

THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

June/July, 2015

Graduation, it is the season. Many people, of a variety of ages, are preparing to graduate. Time, presence and study are successfully mixed to move them forward in their earthly life. Celebration is earned and enjoyed. The student now marvels in the freedom, freedom from a syllabus, writing papers, taking notes, the routine of going to class. A year ago I was asking myself, what now? (A question I did not have to ponder long when Keith called and said start packing.)

2 Timothy 3:7 sums up why we never graduate from the Church, we are *"always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth."* This distinguishes the truth found in the Word from the wisdom of the world. 1 John 4:1 stresses which should inform the other, *"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world."* John wants us to realize how important the our growth in the faith is to our journey on earth.



This journey begins when we are baptized, whether it is our own or when the responsibility is assumed as a parent or sponsor to raise the child in the faith. Proverbs 22:6, reminds us to *"Train up a child in the way*

he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." The role of the parent and sponsor is defined, begin at an early age, training the child in the faith by what you say about God and how that belief is seen in what you do.

Then the church comes along side and assists in the building, through worship as well as teaching. In the letter to the Ephesians (4:16) we understand how the

body of Christ helps build itself. *"From whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."* Agape love is shown, experienced and practiced by the child through out this time by teachers who were shown that same love, as well as what Paul talks about in Romans 15:4, *"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."* Continuing to pass on the hope that has been passed on, generation after generation, since Christ walked the earth.

The organized training a child receives from the church continues past confirmation, past high school, the church continues to train itself till death separates us from the earthly body of Christ. So when the psalmist wrote *"How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to Your Word."* (Psalm 119:9) I would like you to replace "young man" with your name. There should never be a time when we stop learning, growing and nurturing our faith and the faith of those around us. God continues to reveal himself to us every time we hear scripture read as well as when we study it. Crack open that Bible, begin to read, and take the time to sit in wonder at what has been revealed to you. *"I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways."* (Psalm 119:15)

P. Cindy

June – Vision:

Newsletter “Have mercy on me, Lord, for I am in distress.” Psalm 31:9 NIV
More than one million Americans at or over age 40 are currently blind. Vision

impairment creates problems for an additional 2.4 million. As Baby Boomers age, these numbers are expected to double. That means this is a problem for all of us. Blindness and visual impairment from many eye diseases and disorders can be reduced when detected and treated early. The leading causes of vision blindness and visual impairment include:

- Diabetic Retinopathy: This common complication of diabetes affects and impairs vision in nearly half of all diabetics to some degree over their lifetime. Blood vessels of the retina can break down, become blocked or leak. Effective treatment includes laser surgery and some medications. Diabetics require annual dilated eye exams.

- Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD): AMD is the most common cause of legal blindness and vision impairment in older Americans because it damages central vision. There is no generally accepted treatment, but laser therapies may reduce the risk of further vision loss.

- Cataract: This is the clouding of the lens of the eye and usually appears with advancing age but can be linked to smoking, diabetes and excessive exposure to sunlight. Surgical treatment can eliminate vision loss by replacing the eye’s lens.

- Glaucoma: Vision loss is caused by gradual damage to the optic nerve which carries visual information from the eye to the brain. Vision loss is not noticed until significant nerve damage has occurred so screenings are important for early diagnosis when it can be controlled. Any vision loss cannot be restored.

We have a responsibility to care for our eyesight. God has given us our body and the resources to care for it. In I Corinthians 3:16 Paul tells us, “You yourselves are God’s temple and ... God’s spirit lives in you.” In verse 9 he says, “You are God’s field, God’s building.” By seeing our eye doctor regularly for vision exams and following our doctor’s advice, we become good stewards of our bodies. We use the resources God has given us so we can become the extraordinary servants He intends us to be. (Source: American Foundation for the Blind www.afb.org)



EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

On Sunday afternoon, May 17th, five tables were filled for another fun Euchre Tournament.

May’s high score: Carolyn Flesner
Low score: Rosetta Suits
High pokes: Lorenz Siuts
High loners: Sherrill Byers, Carolyn Flesner, Liz Page

The next Euchre Tournament dates will be June 21st and July 19th at 3:00 p.m. Please feel free to come and learn as well! There are teachers on hand.

DEVOTIONS AT COUNTRY HEALTH

Pastor Barbara Busboom will be having devotions at Country Health at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 28th and Sunday July 26th. All are welcome to join us.

HYMN SING

There will be a Hymn Sing at Country Health on Sunday, June 28th at 1:30 p.m. For the month of July, the Hymn Sing will take place on the 26th at Brookstone at 1:30 p.m.



HOLY COMMUNION AT COUNTRY HEALTH

Holy Communion at Country Health will be Thursday, June 11th and July 9th, at 1:30 p.m. Come and join us whether or not you have a family member residing there.

STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS

The stewardship project for the month of June will be providing snacks for the vacation bible school staff. We would like snacks for June 15- June 19. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office in Diers Hall.

For the month of July, our stewardship project will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. The following items are needed:

70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" x 10", no loose-leaf paper

pencil sharpener

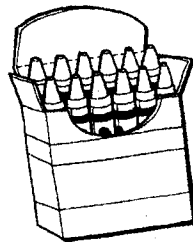
blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers

ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

box of 16 or 24 crayons

eraser approximately 2" long



The LWR box is in the church breezeway in which you may place your items.

BAPTISMS

NAME: Blakeley Ann Heidbreder
BORN: March 14, 2015
PARENTS: Cale & Callie Heidbreder
SPONSORS: Danny Wilson
Carson Heidbreder
BAPTIZED: May 17, 2015

NAME: Ava Elizabeth Mae Crites
BORN: March 16, 2015
PARENTS: James & Nicole Crites
SPONSORS: Del & Judy Grussing
Jim Crites
Adam Crites
Anna Crites
BAPTIZED: May 24, 2015



Church Council Notes
May 12, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Keith Sjuts at 6:07 p.m. Devotions were given by Pastor Lehmann and refreshments were provided by Callie Heidbreder. All council members were present with the exception of Blake Hedrick.

Treasurer's Report

An article will be published in the next newsletter to encourage offering contributions be made to the General Fund.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Lehmann lead a conversation on "The Way of Intentionality: Prayer." A motion to approve Pastor Bisser's vacation request for June 3-6 was made by Keith Sjuts and seconded by Robyn Camp. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Evangelism- Shake It Up Sunday was a success and will take place again next year. New church brochure is being completed, council will approve content/design at June meeting and distribution will take place in August.

Parish Education- Looking for additional ideas for projects that the Sunday School children can do during the summer months. VBS is still looking for volunteers to help. LYO next open gym is in Royal May 17. No open gyms will be held during the summer.

Social Ministry- Young family luncheon tentative date is 9/20/15. Trunk or Treat tentative date 10/25/15.

Property- Jeff Hoveln has the pressure valve and motor on hand for the church boiler. He has scheduled the installation. Three trees by the second parsonage need to be removed sometime. Kenny Buhr will make new signs reflecting the change from the ELCA to the NALC.

Unfinished Business- Four Core Values banner to Metropolis- Pastor Lehmann will deliver the banner

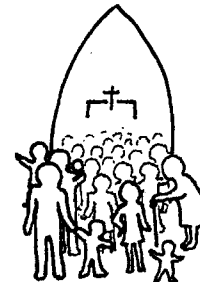
the afternoon of May 17. Freese Scholarship deadline will be June 15, 2015. The 2016 deadline will be moved to May 15. Continuing discussion regarding inclusion of some contemporary music in worship. The process will help the congregation to learn the music.

New Business- Possible/periodic bulletin information: Explain how the worship service is put together.

Date of next meeting: June 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m

ATTENDANCE FOR MAY

| | <u>Sat.</u> | <u>8:00</u> | <u>10:15</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 5/3 | 12 | 105 | 82 | 199 |
| 5/10 | 25 | 154 | 71 | 250 |
| 5/17 | 25 | 94 | 85 | 204 |
| 5/24 | 18 | 74 | 126 | 218 |



STEWARDSHIP

Emma S. Schmidt

We thank you for your continued financial support of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Because of your generosity, ministry continues in this rural community. Please remember that expenses at the church continues through the summer. We encourage you to continue your support at a strong level. One item that you may want to consider is the general fund. Immanuel has always done very well with the building fund, and that remains strong. However, if you could shift some of your designation from building fund to general fund, that would be helpful. Again, thanks for all you do for Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Emma S. Schmidt completed her baptismal journey on Monday, May 4, 2015 at Country Health, Gifford. Her funeral was at Immanuel on Thursday, May 7, 2015 officiated by Pastor Lehmann and Pastor Busboom. Committal service was at Huls Cemetery.



Verna M. Hewitt

Verna M. Hewitt completed her baptismal journey on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Country Health, Gifford. Her funeral was at St. Paul's Lutheran, Gifford on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. Committal service was at Kopmann Cemetery.

– The Church Council



**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE
FOR JUNE**

| | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Donna Wiltshire(Chair) | 893-1715 |
| Casey Flesner | 369-7763 |
| Brenda Barr | 582-2071 |
| Bev Heiden | 568-7114 |
| Denise Wolken | 202-2663 |
| Teri Travis | 694-4526/369-4538 |
| Mary Huls | 377-5215 |



**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE
FOR JULY**

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Mary Quinlan (Chair) | 643-7958 |
| Wilma Suits | 778-7258 |
| Marie Reitmeier | 377-3763 |
| Elaine Busboom | 694-4738 |
| Karon Currie | 643-6825 |

OSTFRIESIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Ostfriesian Heritage Society will be meeting on Sunday, June 21st, and Sunday, July 19th, in Diers Hall, at 1:00 p.m.

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



During the month of July, we will be sending out a new Address/Telephone Directory. Please check your address & telephone number in last year's directory and let us know if there are any changes for the new directory. If you have dropped your home telephone and only use a cell number, please let us know. It will be your choice if you want it advertised in the new directory. We would just like to have it here in the office and in our Shepherd Staff database for our own reference. Also, if you want your email address listed in the directory, we can add it.

It was noted that there are children listed who possibly might not live with their parents any longer and have their own household. Please notify us of their addresses and telephone numbers so they can be listed separately. You may email your information to Katie at flatvillesecretary@wigi.us or call the office at 694-4156.

What is a Dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.



A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules, shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

– Unknown



BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

HAPPY JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAYS!

Our warmest and best wishes to each of you as you celebrate your special day.

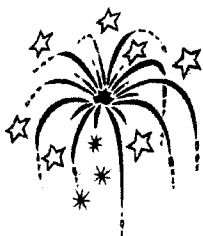
- 6/5 Delmar Schmidt
- 6/7 Carol Martin
- 6/9 William Reitmeier
- 6/12 Phil Rubarts
- 6/18 Alma Ackerman
- 6/26 Irine Roelfs
- 6/27 Ray Rademaker
- 6/28 Delmar Grussing
- 6/28 Berl Peavler
- 6/28 Margie Wolken
- 6/30 Betty Ihnen
- 7/3 Betty Gronewald
- 7/9 Melvin Uden
- 7/22 JoAnn Ehmen
- 7/23 Judith Kopmann
- 7/24 Irene Buhr
- 7/25 Sharon Hoveln
- 7/25 Raymond Uden

SPECIAL DATES IN JUNE

- Flag Day, June 14, 2015
- Father's Day, June 21, 2015
- First day of summer, June 21, 2015

SPECIAL DATES IN JULY

- Independence Day, July 4, 2015



We have been notified that the following members of Immanuel Lutheran Church have graduated this Winter or Spring:



Lakeview College of Nursing

Morgan (Wood) Blankenship

Illinois College

Trent Hoveln

Rantoul Twp. High School

Thomas Wolken
Kylie Johnson

St. Joseph-Ogden High School

Zachary Dunlap

Armstrong - Ellis Grade School

Madison Buhr

Gifford Grade School

Corbin Lantis
Emmanuel Lutes

Prairieview- Ogden Junior High

Grant Goff
Rylee Sjuts
Adam Crites
Angela Palmer
Ben Reitmeier
Logan Bushman

Fisher Junior High

Alicia Dowda

Congratulations

(We apologize in advance if we have missed some graduates. We only have listed those who reported this information to us.)

SHUT-IN

Keep our homebound and shut-ins in your thoughts and prayers. They would all enjoy calls or visits:

BROOKSTONE ESTATES

- Ann Duitsman
- Dora Ehmen
- Dorothy Fruhling
- Lela Huls
- Emilie Steffey

COUNTRY HEALTH NURSING HOME

- Alma Ackerman
- Emma Bergman
- Abbie Demien
- Albert Ehmen
- Hilda Huls
- Melvin Huls
- Arlene Peavler
- Margie Wolken
- Dennis Flesner



EMERITUS AT CANTERBURY

- Norma Reitmeier

HEARTLAND OF PAXTON

- Norma Flesner

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOME

- Mike Franzen
- Margie Huls

RIVERVIEW ASSISTED LIVING, EAST PEORIA

- Donna Flessner

HOMEBOUND

- Elvin Ackerman
- Clara Graham
- Arnold Hinrichs
- Marguerite McDonald
- Hilda Swanson - in Arizona

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School Department is planning a Summer of Service. During Sunday School this summer, students who attend will take part in a variety of projects to make items that can be given to various agencies to be distributed to those in need. Adults of the church are needed to help. Ideas for service projects and volunteers to coordinate those projects are needed. The typical Sunday School session would open with a short devotional and then jump right into a project. This would typically last about 30-45 minutes. This summer we want to go beyond the "make and take" and show the students the importance of helping others through service and giving. If you would like to help please contact Todd Wilson at (217)202-5409 or by email at trwilson@rths.k12.il.us.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The summer worship schedule will begin on Sunday, May 31, 2015. Sunday worship will be at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday School will begin after worship and conclude at 10:15 a.m.

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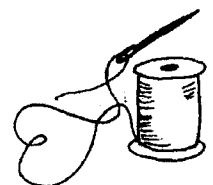
Dedicated workers is what it takes;
 To work together so we're told.
 To sew so many quilts from scraps;
 It's a colorful sight to behold.
 To keep someone shielded and warm;
 Many hours are spent in time and love;
 Ripping, cutting, backing, sewing, knotting
 Serving our heavenly Father above.
 And when the year comes to an end;
 Quilts are boxed and ready for mailing.
 And they start all over again.

— Anonymous

LWR SEWING

We would appreciate any volunteers to help. You do not necessarily need to know how to sew. Stop by and join us!

June 8, 11, 22, and 25 at 8:30 a.m.
 July 2, 6, 16 and 20 at 8:30 a.m.





Join Us
this Summer

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS 2015 is right around the corner! This year's theme is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." Students will learn all about God's amazing power as they focus on the following Bible points throughout the week: God has the power to provide; God has the power to comfort; God has the power to heal; God has the power to forgive; and God has the power to love us forever.

Our VBS program will kickoff on Sunday, June 14th during the Sunday School hour and will end with the VBS program on Sunday, June 21st during the Sunday School hour. VBS will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Saturday of that week, with rehearsal for the program and a "play day" on Saturday, June 20th.

Each day (Monday-Friday), there will be a Bible point, Bible story, and key Bible verse. Kids will rotate through stations for opening, classroom time, the day's Bible story, crafts, games, snacks, music, and closing, to learn about the Word of God. This year's "Operation Kid to Kid" international mission project supports supplying Bibles to children in Thailand. Every \$4.00 we collect will provide one colorful and age-appropriate New Testament Bible written in the Thai language for Thai children to learn about God's Word.

If you wish to volunteer (we still need help) or have any questions, please contact Alisyn Franzen at 649-9003 or at alfranzen21@gmail.com. We are very excited about VBS this year and hope you will join us!!

***Each year, VBS asks for donations to help us keep the costs of VBS down. There will be a list on the bulletin boards near the church office for donations that the children and VBS volunteers will need and use throughout the VBS. Please take a

look and see if there is anything you can provide. We would greatly appreciate it. We do ask that any donations be turned in by June 8th so that we can have time to get anything that was not donated. You can leave donated items in the breezeway in the box marked "VBS." Thank you in advance for all of your support!

Written for our learning

Not only did God give us the Bible as his Word, but he also gives us many people to teach us his ways. Our greatest teacher is Jesus, God's Son.

Directions: Complete Matthew 19:16-17 by filling in the blanks (using words from the Word Bank) and then unscrambling the three words and writing them on the tablets.

| | |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| WORD BANK | ask do eternal if good good Why |
| | good Jesus life man One Teacher |

A _____ came up to _____ and asked,
" _____, what _____ thing must I _____
to get _____ life?" " _____ do you
_____ me about what is _____?" Jesus replied.
"There is only _____ who is _____.
_____ you want to enter _____"

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Matthew 19:16-17, nv

Answers: A man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter the ... obey the commandments."

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Acolytes, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Ushers

JUNE, 2015

| Date | Acolytes | Lay Readers | Communion Assistants | Greeters | Ushers |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|---|--|
| Sunday, 6/7 5:00 PM 8:30 AM COMMUNION | Emmanuel Lutes Austin Cotter | Elaine Wilson | Peggy Blue Julie Hedrick Jamie Hedrick | Julie Wilson & Callie Heidbreder Les and Debra Siuts | Jeff Suits (Captain) Evan Suits Rodney Bergman Grant Goff |
| Sunday, 6/14 8:30 AM | Makayla Learned | Jennifer Wayland | | Bev Lehmann Ernie and Evelyn Sjuts | |
| Sunday, 6/21 5:00 PM 8:30 AM COMMUNION | Rylee Sjuts Anna Crites | Virlon Suits | Lois Harms Bonita Kopmann Judy Rademaker | Gene and Joan Schmidt Betty Ihnen | |
| Sunday, 6/28 8:30 AM | Daniel Scott | Lloyd Duitsman | | Larry and Eunice Frerichs Bev Heiden | |

*If you are unable to attend for a time scheduled, please attempt to find a substitute, if possible.
 If unable to do so, please contact Robyn Camp, rcamp@illinois.edu, or 217.493.7090. Thank you!*

Acolytes, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Ushers

JULY, 2015

| Date | Acolytes | Lay Readers | Communion Assistants | Greeters | Ushers |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Sunday, 7/5 5:00 PM | | | Joyce Romine | | Dirk Harms (Captain) Marvin Rademacher Lois Harms Adam Crites |
| 8:30 AM | Caleb Johnson Brayden Karlson | Amy Jones | Karon Currie Robyn Camp | Janine Standifer and Hailey Quinlan Daria Rubarts | |
| COMMUNION | | | | | |
| Sunday, 7/12 | | | | | |
| 8:30 AM | Abby Harms | Joyce Romine | | Leo and Judi Studer Lantis Family | |
| Sunday, 7/19 | | | | | |
| 5:00 PM | | | Sharon Emkes | | |
| 8:30 AM | Grant Goff Josh Burkhardt | Maynard Duitsman | Callie Heidbreder Hailey Quinlan | Keith and Diana Sjuts Tyler and Stephanie Vogelsang | |
| COMMUNION | | | | | |
| Sunday, 7/26 | | | | | |
| 8:30 AM | Madison Buhr | Nicole Crites | | Dave and Denise Wolken Emilie Steffey | |

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JUNE 2015 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 1 | 2 9:30 a.m. Pastors' Study & Worship 5:00 p.m. Evangelism | 3 6:00 a.m. Mens Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Bible Study | 4 | 5 5:00 p.m. Rehearsal Silver/Breymeyer | 6 3:30 p.m. Wedding Silver/Breymeyer 5:00 p.m. Worship & Holy Communion |
| 7 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion SS, New Member and Adult Class after Worship until 10:15 | 8 8:30 a.m. LWR Sewing | 9 9:30 a.m. Pastors' Study & Worship 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting | 10 6:00 a.m. Mens Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Bible Study | 11 8:30 a.m. LWR Sewing 1:30 p.m. Communion at Country Health | 12 | 13 5:00 p.m. Worship |
| 14 8:30 a.m. Worship VBS after Worship | 15 VBS 8:30- 11:30 a.m. | 16 VBS 8:30- 11:30 a.m. | 17 VBS 8:30- 11:30 a.m. | 18 VBS 8:30- 11:30 a.m. | 19 VBS 8:30- 11:30 a.m. | 20 VBS 8:30- 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Worship & Holy Communion |
| 21 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion VBS Program after Worship 1:00 p.m. Ostfriesian 3:00 p.m. Euchre Tourney | 22 8:30 a.m. LWR Sewing | 23 9:30 a.m. Pastors' Study & Worship 7:00 p.m. Women of Immanuel | 24 6:00 a.m. Mens Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Bible Study | 25 8:30 a.m. LWR Sewing | 26 | 27 9:30-12:00 Bridal Shower 5:00 p.m. Worship |
| 28 8:30 a.m. Worship SS, New Member and Adult Class after Worship until 10:15 1:30 p.m. Hymn Sing at Country Health 2:00 p.m. Devotions at Country Health | 29 | 30 9:30 a.m. Pastors' Study & Worship | | | | |



JULY 2015 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------|--|
| | | | 1 6:00 a.m. Mens Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Bible Study | 2 8:30 a.m. LWR Sewing | 3 | 4 Independence Day 5:00 p.m. Worship & Holy Communion |
| 5 8:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion SS, New Member and Adult Class after Worship until 10:15 | 6 8:30 a.m. LWR Sewing | 7 9:30 a.m. Pastors' Study & Worship | 8 6:00 a.m. Mens Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Bible Study | 9 1:30 p.m. Communion at Country Health | 10 | 11 5:00 p.m. Worship |
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APRIL 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund Balance Information

| GENERAL FUND | | | | BUILDING FUND | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Fund Balance | 3/31/2015 | | \$ 185,256.31 | Fund Balance | 3/31/2015 | | \$ 53,853.72 |
| Offerings | | \$ 23,082.56 | | Offerings | | \$ 8,766.50 | |
| Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts | | 2,151.11 | | | | 20.00 | |
| | Total Income | | \$ 25,233.67 | | Total Income | | \$ 8,786.50 |
| Pastoral Ministry | | \$ 19,421.01 | | Insurance | | \$ 4,538.25 | |
| Worship & Service | | 5,311.29 | | Landscaping | | 355.00 | |
| Our Church Home | | 3,363.46 | | Building & Repair | | 382.51 | |
| Dedicated Fund Expenses | | 2,204.84 | | Utilities | | 4,644.85 | |
| | Total Expenses | | \$ 30,300.60 | Special Projects | | 2,448.00 | |
| | | | | | Total Expenses | | \$ 12,368.61 |
| Total Fund Balance | 4/30/2015 | | \$ 180,189.38 | Total Fund Balance | 4/30/2015 | | \$ 50,271.61 |
| Less Dedicated Fund Total | | | 65,679.50 | Building Fund Invested as: | | Checking | \$ 50,271.61 |
| Total Unobligated Balance | | | \$ 114,509.88 | | | | |
| General Fund Invested as: | | | | Other Fund Balances | | | |
| | | Checking | \$ 5,515.28 | Endowment Capital | \$ 43,655.96 | Memorial | \$ 22,927.18 |
| Money Market | \$23,051.49 | CD | \$ 41,382.34 | Endowment Common | \$ 14,501.81 | Endowment Interest | \$ 177.39 |
| | | CD | \$ 110,240.27 | | | | |

Offering & Attendance April 2015

By Category

| | |
|--------------|---------------------|
| General | \$ 23,082.56 |
| Benevolence | \$ 11,009.50 |
| Building | \$ 8,766.50 |
| Total | \$ 42,858.56 |

April Attendance

| |
|----------------------------------|
| 1292 |
| Average Weekly Attendance |
| 323 |

Benevolence Offering Includes

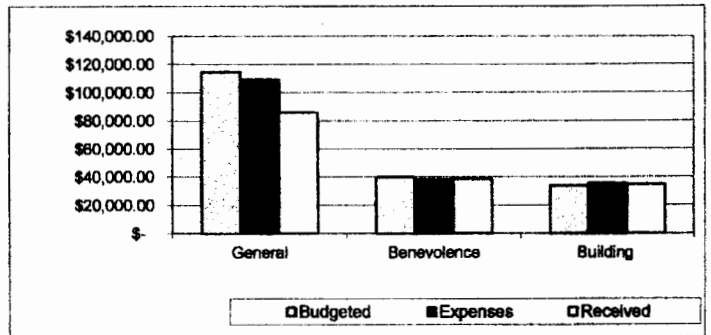
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|--------------------|----------|---------------|--------|
| Gen Benevolence | 5,705.50 | Food Bank | 300.00 |
| NALC Seminary | 2,215.00 | Lutheran CORE | 40.00 |
| LWR | 85.00 | FOTCHO | 40.00 |
| Lent | 2,095.00 | World Hunger | 175.00 |
| LYO Lenten Project | 334.00 | NALC | 20.00 |

Additional Offerings Received

| | | | |
|--------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Sunday School | 294.08 | Parking Lot | 400.00 |
| LYO | 160.00 | Endowment Fund | 537.00 |
| VBS | 15.00 | Altar Flowers | 70.00 |
| Historical Books | 100.00 | Radio Broadcast | 210.00 |
| Historical Magnets | 10.00 | Cookbooks | 15.00 |
| Initial Offering | 20.00 | Special Flowers | 49.50 |

Stewardship Progress Year to Date

| | Budgeted | Received | Ahead/(Behind) |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| General | \$ 114,699.00 | \$ 85,871.89 | \$ (28,827.11) |
| Benevolence | 40,000.00 | 38,588.36 | (1,411.64) |
| Building | 33,733.34 | 34,582.10 | 848.76 |
| TOTAL | \$ 188,432.34 | \$ 159,042.35 | \$ (29,389.99) |
| | Expenses | Ahead/(Behind) | |
| General | \$ 109,559.81 | \$ (23,687.92) | |
| Benevolence | 38,254.36 | 334.00 | |
| Building | 35,337.99 | (755.89) | |
| | \$ 183,152.16 | \$ (24,109.81) | |



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