



Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church

The Beacon September 2022



34 Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. Mark 8:34-35 (NRSV)

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Over the last couple of decades, we have, I believe, had a significant transformation in our American culture. How we prioritize our resources has changed. Wealth (money) is no longer the greatest resource that we will give away. It is now... our time. Dr. Michael Le Boeuf reflects this move as he says, "Waste your money and you are only out of money, but waste your time and you have lost a part of your life." Because of that reality, the words of Jesus in Mark 8 become even more challenging for today's followers. When Jesus spoke to His own about the demands of discipleship the words were strong and foreboding. "Deny...take up your cross... follow." Those are the words of Jesus. "Pamper yourself... indulge... grab the gusto." Those are the words of the world. In the devotional *Closer Walk*, St Augustine (354-430 AD) reminds all Christians that genuine servanthood involves both a privilege... and a price.

"It is good to follow Christ. But we must see by what way we are to follow. For when the Lord spoke the words of Mark 8, He had not already risen from the dead. He had not yet suffered, nor yet come to the cross, not yet felt the dishonoring, the outrages, the scourging, the thorns, the wounds, the mockeries, the insults, the death. Rough may be the way, but follow on. Where Christ has gone is worn smooth. Who would not wish to be exalted? Honor is pleasing to all. But Humility is the path to it. The two disciples disliked taking this step of humility. They sought exaltation, one at the right hand and the other on the left. They did not see the cross."

Christ's invitation to discipleship is an invitation to die.. To self, to the world, to ambition. It is a call to follow Jesus in His life. In His Death. In His resurrection. It is a reminder that exaltation and elevation in God's sight are the by-products of humility. Small wonder there is so seldom a crowd gathered at the cross. For few are willing to pay the price the discipleship demands. But it's a price well worth paying. For a life of discipleship is the most fulfilling life of all."

How do we choose to prioritize our time, talents and treasures. By living in the shadow of the cross, in the worship of our God and Savior, or by trusting in the hollow callings of worldly accolades. Following Jesus is difficult... but there is no greater Joy than living in the service of the Savior.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Tom

An "Extra" Contribution for the 125th Anniversary of Immanuel-Trinity

In celebration of the Church's 125th anniversary, you are being asked to contribute \$125.00 above your regular giving. Donations will be used for the church's ministries. Show your gratitude and thanksgiving for this milestone.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER



Spark: Grades 4K-4



Connect: Grades 5-6
Confirmation: Grades 7-9



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Register Now!
It's not too late!
Classes begin soon!
Wednesday Sept 14th 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Spark (Grades 2-4) Connect (Grades 5 & 6) Confirmation (Grades 7-9)

Sunday September 18 after worship
Little's Spark (grades PK-K-1)

Important things to know for this year:

- All classes will take place in person. Masks are optional unless the Covid situation changes.
- Flexibility is key this year as we navigate a fluid situation.
- No food or drink is allowed in class during the instructional period. Water bottles are allowed unless they become a distraction.
- Unless otherwise instructed, cell phones should be turned off during class
- The gym will be closed during class time.
- Children should be encouraged to use the restroom prior to class so as to avoid class interruptions.
- Please arrive on time for class. For safety and planning purposes please let us know if you have a conflict and will be absent or late.
- In addition to these safety measures, students are expected to occasionally complete short assignments at home. Some of these might include coloring or other worksheets, family participation activity, and memorization. You are your child's most important first teacher and partner in learning. We appreciate your support.

RSVP asap: By going to www.immanueltrinity.org or click the button below.

We are looking forward to a great year of sharing God's word!

Christian Education Registration Form

Join us for RALLY DAY 2022

Help us ring in the new year of Christian Education!
Saturday, September 10 & Sunday, September 11, following
services.

Held in conjunction with the
125th Anniversary of Immanuel Trinity Church.

CHRISTIAN ED PARENTS MEETING

All parents of children attending Christian Education classes
this year are asked to attend a mandatory parent information
meeting with Pastor Tom & Barbara Hurtgen.

When: Wednesday Sept 14 and Sunday Sept 18 following classes.
Please attend the meeting after your child's class.

Where: Confirmation Room

What: We will be discussing our need for volunteers to maintain our program as well as program expectations for the coming year.

Why: The success of our Christian Education Program depends on our volunteers. We need your input.

Helpers are needed in the following ways:

- Teachers (may be only once per month - 6 weeks, lessons are provided.)
- Chaperone Kids and Assist Teachers
- Musical Offering: Teach prior to service and/or accompany children for a musical offering at a weekend service of your choice
- Join The Christian Education Committee (meets monthly or *as needed to plan events, musical offerings, VBS.*)

Bring your calendars/schedules! You will be asked to sign up for dates that you are able to help out.

It's up to you to share your God given gifts and support your child's faith formation.

Parent Helper Sign up



You made a big difference!

Thank you all for your donations to the FDL Back to School Drive! A van full of supplies was delivered to the Boys & Girls Club where supplies were distributed on August 20. According to the organizers, there are 1450 students signed up to receive supplies and 200 more on a waiting list! Thank you for helping to meet the needs of our children.

THANK YOU!



"Chili To Go" WELCA Fund Raiser

WELCA is again having the *Chili to Go* sale fund raiser this fall. We will take prepaid orders, make the chili and you'll be able to pick it up after church Saturday, October 15 or Sunday, October 16th. The cost will be \$10.00 and the chili will be in quarts.

There will be order envelopes in the Narthex (Lobby) and near Julie's office beginning September 11. You can fill out your order, put your payment inside and place it in the big chili pots or in the offering plate. Last year the profits went to the Fondy Food Pantry, to church, and the Salvation Army Warming Shelter.

We could use your help on Friday, October 14th to make the chili and on Saturday and Sunday to distribute it. We chop, measure, mix, cook and fill containers all while enjoying the aroma. There will be volunteer signup sheets in early October.

Watch for details in the bulletins and again in October's newsletter and thank you for your support.

Your WELCA Board,
Marion Blakely, Audrey Greenwood, Martie Schmalz, Caryl Thielman

**Look for order forms and envelopes
in the Narthex starting Sun., Sept. 11th.**



Where Did our Quilts and Kits Go?

We are happy to report that we have received a notice of a shipment of our **Personal Care Kits** that were sent to **Honduras, Central America** March 3, 2022.

Quilts were also sent to **Tanzania, Africa** on March 3, 2022.

We have no information for the destination of the Baby Care Kits that were also included with our Lutheran World Relief shipment last Fall.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Quilts and Kits possible with donations and sewing and alterations of needed items. We do accept items for Quilts and Kits year round.

Submitted by Caryl Thielman





In memory of Michael Kulaga
Given by Norm and Caryl Thielman
(corrected from August newsletter)



In memory of Michael Kulaga
Given by Karen Krause
(corrected from August newsletter)



In memory of Sherru Belling
Given by Nancy Morris



In honor of Caryl Thielman's August
Birthday
Given by Bruce and Connie Hall



Thank you just doesn't seem like enough.

Faith in Action had our Annual Brat Fry on Aug 6, 2022 at Festival, which we raised almost \$670.00

We would like to say Thank You to all the people that stopped by to support the cause (and the ones who bought leftovers after Church Service Sat night).

Also, we would LOVE to say Thank you again to all the wonderful volunteers that gave of their own time to come sweat it out on what felt like the HOTTEST Sat of the year. Tess Schwartz who did all the behind the scenes organizing and shopping Ray Schwartz – Grill Master Extraordinaire; Chris Pieper - who helped set up and run the brat barn; Faye Gokey, Carla Wifler, Deb Mallas and Amy Popp who all were sweating their hinders off in that heat, but making sure the food was coming out hot and fast. All while wearing gloves and paper hats. Sam and Daniel Skorik – who ran the Brat barn on the last shift of the day and helped pack everything back up and put into the cars. Thank you again to everyone who helped and made this a lot of Fun. And next year we will not be doing a date in August. LOL

Fondy Food Pantry Update

Thank you to our church which has collected 74# of food to be distributed by the food pantry. Food insecurity happens in every community. So bring your items and place them in the baskets located in the Narthex (lobby) of the church. Jesus said, "Feed my lambs", so let us continue to do our part.

Fondy Food Pantry
Since 1973

**Lector and Communion
Assistants needed for**

WORSHIP HELPERS WANTED



Saturday and Sunday
worship services. We invite
new helpers to sign up on
the Church website or
contact Julie in the office,
920.921.4545.



The Church Office will be closed
on **Monday, September 5** in
observance of Labor Day.

September Birthdays



September 1

Dale Dobrinski
Rich Popp

September 2

Kurt Lefeber
Sharon Jackowski

September 4

Dixie Lee Mauthe

September 5

Jasmine Gonzalez

September 7

Ethan Fleischfresser

September 8

Jayne Hamburg

September 10

Darrick Sing
Janice Larson
Terri King

September 11

Tom Walker

September 12

Daniel Rosenthal
Joseph Hall

September 14

Judy Hari

September 15

Aaron Hanna
Denise Sing
Scott Kopf

September 17

Karen Kraus

September 19

Debra Ellingen

September 20

Dawne Parduhn
Declan Solamita

September 21

Ron Kellar

September 22

Julie Dilling
Lori Jurgensmier

September 23

Marilyn Donovan
Sherry Bartel
William Carlton Sr Mauthe
Franklin Wilhelms

September 24

James Will

September 25

Sharon Emmer

September 26

Barbara Chapman
Cyle Lueck
Evelyn Nery
Jennifer Grafton
Karla Reehl
Norm Thielman
Tracy Nery

September 27

Kinsley Grafton

September 28

Andrea Naker

September 30

Dean Hanna
Frank Wermes
Judy Brown

September 2022 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 1p Deborah Circle	2	3 5:30p Worship w/ Communion
4 9:30a Worship w/ Communion 10:30a Adult Ed	5 	6 7p Boy Scouts	7 6:30p Prayer Group	8	9	10 5:30p Worship Rally Day & Church's 125 th Anniversary
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