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# THE BEACON



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## Sin Backfires

*The wicked dig a deep pit to trap others, then fall into it themselves. The trouble they make for others backfires on them. The violence they plan falls on their own heads.*  
Psalm 7:15-16



Dear Partners in the Gospel

Sometimes in all parts of our lives, we need to go back to the basics. A basic understanding of following Jesus is "Sin is bad!" I can already hear you say, "Now that's profound, Pastor Obvious". In our culture, in our homes, in our church, I'm not sure we as followers of Jesus remember this basic. Our human nature would many times rather sing, "I did it my Way", than "I surrender all". God gave us clear boundaries (10 Commandments) to follow to keep us close to the heart of God, yet our humanity would rather "go off to find where demons dwell" because sin feels good, feeds our egos, and diminish those who are not like me or think the way I do. My devotion by Cheri Fuller (*Praying the Promises of God*) this morning reminds me,

*We were not created for evil. Sin doesn't suit us. When God created human beings, he included instructions about the behaviors and attitudes that would diminish us and eventually destroy us, and he called those destructive behaviors "sin".*

*Sin's punishment is built in. Going our own way, following our instincts without the restraining and protective wisdom of God's law, leads us to destruction. God's law is a gift of love to us. It creates a hedge of protection around our lives. God's promise to us is that obedience to him will shield us from the heartaches sin brings to our lives.*

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*Do I really believe and embrace the promise? I can easily see how certain blatant and obvious sins backfire on the sinner. The evidence is indisputable. We have all seen the destructive effects of substance abuse or infidelity or pornography or of other sins that are out front and rampant in our world. It would be easy to point to those and let those sins illustrate the deep pit that sinners fall into. And it would be true and accurate.*

*But when I look at my own life, do I let anger settle in? Do I allow myself to be easily offended? Do I repay a wrong with a wrong? Do I manipulate others? The list could go on and on. We may dress these up in excuses or call them something else, but they are still sins.*

*God has classified these attitudes as sins because, just like the blatant sins, they have destructive effects on our lives. In the moment, it might seem, for example, as if lashing out in anger will relieve our anger. But any momentary relief we experience soon changes to regret. Wounding words can't be taken back. A relationship is tarnished, if not ruined. Our sin backfires on us, and we fall into the pit we have dug. Believe God's promise that his law is our protection.*

There is always a spiritual, psychological, and many times physical consequences to unrepentant sin. It's how Satan corrupts, misleads and pulls us away from following the Christ for a comfortable faith as individuals and communities. Calling evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5) may be normal and allow us to fit into our friendship circles, but my prayer is that we be a people greater than our last sin. May we be a congregation that not only strives to know the difference between good and evil, and strive to live lives pleasing to God. Not perfect, just faithful.

PASTOR Tom

## Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church Council 2019

### Term 2018 - 2020

Bob Greenwood .....	923-2246
Lori Jurgensmier .....	924-9609
Gary Dilling .....	921-0817
Becky Bast-Skorik.....	397-6505

### Term 2017 - 2019

June Bahr .....	922-9660
Aric Hamburg .....	923-1309
Amy Bertram.....	579-3372

### Term 2019- 2021

Shar Krueger- Raube.....	922-6313
Marie Scannell.....	266-5688
John de Montmollin .....	933-2500

### 2019 Officers

President, Bob Greenwood .....	923-2246
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### Council Representatives for Action Teams

CAFÉ (Community and Faith Event) (Youth & Family)	..... Marie Scannell
Facility Care Action Team (Building & Grounds)	..... Gary Dilling
Worship Action Team (Worship & Music)	..... Lori Jurgensmier
Faith Nurture Action (Christian Education)	..... Amy Bertram, Marie Scannell
Invitational Hospitality Action Team (Fellowship & Outreach)	..... June Bahr
Stewardship Team	..... Aric Hamburg & Becky Bast-Skorik
Faith in Action Team (Faith in Action Committee)	..... Shar Krueger-Raube, June Bahr
Communication Action Team	..... John de Montmollin, June Bahr

# BACKto School

A community-wide collaboration

## DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES!

**Distribution Day is Saturday, August 24**

BACK TO SCHOOL FDL is dedicated to helping about 1,000 students in need receive school supplies so that every child can start the school year ready to learn. You can support them by donating school supplies at the Boys & Girls Club, The Salvation Army, and area churches during the months of July and August.

Visit our website at [www.backtoschoolfdl.org](http://www.backtoschoolfdl.org) or like us on Facebook at BacktoSchoolFDLarea

### List of some of the supplies:

- ☐ Binders 1"
- ☐ Colored Pencils
- ☐ Compasses
- ☐ Crayola washable markers
- ☐ Dry erase markers
- ☐ Erasers
- ☐ Glue
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Graph Paper
- ☐ Highlighters
- ☐ Index cards 3" x 5"
- ☐ Loose leaf paper
- ☐ Pencils No. 2
- ☐ Pencil boxes
- ☐ Pencil cases
- ☐ Pocket folders
- ☐ Rulers
- ☐ Scientific calculators (T130XS)
- ☐ Scissors, pointed 5" & 7"
- ☐ Sketch books
- ☐ Watercolors
- ☐ Wide-ruled Spiral Notebooks

### Where do collected items we gather go?

Many questions have come up about items gathered in our collections. There is a second purpose for these items.



#### Cancelled postage stamps

There is a second life for cancelled postage stamps. Whole envelopes or stamps cut off of envelopes with a generous boarder may be used. They will be taken to the Nazareth Center & Court. A volunteer there will see that they are taken to the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse in New Holstein WI. They can be converted to money to be used for shipping expenses of supplies to people in need in foreign countries. *For information about the warehouse you may google [salvatorian mission warehouse](http://salvatorianmissionwarehouse.com).*

#### Aluminum can tabs

*These are directed for use to the Ronald McDonald House*

#### Used ink cartridges

*Income used by Deborah Circle for various needs*

#### Used eye glasses

*Directed to the FDL Evening Lions to be taken to Nicaragua for people in need of them there.*

If you would like to drop off any of these items they can be placed in the cupboard immediately below our church mailboxes (the doors are labeled).

#### Aluminum Cans

*Income to be used for Youth Activities*

They may be placed in the large labeled blue container with a hole in the top next to the kitchen door.

Submitted by Caryl Thielman





**I-T Family Worshiping Together**



**Loaves & Fishes volunteers hard at work!**



**Rev. Tom White Preaching**



## **WELCA News**

It's August, our summer is in full swing and we are already working on Fall Festival which is on Tuesday, October 15th this year. It will be our delicious varieties of chili with bread, crackers, cheese, beverages and dessert which is yet to be determined.

Prices will be the same as last year \$8.00 for ages 13 and up, \$5.00 for ages 6-12 and free for ages 5 & under.



Last year we did not have enough help so we're asking you this early to please consider helping this year. We can start on Sunday (Oct. 13) after church, even while the kids are in Spark. Or we can start around 9AM on Monday (Oct. 14). We set up tables where they are needed and begin to set items for sale on them. Tables are set on Monday for dining.

In the kitchen, we typically start with browning and draining the meat, cooking and draining the pasta, chopping the celery – with a food processor – then measuring and packaging in baggies, and the spices are also, to go into each of the 17 roasters. 3 roasters are completely prepared for Woodlands, along with 100 desserts which they come and pick up on Monday. The rest is refrigerated over night to be ready to start at 8AM on Tuesday (Oct. 15). Cans of tomatoes and beans are opened, added to roasters with the baggies prepared on Monday. Next desserts are plated, cheese, crackers, butter, and breads are put on serving dishes, water pitchers are filled, coffee is made and this continues throughout the day in 3 shifts. If we have many hands, it goes smoothly and quickly and no one person or 2 people are exhausted.

There are other jobs to do such as serve in the dining room, clean up, do dishes – with the dishwasher – sell raffle tickets, as well as bake, donate baskets, Christmas crafts and old books or puzzles. Please consider helping so it eases everyone's burden. We do have fun, too! It can be on Sunday, Monday or Tuesday. The money raised by this event goes to the youth of I-T, charities here in Fond du Lac, and charities throughout the world. Signup sheets will be up before the end of September so we can all plan ahead.

Thank you for all the help to make this a successful fund raising event.

Your WELCA Board: Marion Blakely, Audrey Greenwood, Lu Miller, Martie Schmalz. Caryl Thielman

## **GARDEN OF READIN' NEWS**

Summer is in full swing! The heat and humidity have finally arrived. Personally, I do not like the temperature to get above 75 degrees. So, to beat the heat stay inside with the air conditioning and read a good book. Who doesn't like to take a wonderful journey without leaving the comforts of home or learning something new?



Here is a list of new additions to the children's section:

*365 Bible Answers for Curious Kids* – This is a daily devotional that includes a Bible verse and a short prayer. It helps children find biblical answers to their questions about God, the Bible, & the Christian faith.

*I Am* – This is another devotional to help children learn more about the Bible's many descriptive names for God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

*The Story of Creation* – This book tells the story of creation in a way that children can understand. There are beautiful pictures for each day of creation.

*The Ten Commandments* – Imagine a world without sadness, fear, or evil. That is what God wants for all of us and why He gave us the Ten Commandments.

Do any of these book titles interest you? They are waiting to be checked out. How about visiting the library and take one home. Have you seen how long the inchworm has gotten? There are 4 or 5 avid young readers at Immanuel-Trinity as you will see by the names on the worm's body. Why not add your name to one of the body parts?



## Stephen Ministry News

### Criticism

Why are so many people critical of other people or what someone is trying to accomplish. Nothing is accomplished by criticism.

### Matthew 7:1-2

*"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get."*

Jesus says when you see that spark in someone's eye, don't forget the plank you have in your own eye. God says every time you judge others you condemn yourself. God would like us all to be more positive, less negative, and go out and try to encourage and help as many people as we can. God has given us all the ability to dream, visualize, and imagine. So let us dream we can make this a better world to live in, visualize it happening, and imagine how wonderful it would be. In Stephen Ministry they dream, visualize, and imagine what they can do to help out your care receiver.



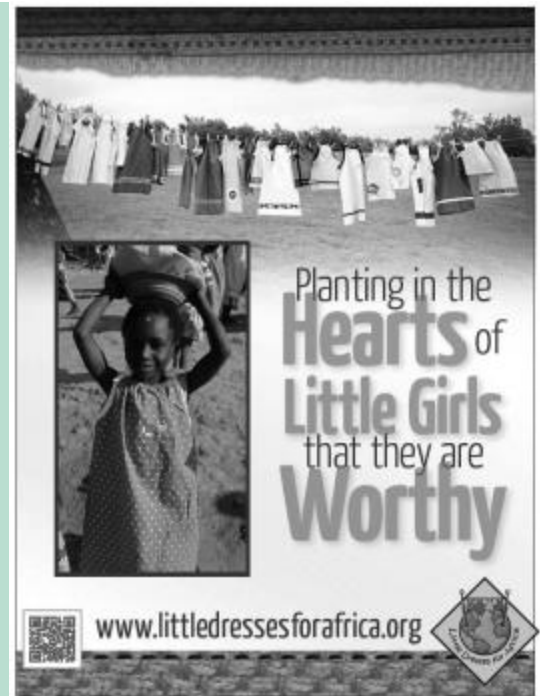
### LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA

I recently received a letter from Nancy's Notions Store in Beaver Dam that they were closing their doors. I immediately thought of the Little Dresses ministry. Bob and I went to Beaver Dam to check things out. I asked if we would still be able to bring out Little Dresses to their facility and was told that only the store was closing. The distribution center would still be business as usual and they would welcome our dresses. The person I talked to said, "keep them coming".

Thank you to those of you who have donated Little Dresses. There are a few details that I would like to mention. (1) Please use new or **gently used** pillowcases. Do not use fabric that is stained. We wouldn't want to receive a dress that is stained so let's not send them to the little girls. (2) Use at least 36 inches of bias tape or ribbon to encase the armholes allowing equal tape extensions at each end of the armhole. Finish off the ends of the tape. (3) Elastic lengths should be 6 inches for size small (3-5); 7 inches for size medium (6-9); and 8 inches for size large (10-12). Be sure the casing for the elastic is securely sewn and there are no raw edges that could ravel.

Thank you for your donations and I hope these pointers will help you with making a long-lasting dress for a little girl.

*Remember: patterns are always available in the library if you need another one.*





## Immanuel-Trinity Home Communion 2019 Schedule

If you are interested in helping serve or receive home communion please contact Pastor @ 920-921-4545

- ⊕ **August 4**
- ⊕ **September 1**
- ⊕ **October 6**
- ⊕ **November 3**
- ⊕ **December 1**

**Please cut out and save for future reference!**

*Our next time to serve is:*

**Mon, Sept 9, 2019**

**Future Dates:**  
**Monday, November 18**



Arrive by 4:00 pm if you will be volunteering to help serve. Come join us for fun, fellowship and a feeling of fulfillment.

## Christian Ed Corner

CE is reserving seats for a  
**Dock Spiders game on  
Friday Aug 9th.**

Game time is at 6:35PM.

If we have 20+ people going tickets will be \$10 each.

If there are less than 20 people, tickets go up to \$12

Sign up on CE door or email Marie Scannell  
at [dmscann@gmail.com](mailto:dmscann@gmail.com)



**De Montmollin family  
Hosting the 2nd  
Pot-Luck/swim party  
at their house on**

**Aug 11th, from 12—3PM.**

Sign up for count and your dish to pass on  
the CE door or email Marie at [dmscann@gmail.com](mailto:dmscann@gmail.com).

I will contact all who sign up with the address  
as the date gets closer.



## Lutheran Campus Ministry-Oshkosh

are preparing for the **annual plant giveaway** to  
those new to campus in the fall.

Plants can be dropped off at the  
church. Deadline is Sun., Aug. 25.

**Coffee Mugs or 3" pots** are  
also needed for this.



**In Loving  
Memory**

*Lynn Weinshrott*

Given by.....Chuck & Karla  
Kenas

*Melvin Sinotte*

Given by.....Robert & Audrey Greenwood  
Norman & Karyl Thielman  
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Joanne Zimmerman  
Janet Sinotte

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Caroline R. Dilling  
Jane Von Rotz  
Norman & Caryl Thielman  
Magdalena Rentmeister  
Robert & Audrey Greenwood



"How I Spent My Summer Vacation"

# August Birthdays

## August 1

No Birthdays

## August 2

Anne Paradies  
Erin Huseman  
Joyce Kumbier  
McKayla Drew  
Julian Schuette

## August 3

Jason Schuette  
Riley Plato  
Sophia Wendt

## August 4

No Birthdays

## August 5

Heidi Kopf  
Megan Kellar  
Tony Solamita

## August 6

Bruce Hall

## August 7

James Shepherd

## August 8

Dylan Wilbee

## August 9

Emma Maravilla  
Jeanette Arndt  
Marilyn Luebke

## August 10

David Lawson

## August 11

Lisa Roltgen  
Maura Nery  
Stephanie Korb

## August 12

Oliver Meyer

## August 13

John Kehrmeyer  
Mark Kopf  
Richard Schroeder

## August 14

Chris Koshute

## August 15

Jordon Hansen

## August 16

Robert Masteller

## August 17

Emily Belling  
John De Montmollin

## August 18

Zach Dilling

## August 19

Caryl Thielman  
Daniel Wendt  
Dennis Comeaux  
Donald Schmalz  
Jeanne Olp  
Sarai Draves

## August 20

No Birthdays

## August 21

Aleene Abrahamson  
Audrey Nevala

## August 22

Caroline Dilling

## August 23

Jeff Taylor

## August 24

No Birthdays

## August 25

Rita Baumhardt

## August 26

Gary Goetz

## August 27

Dorothy Braun  
Gina Thrall

## August 28

Amanda McEssey  
Robert Greenwood  
Sherry Belling

## August 29

Carrie Boykins

## August 30

Angela Griepentrog  
Jeremiah Bertram  
Leonard Mallas

## August 31

Julie Hansen

If you don't see your birthday listed, please contact the office @ 920-921-4545 to update our Church records.





Camp  
Life

Lifest  
2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 8:30 am – 12pm VBS 4yrs - 5K 8:30 am – 3pm VBS 1-6 Grade 12:30 pm Deborah Circle 6:30 pm VBS Ice Cream Social	<b>2</b> 8:30 am VBS Clean Up	<b>3 Home Communion</b> 5:30 pm Worship
<b>4 Home Communion</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Ed 10:30 am Worship	<b>5</b> 6:00 pm Curriculum Mtg 6:00 pm Facility Action	<b>6</b> 6:00 pm Worship & Music 6:30 pm Christian Ed 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 5:30 pm Yoga	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:35 pm Doc Spider's Game	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm Worship
<b>11</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Ed 10:30 am Worship 12 – 3pm Potluck Swim Party	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm Exec Comm 6:30 pm Council 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> 5:30 pm Yoga	<b>15 Newsletter            Deadline</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30 pm Worship with Communion
<b>18</b> 8:30 am Worship with Communion 9:30 am Adult Ed 10:30 am Worship with Communion	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> 8:30 am Dorcas Quilting 5:30 pm Yoga	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Noisy Offering</b> 5:30 pm Worship
<b>25 Noisy Offering            Plant Deadline</b> 8:30 am Worship 9:30 am Adult Ed 10:30 am Worship 2:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:30 am WELCA 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 Home Communion</b> 5:30 pm Worship with Communion



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