



Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church

The Beacon October 2025

Dear Partners in Discipleship

I want to share a true story with you..... Kyle chauffeured his grandma in her '54 Mercury Monterey down the dusty, gravel road on the way to see the old homestead and reminisce a bit with her. She was glad for the company.

Ahead, a flurry of fuzz swept across the road and tumbled into the high grass. "I'm going to stop and see what that was," said he. "Skunks," said she, "we don't need to be stopping for skunks just today." "I wonder . . ." said he. He stopped and got out. "Now you're embarrassing me. What are the neighbors going to think if we stop to chase skunks? If you get sprayed, you're walking back to town."

Kittens. Seven of them. Scrawny, bordering on emaciated.

No mother in sight. Then it just happened, before he even thought of how it would look to the old woman born on the prairie in the 1800s. He started to meow like an idiot in broad daylight.

"Now, there's no need to do any of that," said she. "They probably have fleas anyway. Don't you dare bring them into my car." But he continued. Calling. Calling. As mother-cat-like as he could. Four came; three escaped.

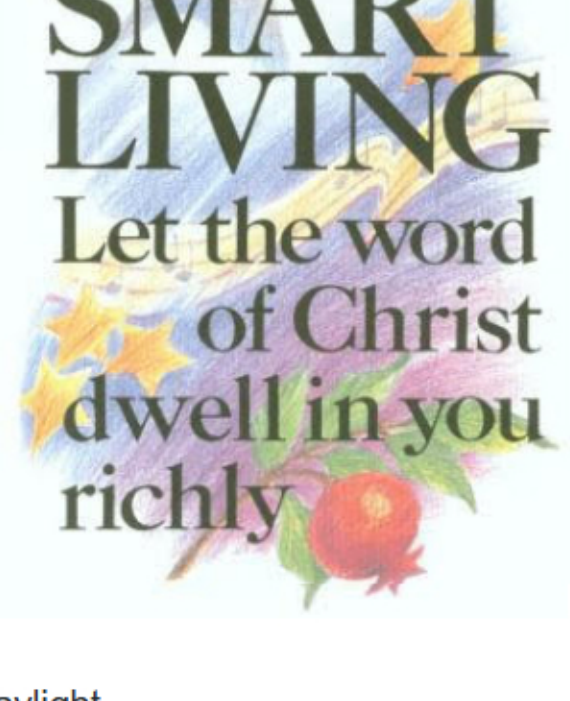
Four lived to be reunited with the worried mama cat and her boy at the farmhouse almost a mile away. Three almost certainly perished.

Almost two thousand years earlier . . . Another time. Another call. This one from the cross, and then from the open tomb. A call as loving and recognizable as he could make it, though some watched him and mocked. The call echoed through many centuries of time. Some mocked. Some came. Some escaped. The call is clear to this day. A call to faith in the Savior who alone is the way, the truth, and the life. Some mock, some come, some escape. But to those who come, who answer the call, he is not content to greet them from afar. He draws them close. Closer. And why not? He gave his life for them, so is it any wonder that he wants to give them his very heart, a noble heart for living with the highest of principles?

They live principled lives when they can, when they notice that they have a choice. But for the most part they are happy just to have enough resources to get through the day. Live smarter? Live by divine principles? A luxury most days, they say. "A luxury, indeed," the Savior says, "and I want your lives to be luxurious with the richness of my Spirit . . . so for today, for now, let my word dwell in you richly, and I will show you the riches of a good life, a smart life, a principled life. A life that is marked by caring for others, a life of commitment in the sharing of the gifts I have first given you, the gift of your self, the gift of time each day of your life, the gift of all that you have and call your own. I gave my life for you, what will you give back in return?"

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly (Colossians 3:16a).

Pastor Tom



In September, 64# of food was donated to the Fondy Food Pantry. These donations are very appreciated by the people who are experiencing food insecurity in our community. Thank you for supporting this ministry.



Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes will be serving the meal on Monday, October 13. Pans and the recipe are located on the table in the church Narthex. Any questions, please contact, Tess or Ray Schwartz, 920-517-2958 or tessschwartz@charter.net. Thank you for your continued support in feeding God's people.

Coats for Kids Campaign

We will be assisting the Salvation Army in their Coats for Kids 2025 Campaign again this year. The dates for this drive are September 22nd - October 23rd. Any winter wear for ages 0 -18yrs is appreciated. There are so many families in our town that are living in poverty and need our help. We will have donation boxes located in various areas around our church. Thank you, Faith in Action Team



Reformation Festival and Confirmation Weekend

October 26 and 27

Remember to wear Red to Church.



A donation was given In Honor of Norm Thielman's Birthday given by Bruce and Connie Hall.

October Birthdays



October 1 Maureen Baumhardt Lori Dobbs Joan Solamita	October 12 Shirley Kimpel Joclyn Stobb	October 23 Veronica Thrall Jane Von Rotz
October 2 Lucas Roltgen Barbara Steinbrecher Luella Miller Barbara Steinbrecher Luella Miller	October 13 Deanna Kahl	October 24 Lori Mickelson
October 3 June Bahr Cena Ohlrich	October 14 Ernst Bunde	October 26 Adrienne Moser
October 5 Mitchell Roltgen	October 14 Ernst Bunde Marguerite Sing	October 26 Adrienne Moser
October 6 Jim Ruch	October 16 Grace Mauthe	October 27 Karen Kopf Kali Rosenthal Kendal Rosenthal
October 7 Shirley Ives	October 19 Stacy Wright	October 28 Christine Rottman
October 8 Amy Meyer-Bremer Grace Reehl	October 20 Susan Schmidt	October 29 Mabel Huseman
October 9 Russ Raube	October 21 Cheri Strook	October 30 David Hurtgen
	October 22 Christopher Hurtgen	October 31 Marilyn Petrich

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:30pm Prayer Circle 6:30pm Spark, Connect, Confirmation	2 Stay Strong 8:45am, 10am, 11:15am 1pm Debrah Circle	3 8:15 - 10:30am Pickleball	4 5:30pm Worship w/Communion
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