

# THE IMMANUEL INFORMER

## MISSION STATEMENT

**Building Strong Relationships in Christ,  
And Making Him Known to All.**

June 2015



### **Immanuel Lutheran Church**

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**A member of Lutheran Congregations in  
Mission for Christ.**

**Ministers - All Members**

**Senior Pastor - Stephen Anenson**

**Associate Pastor - Kurt Jensen**

**Youth & Education Ministry Coordinator -  
Zachary Bauknecht**

**Office Administrator - Sheila Schaefer**

**Custodian - Shelly Nibe**

### **Missionaries:**

Tim & Paula Tjernagel, Spain

Pastor Randy Hansen, ISU

Gene & Ginger McClugage, Family Life

Kevin & Susana B, India

Doug & Amy Nunziato, Spain

Pastor Andy & Monica Coyle, Ukraine

### **Regular Office Hours**

#### **Monday - Thursday**

8:30 A.M. - 12 noon, 1 P.M. - 4 P.M.

#### **Friday**

8:30 A.M. - 12 noon

### **Sunday Morning Schedule**

9:00 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Narthex)

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)



*"Come to me all who are  
weary and burdened, and I  
will give you rest."*

Matt. 11:28

Dear Friends,

As I was growing up, my parents were very busy people, but we always took a week or two each summer for a trip somewhere. Those vacations I remember to this day. They meant a lot to all of us.

Planned vacations can be a time to get reacquainted with each other in the family, to visit relatives and renew friendships. In a time when so many forces are breaking up the family unit, God wants us to take times for rest and to be alone with those we love.

The summer also gives families a chance to visit other churches as you travel. If you happen to be some distance from a church on a Sunday morning, gather the family together and have a time of worship. If you brought a Bible with you, have each person share, for example, about the times they feel God's presence, and then read some scriptures together. You could close with a time in which each family member prays a short prayer. A family is never so close as when it is worshipping together.

During these close family times there may be opportunities to tell those with you how much they mean to you. The years go by quickly and the children leave home and some of the old friends pass away. May we all take the time this summer to do those things that will help make stronger the ties between ourselves and the people we care most about.

Pastor Anenson

## May Pastoral Acts

### Baptism

- Bristol Kae Whipple, daughter of Tyler & Natalie Whipple - May 24

### Wedding

- Amanda Lankford & Jeremiah Curley - May 8

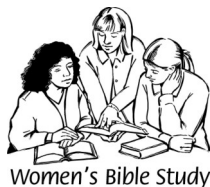
### Memorial Service

- Neil Jorgenson (non-member) - May 23

*Please remember these families  
in your prayers.*

## Women's Bible Study

We will begin a new Bible Study for all women on Tuesday, June 23 at 2 P.M. in the Social Hall. (Note: This is a week later than normal.) We will be looking at Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." Materials will be available on the welcome table the week before. Cost is \$6.00. This will be a great opportunity for discussion and fellowship.



## Thank yous

Our congregation received a thank you note from the family of Eldon Heetland for the flowers we sent for the funeral in Worthington, Minnesota on May 11. Eldon was Pastor Kurt's grandfather.

Thanks to those members who decided to sponsor a child through "Compassion International" after our "Compassion Sunday" on May 10. Eight children were sponsored. If you are still interested in doing this, extra packets can be found in the church office.

## June Ministry Volunteers

**Ushers:** Steve & Miriam Skartvedt, John & Cheryl Abrams

### **Greeters:**

June 7	Willard & Janet Oppedal
June 14	Brad & Karen Waline
June 21	John & Patty Rathmacher
June 28	Roger & Lois Oakland

### **Readers:**

June 7	Al Hermanson
June 14	Brad Waline
June 21	Sue Trampel
June 28	Roger Oakland

## Holy Communion

There will be a short service of Holy Communion following the worship service on Sunday, June 21. We realize that some of our members are gone for communion on the first Sunday of the month. Come, even if you simply would like to participate in the sacrament again this month.

## Offerings

If you are out of town any Sunday during the coming summer months, please mail or drop off your offerings, if possible, before you leave. Offerings may also be given through a direct deposit from your checking account. We also now have the capability to accept offerings through our website. If you have any questions talk to the church office for details.

Financial Report - April				
Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Current & Mission Fund	33,971.56	32,953.20	36,008.89	30,915.87
Improvement Fund	48,430.10	1,500.00	766.52	49,163.58
Missionary Support Fund	-1,765.22	2,310.00	1,733.33	-1,188.55
Memorial Fund	10,506.20	1,400.00	92.86	11,813.34
Ministry Fund	6,575.47	100.00	1,236.30	5,439.17

(Our Current & Mission Fund is especially in need of your gifts at this time)



# Day Camp

## 2015 Day Camp

Vacation Bible School (Day Camp) will be June 8th-11th. Bible School is a great way for the youth in our church and community to experience God. The theme for the week is "Transformed". *"Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will."*  
Romans 12:2



Day camp runs from 9 A.M.-2 P.M. for kids entering 1st -6th grade, and 9-11:30 A.M. for kids 3 yrs – entering Kindergarten. Enrollment forms are available online and in the church office. Parents are encouraged to fill them out early and turn them in prior to the start of day camp so we can have an accurate head count for the day camp team.

Kids in 1st-6th grade need to bring a sack lunch and drink each day.

A program featuring the highlights of day camp will be held Thursday night, June 11 at 7 P.M. We are still in need of one family to help host some of the Riverside staff. We need lunch providers each day of camp for the Riverside staff and also for a meal for them on Sunday evening and Thursday evening. Other needs are snack providers, class helpers, ice cream for the Thursday night program and registration day helpers. Students who have completed 6th grade and above are invited to help with the preschool. Please contact the church office or Jaynee Christian at 733.2710 with any questions or to volunteer in any way.

Enrollment is open to any children in the area.

## Riverside Bible Camp

Every youth from Immanuel who attends a week of summer Bible Camp receives a \$100 scholarship from the congregation. Any youth attending Alpha Camp receives a \$50 scholarship.

Gifts can be given throughout the year to our Camp Scholarship Fund. Please make the check out to Immanuel, but mark it for the fund. A week of camp costs over \$400.

Please be in prayer for all the campers, counselors, and other full-time staff that will be at Riverside Bible Camp this summer. Many campers are already signed up from Immanuel! Please pray that all the staff and campers will experience the presence and power of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Note: Anyone wanting to attend camp, but in need of further financial help in order to attend, should let either of the pastors or Zachary know. We want to give everyone an opportunity to go to camp!

Registration forms for camp are available online at [www.riversidelbc.org](http://www.riversidelbc.org) or you may pick one up from the shelf in the narthex.



## Upcoming Activities at Riverside Bible Camp

Check the bulletin board or check out the Riverside website ([www.RiversideLBC.org](http://www.RiversideLBC.org)) for more information on the following:

- Family Camp - June 30-July 3
- Quilt Auction/5K - August 1
- Golf Classic - August 28
- Women's Retreat - September 19-20

## Senior Choir Lawn Chair Brigade

The Senior Choir Lawn Chair Brigade will be in the Scandinavian Days Parade on Saturday, June 6. We thank them for their participation.

## \$50 Mission Challenge!

On May 24, the twelve people we sent out to make a difference in the world came back and reported on what they had done with the \$50 we had entrusted to each of them. It was great to hear their stories of how God used them for His mission! Check out our website ([www.immanuelstorycity.org](http://www.immanuelstorycity.org)) to read about their stories and see pictures of what they accomplished. *What does God want you to do next for His mission in the world?*

## Young Adults Spontaneous Mission and Fun

In late May or early June, we will have a work day or two when the weather is nice to help Cassidy Jensen with her mission to make the little park on the corner of Broad and Elm beautiful. It's just a block



away from church, and needs a lot of TLC. Anyone is welcome to help dig out weeds and level the bricks. Some people will be redoing the landscaping, benches, and

trash can. We hope to have it finished before Scandinavian Days (June 5-7)! Watch the bulletin, Facebook, and your email for specific work dates and other events TBA.



**World Refugee Day**  
World Refugee Day is held annually on June 20 to honor the resilience of millions

of people around the world who are forcibly displaced. Through your help, LSI provides extended support services in the Des Moines area for people of refugee status who have been resettled to Iowa. These families and individuals bring with them unique talents and dreams, including skills in a field well known to us in Iowa — agriculture! Many people of refugee status grew up in agricultural communities in the home countries and desire to become farmers once again. LSI's Global Greens program helps reconnect people with the land and empowers market farmers to sell their local, sustainably grown food.

## Report from Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance

On April 21, the GNEA board met at the Good Neighbor office at 613 Clark Ave. in Ames. For the last nine months Good Neighbor has provided rent and/or utilities assistance for 268 households (28 in March) and 3,536 Healthy Food vouchers (268 in March) to 884 households (67 in March). The agency has also distributed 153 gas vouchers (12 in March) in the same period of time. We are glad that we can help support this important ministry.

## Missionary News

Doug & Amy Nunziato and their family will be having a furlough this summer as they take a break from their mission work in Spain. Our congregation has helped support them the past few years. They are willing to share a short program at 10:30 A.M. during our coffee hour on Sunday, June 28. We hope you will make an effort to be here.

Note: Please remember all the missionaries we help support in your prayers.

The Lord is my Pacesetter: I shall not rush.  
He makes me stop for quiet intervals.  
He provides me with images of stillness  
which restores my serenity.  
He leads me in ways of efficiency through  
calmness of mind, and his guidance is  
peace.  
Even though I have a great many things to  
accomplish each day, I will not fret,  
for his presence is here.  
His timelessness, his all-importance, will  
keep me in balance.  
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the  
midst of my activity by anointing my  
mind with his oils of tranquility.  
My cup of joyous energy overflows.  
Truly harmony and effectiveness shall be  
the fruits of my hours,  
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord,  
And dwell in his house forever.

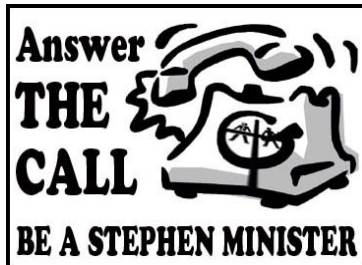
(A modern paraphrase of Psalm 23)

# stephen MINISTRY.

Thank you to current and retired Stephen Ministers for your caring service this year and over these many years:

Cheryl Abrams, Pr. Stephen Anenson, Galen Crawford, Sarah Gelner, Pr. Kurt Jensen, Carol Jewell, Pam Maurer, Jan McDermott, Brenda Meier, Gail Nordholm, Ole Skaar, Jr., Miriam Skartvedt, Marsha Sweet, Gayle Tate, Marsha Taylor, David & Donna Teigland, Julie Thompson, Solvay Twedt, and Dion Whipple.

Next meeting: June 14, 2015 during the coffee hour in the Cornerstone Room after the service.



**New Class beginning Fall 2015, contact Pastor Anenson, Pastor Kurt or Gayle Tate to learn more.**

## Priorities

My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass."

"We're not raising grass," Dad would reply. "We're raising boys."

— Harmon Killebrew



## Church Library

With summer here and the kids home from school, hopefully the change in your family's schedule will free up some extra time for reading. Here are some recent additions to our children's collection.

The GigAntic Little Hero, A Story about Perseverance, written and illustrated by Matt Whitlock. This story is based on Philippians 4:13, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Ant's friends help build his confidence as he learns to say "I can!" instead of "I can't."

It Will Be Okay, Trusting God Through Fear and Change, by Lisa Terkerst, illustrated by Natalia Moore. Little Fox and Little Seed draw upon their unlikely friendship to cope with the changes and fears they face as they learn to trust the kind farmer and his wonderful plan.

God Gave Us You, by Lisa Tawn Bergren, illustrated by Laura J. Bryant. In answer to her little cub's questions, "Where did I come from?" Mother Bear tells the tender and reassuring story of how God specially chose Little Cub to be a part of their family.

I've Got a Job to Do by Dandi Daley Mackall, pictures by Jenny B. Harris. This is a lively story told in rhyme illustrating the many opportunities a young girl finds to obey Jesus' command found in Matthew 28:18-19, "... Go and make disciples of all the nations."

Born Again and Other Stories from the New Testament, by Phil A Smouse. Here are four stories based on passages from the New Testament written simply enough for beginning readers yet keeping the true meaning of God's Word.

Grant and His Great God, by Elena Degler, illustrated by Scott Freeman. This is a true story written by Grant's sister. It tells how a little boy's confident faith in God helps him and his family face his terminal illness. This difficult subject is handled in a tender, hopeful way.

Older readers who are familiar with the "Young Women of Faith - The Lily Series" will be glad to know we have added these three new books by Nancy Rue: Book 1 - Here's Lily, Book 8 - Lily Rules, and Book 11 - Horse Crazy Lily. If you haven't yet met the spunky and determined Lily, now is the time to do it. Be at Lily's side as she navigates life's adventures and struggles, with God's love in her heart and a desire to serve Him above all else.

Get the summer off to a great start by stopping in the library to check out some of these new books!



# Summary of May Council Meeting — May 14, 2015

## Joint Council

- Council Secretary Gail Nordholm called the meeting to order.
- Brenda Lykins led us in devotions.
- Report of the Treasurer. Even with boost in income, we had extra expense with a loss of \$3,055. There were more mission expenses. We remain healthy as far as cash is concerned. We are on a positive track, but it will take a couple of months to catch up. Approved.
- Reports of Boards
- Update on fundraising for Leeman family: Sunday School Bake Sale totaled \$1,000. Cooper is home and receiving therapy. We pray a heart will be available for him soon.
- Report on LCMC National Leadership Conference by Pastor Anenson: The conference was held May 3-6 in Columbus, Ohio. There were 100 pastors in attendance. He reported there was a good spirit. There have been 30 new churches started in the last 22 months. One speaker talked about how we need to see our lives as a mission trip.
- June meeting times for boards and council We will have the boards meet from 7:30-8:30 P.M. and Joint Council will start right after.
- Other Business
  - The LCMC National Convention will be in Dallas, Texas in October. Pastor Hunt was elected to go, but now with his move to Idaho we need another person to attend. Let pastors know if interested.
  - Cassidy Jensen was one of the people who volunteered to do the \$50 mission challenge. What she has decided to do is adopt the little park on the corner of Elm and Broad.
  - We need to be in prayer for Pastor Hunt and Sandy as they reside in Idaho Falls, Idaho for Pastor Hunt's new pastoral job during this coming year.
  - Chris Dahl, former intern at Immanuel, is graduating Saturday, May 16 from the seminary. It was decided to give him a card and gift certificate from the congregation.
- Next meeting - June 11, 2015; Devotions - Deacons; Lunch - Board of Education

## Board Reports

### Trustees

- Opening prayer - Rick Richie
- Approved Bills and reviewed Treasurer's Report.
- Review of April Work Day projects, good turnout with most projects completed. 3 west facing windows in the addition need repair (frame deteriorating). Outside rails painted, wood pews and wood trim cleaned and polished.
- Update on Media projects—new programs and equipment installed, training operators.
- Other items -
  - Wasp nest on west side of church under the eaves
  - Pine tree east of church needs to be taken out and trim 2 others.
  - Sump pump discharge at parsonage needs to be changed.

- Plan to remove and replace 75' fence and sidewalk between church and parsonage.
- Discussed parsonage drainage problems and sewer backup - regrade around house north and west sides. Sewer line cleaned out and basement carpet replaced.

## Deacons

- Brad Skaar led our prayer time.
- Day Camp will be held June 8-11. Riverside staff will lead music and it's hoped they will share on Sunday, June 14.
- Summer Outdoor Service will be held on July 26 by the new parking lot followed by a potluck/brunch picnic. Kenny Frette & Friends will lead songs, pastors will speak. All invited to bring lawn chairs, but some chairs will be set up. Rain location—sanctuary!
- Faith Story Sharing ideas.
  - Who's Got the BAG? Will start up again in the fall.
  - Church will start a Facebook page with Lisa McIlrath's help. Perhaps use photos from Sunday School events.
- Sunday morning schedule will remain unchanged for fall with 2 adult classes planned each week. Will talk to Board of Education to explore ways to involve the kids in worship.
- Article on faith and leadership discussed.

## Board of Education

- Kim opened with prayer.
- Discussed main items from April meeting.
- Discussed treasurer's report.
- Jaynee Christian and Patty Rathmacher joined us to discuss upcoming VBS. Flyers are up around Story City and Roland. Facebook page updated. Still need a recreation leader for preschool age, 3 shepherds to help rotate a small group of preschoolers, volunteers to help in each of the older classes.
- Discussed recent Stepping Stones class that was held.
- Board serves coffee fellowship on May 31.
- Board serves lunch at June meeting.

## Youth Board

- Opening prayer and devotions by Jennifer.
- Reviewed financial report. Approved.
- Reviewed the activities for April/May.
  - April: 18th - ice skating (14 people attended), 6 kids confirmed on the 19th, 26th - Bethany Manor (12 middle school students), May 1 - Captive Free concert ( 28 people)
  - May: 3rd - Bethany Manor (5 MS and 1 HS youth attended), Graduation Sunday - May 17, 20th - Dilly Bars and devotions; 27th - Youth Group meeting; 31st - Mission trip meeting for children going on trip.
- Summer Stretch - there are 11 kids signed up from Immanuel to participate in the summer program.
- Mission trip meetings coming up for the kids so they can get to know each other better before going.
- June youth board meeting is June 9 at 5:30 P.M.
- Closing prayer by Zachary.



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**

**Middle School Youth Group** - During June we will be getting together on Wednesday the 3rd and 10th from 6:00-7:10 PM. Bring a friend and get ready for some fun! If the weather cooperates with us, we will go outside and play some outside games.

## **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

**High School Youth Group** - During June we will be getting together on Wednesday the 3rd and 10th from 7:15-8:30 PM. Bring a friend and get ready for some fun! If the weather cooperates with us, we will go outside and play some outside games.

## **MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

**Family Sweet Treats Trip** - Attention all Families of Youth in Grades 5-12, we are heading to Sweet Treats in Jewell on Thursday, June 18th! Meet at Immanuel at 6:00 PM and bring \$5 with you to cover the cost of a "Double Scoop". There are Lactose Free options available for you in case you need that option! Come on out and join us! Bring your family and bring a friend!

**Iowa Cubs Game** - On June 28th, we will be going to the Iowa Cubs game for their Food Pantry Day! **Tickets are free ONLY for those who bring three canned food items to the game. This is an Iowa Cubs rule and not an Immanuel Lutheran Church rule.** Please don't forget your items when you come! We will meet at Immanuel at 11:45 AM and leave at 11:50 AM. We should return to Story City by 4 PM. Please sign up by Wednesday June 17th if you want to go. Thanks!!

**New Youth Policy** - ATTENTION ALL PARENTS, please make sure that you understand this new policy that is in place for Immanuel Lutheran Church. If you have any questions regarding this Policy, please contact Zachary or the Youth Board President.

**Youth Board Policy 1.1** - *In order to protect our Youth, Youth Director and any adult involved with the Youth Ministry Program at Immanuel, ALL activities shall be cancelled if the Youth Director is the sole adult present for Youth Activities at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Every attempt shall be made in order to secure another adult volunteer for ALL activities both at Immanuel and away from church property. If these conditions are not met, as previously mentioned, that event shall be immediately cancelled and parents of Youth are notified.*

## **MISSION TRIP YOUTH & FAMILIES**

**Weekly Team Meetings** - We will be starting our Team (those who are attending the mission trip) Meetings May 31st, after church at 10:45 AM. These meetings should be done by NOON. Please let Zachary know if you are unable to join us. It will be a great time of team bonding, ice breakers, meaningful Bible Study and fellowship! Come excited! The dates for our Sunday meetings are as follows: May 31st, June 7th, and June 14th.

**2015 Mission Trip (Parents Only) Meeting** - Thursday, June 11th at 6:00 PM, we will be having a Parents Only meeting regarding our upcoming trip in June. We will meet in the Cornerstone Room. ALL parents are encouraged to be there. It will be a time for you to ask all of your last minute questions dealing with the trip, as well as a time for us to gather in prayer lifting up everyone attending the trip. The length of our meeting is dependent on how many questions are being asked. See you then, Parents!



*Immanuel Lutheran Church*  
*June 2015*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting	3 6:00 PM - MS Youth Group 7:15 PM - HS Youth Group	4	5	6 Scandinavian Days
7 - Communion Sunday 8:00 AM - Radio Broadcast 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship (Narthex) 9:30 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship served by Church Officers (Social Hall) 10:45 AM - Mission Trip Team Meeting #2	8	9 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 5:30 PM - Youth Board Meeting	10 6:00 PM - MS Youth Group 7:15 PM - HS Youth Group	11 6:00 PM - Mission Trip Parent Meeting 7:00 PM - Day Camp Closing Program 7:30 PM - Trustees Board Meeting 7:30 PM - Deacon Board Meeting 8:00 PM - Board of Education Meeting 8:30 PM - Church Council Meeting	12	13
Scandinavian Days	Day Camp at Immanuel - 9 AM - 2 PM (1st-6th Grades) 9 AM - 11:30 AM (Preschool)					
14 8:00 AM - Radio Broadcast 8:30 AM - "Core" Brunch 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship (Narthex) 9:30 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship served by Trustees (Social Hall) 10:30 AM - Stephen Ministers 10:45 AM - Mission Trip Team Meeting #3	15	16 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting	17	18 6:00 PM - Youth Group Families at Sweet Treats	19 6:00 PM - Wedding Rehearsal	20 4:30 PM - Tara Hamilton-Blair Posegate Wedding
21 7:00 AM - Mission Trip Youth Leave for Mission Trip to Indianapolis 8:00 AM - Radio Broadcast 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship (Narthex) 9:30 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - Service of Holy Communion 10:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall)	22	23 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting 2:00 PM - Women's Monthly Bible Study	24	25	26	27
Youth Mission Trip to Indianapolis						
28 8:00 AM - Radio Broadcast 8:30 AM - "Core" Brunch 9:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship (Narthex) 9:30 AM - Worship 10:30 AM - Coffee Fellowship (Social Hall) 10:30 AM - Program by Nunziatos (Social Hall) 11:45 AM - Youth Group at Iowa Cubs	29	30 9:30 AM - Staff Meeting				



# Sunday School Program 2015



The Sunday School hosted a bake sale as a fundraiser for the Cooper Leeman family. Cooper (16 months) is waiting for a new heart and the money raised will help with medical bills. Please pray for this family!

**Don't forget to sign-up your child for Bible Day Camp this summer! June 8 - 11th**

Sign-up on our website at [immanuelstorycity.org](http://immanuelstorycity.org).

We are still looking for volunteers! Please contact the church office or Jaynee Christian (733-2710) if you are interested in volunteering.



Primary Kids and Young Disciples both had an average of 35 kids in each group.

**Thank you to ALL the Kingdom Kid teachers!**

3 year old teachers: Lori Whipple, Laurel Leeman & Trent Whipple  
 4 year old teacher: Patty Rathmacher  
 Kindergarten teacher: Lois Oakland  
 1st grade teacher: Tina Hanson, Alaina Christian, Tammy Hansen  
 Music: Nicole Engelhardt  
 Piano: Emily Anderson

We also want to thank Jenni Talbott and Ben Winecoff for teaching our 7th - 8th grade class, Zachary Bauknecht for helping with the High School class and Cindy Blomberg for being the Sunday School treasurer!

**Thank you to ALL our Young Disciple teachers!**

Laurie Thompson, Shayla Ammerman, Brian & Melanie Wakefield, Mike & Brenda Lykins, Jaynee Christian, JoNann Twedt, Rachel Wilkinson, Cathy McKim and Julie Skaar

What a great year we had! Thank you for sharing your children with us each Sunday morning so that we can share the Word of God with them!

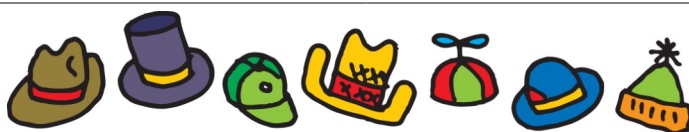
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## Hats off to our Volunteers

We want to thank all those who have served as volunteers in any way during this past school year. We are thankful for those who worked with our youth—as teachers of Sunday School, Trinity, or Confirmation classes or as helpers with our youth groups, or youth choirs.

Thank you also to those who have served as ushers, greeters, readers, and nursery attendants this past year.

We appreciate all those who have helped in the church office to put together bulletins, newsletters, and other special mailings.

A special thanks to all choir members and to those who provide special music for our worship services, those who prepare communion, those who help with small work projects around the church, such as repairs, planting and maintaining flower and bushes, those who work in the church library, those who put up banners and change paraments, and those who are always so willing to serve or prepare food for funerals, coffee fellowship, or for other gatherings.

Thank you to those who serve in leadership, such as church council members, church boards and committee members, the Women's Ministry Group, Stephen Ministers, quilters and all those others who volunteer in other ways.

We are glad you are using your God-given talents in wonderful ways.