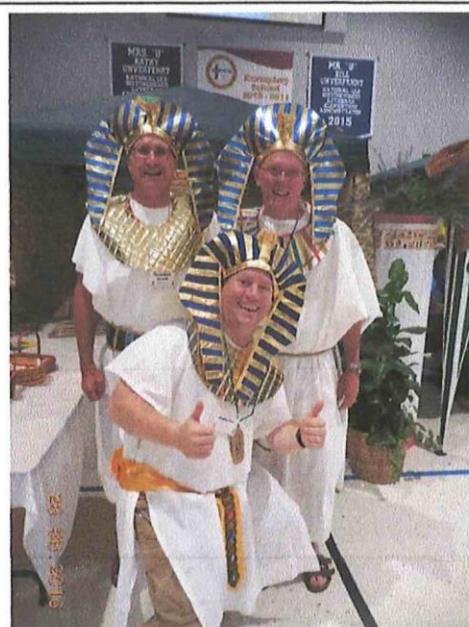
One of the many festive send offs we received from the beautiful people at Concordia.

van...and the car...and the trailer...and make the trek back over the mountain to St. Louis. Unfortunately, we couldn't fit all the extra memories in the space we had and left a little bit behind...gives us an excuse to get together again sometime soon!

But, there was certainly more than visiting and packing that went on those last several weeks. Indeed...there was much work to be done and it was a blast. First, I was privileged to witness the installation of Concordia's new Associate Pastor, Ben Micheel. He just graduated from the Seminary so it was kind of cool to get the opportunity to watch how the process that will affect Shauna and

me in about a year actually unfolds. Soon after that, Concordia's annual Summer Vacation Bible School kicked off. I got to serve with the Pastors as a "pharaoh" of sorts throughout the week. It was a fun way to kick off the summer and get to spend quality time with not only Concordia's children, but many from throughout the Conover-Newton-Hickory area who joined in on the fun. July also included several preaching and worship events including the "series of lasts (for now)" ... sermon, Bible Study, children's message, contemporary service, and...day. I also had the opportunity to connect one last time with many of Concordia's faithful people who aren't able to attend worship regularly. It was very important to me at least, to visit these saints once more before we moved back to St. Louis.

Once we returned to St. Louis and got settled back in, Shauna and I went on a trip through Indiana (to participate in my Mom's 86th birthday celebration), Michigan (to connect with cousins and aunts and uncles), and Ohio (to visit some longtime Air Force friends). We also had several "meetings" to debrief on the vicarage experience and hosted a "regathering" for all the "Vicars Emeriti" who were in town. It was a nice way to unwind from the "long goodbye" and get rested before our last and final school year begins. We're eager to get back to work and finish the journey God started us on three years ago this month.



Pharaohs Schudde, Kent, and Micheel at the Concordia VBS in June.



Jim and Shauna...ready to move back to St. Louis...more or less...

God our Father has indeed blessed us in more ways than we can count...or deserve. He has shown Himself to us through your support and the support of so many others who've prayed for us, encouraged us, supported us financially, and been a comforting presence through it all. We thank you all for your continued support! As we enter the last nine months of our pastoral formation here in St. Louis, we ask your continued prayers. God's peace and blessings to everyone...

In Christ's Love,

Jim & Shauna

Thank you for the continued newsletter updates. As always, we pray for all of you during your pastoral call process. God's peace be with you!

LUTHERAN HOUR SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2016

You can hear the Lutheran Hour on these stations:
 WNAV 1430 AM Sundays @ 6:00 a.m.
 WBAL 1090 AM Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
 and also at www.lutheranhour.org where you may read,
 listen, or do both.

October 2

"The Only Way to Live: By Faith!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
 God cares about you, listens to you, and answers your
 difficult questions with grace and compassion.
 (Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4)

October 9

"Lord, Give Me What I Need -- Give Me Faith!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
 You don't have to settle for what the world hands you.
 You can live by faith in the Son of God who heals,
 forgives, and restores.
 (Luke 17:11-19)

October 16

"Know This Word -- Your Life Depends on It"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
 The Bible provides a strategy for survival in an
 uncertain world. It can break hearts of stone and replace
 them with living hearts open to God's truth.
 (2 Timothy 3:16)

October 23

"Running the Race of Faith"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
 Because Christ has already won the victory for us, our
 race of faith is worth the struggle of the run.
 (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

October 30

"The Best Bequest"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken
 Klaus
 A legacy of faith is the best bequest, giving the gift of
 Jesus to those who come after you.
 (Luke 12:19-21)

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OCTOBER 2016

Ushers	Dale Kenton Rex Rosebrock Garvin Gounraj
Acolytes	10/2 Joey Parmer 10/9 needed 10/16 Jacob Parmer 10/23 needed 10/30 Joey Parmer
Nursery	10/2 needed 10/9 Irene Wheatley 10/16 Jennifer Phillips 10/23 needed 10/30 needed
Counters	10/2 Janice Isenberg, Shelly Kapitan, John Crampton 10/9 Kimberly Jantz, Karen Lyons, Olga MacDonald 10/16 Dee Lambert, Glen & Mary Lou Plutschak 10/23 David & Kathy Schmidt 10/23 David & Kathy Schmidt
Lay Reader	10/2 Richard Wheatley 10/9 Kathy Schmidt 10/16 Arlene Stevens 10/23 Paul Elzey 10/30 Chrissy Frase
Greeters	10/2 Sam Lozen 10/9 Mike Jantz 10/16 Janice Isenberg 10/23 Richard Wheatley 10/30 Glen Plutschak

Your true identity is as a child of God. This is the identity you have to accept. Once you have claimed it and settled in it, you can live in a world that gives you much joy as well as pain. You can receive the praise as well as the blame that comes to you as an opportunity for strengthening your basic identity, because the identity that makes you free is anchored beyond human praise and blame.

Henri Nouwen (1932-1996)



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"I am the vine, you are the branches."

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