



THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

September 2015

Have you ever had an experience so empowering, uplifting, and yet rip at you so completely? People ask me if I had a good time at the convocation, I can say yes, but at the same time I have been left changed by the brutality and the faith of those who witnessed to the brutality that there is something beyond themselves, beyond this life. It is God's promises and the blood and sacrifice of His Son hanging on the cross for us, and how the Holy Spirit was sent to us to guide us. My faith is strengthened by the witness of the Martyrs while my heart is broken by the physical cruelty that mankind can visit on each other, whether young or old.

Judy Stack- Nelson, the first speaker at the Theological Conference spoke about how in the Old Testament we hear about some Prophets who are killed for their witness to God's Word by the people that God called His own. Then in the New Testament it is chronicled about how most of the Apostles and many followers of Jesus Christ encountered (and still encounter) that same fate. The book of Acts is a record about witnesses and witnessing to each other and to the world. The Law and the Prophets are a witness to Jesus Christ. In John's Gospel he outlines the human and divine witness account, John the Baptist, the Samaritan Woman at the well, Jesus himself, as well as how the Holy Spirit creates a witness. Paul's letters detail a witness to who he was, to who he is, as well as being a witness to the Grace of God.

Judy tells us that God is witness to Paul's behavior, the situations he finds himself in as well as to Paul's integrity. Why? Because witnessing begins with God, it is not grounded in us. God first witnesses to us through Scripture and others, this witness, along with the Holy Spirit working in Paul, has an effect on him and through his behavior and his actions, creating a testimony of faith witnessed by others. This testimony is a life giving witness to the humility of living a cruciformed life. It is the witness of the body of Christ, each of its members,

to the validity of the truth of Christ and the new life found in Him. Reminding us that we are transformed by something outside of us, by something placed in us at baptism.

Ephesians 4:22-24 (RSV)

22 Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, 24 and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

I am not sure which version of scripture Judy was quoting from but she said this (and am pretty sure I missed the first bit of it)

"We die daily to the desires of the old Adam and arise anew to witness to the power of God and the truth of Christ."

As I reflected on her words, I was struck by how the

humble witness of Paul, the good and the bad, was written down, and read and re-read, by generation after generation. Those words forming the lives of others.

May His Words always form us to be the children He called. Amen

p.s. And this is only the first talk from the Theological Conference...

PARISH NURSE

“Ears to hear and eyes to see – both are gifts from the Lord.” Proverbs 20:12 NLT

We’ve all said it, “He hears when he wants to hear.” Sometimes people seem to hear and understand without difficulty and other times they seem not to hear anything. We often assume that it is selective listening but it is usually more than just ‘not listening.’

When hearing is lost, a great deal of energy and time goes into trying to understand what is being said. A person can be totally exhausted by the end of a day spent struggling to hear. Hearing aids help make conversation better – not perfect. Even with hearing aids some things will be missed. Most people with good hearing miss things but fill in the blanks. To ensure that one who doesn’t hear well, will hear what you say:

- Face them so they can see your lips and your facial expression – be sure the light is not behind you as your face will be in the shadows
- Try to eliminate as much extraneous noise as possible
- Don’t shout – use a normal voice
- Try not to drop your voice at the end of a sentence
- Enunciate your words without exaggerating them
- Remember that speaking rapidly makes you difficult to understand so slow down
- When you are not being understood, try rephrasing what you are saying. It often gives more clues to meaning.
- Don’t say “Never mind; it wasn’t important.” The person might feel that they are not important enough for you to repeat the statement.

Hearing impairment is complex. Get a person’s attention first and you have a better chance of being understood. Be patient and keep trying. If the hearing impaired appear aloof or disinterested, they may not be aware of your presence or be able to understand what you are saying. Don’t assume that hearing aids will help since adjusting to them can be difficult. This especially impacts older people who have lived in a very quiet world for a long time and suddenly experience painful, loud, and disruptive noise. Time and patience are needed to make the adjustment as the person must gradually increase both the wearing time and noise level before being comfortable with the aids.

If you are having difficulty hearing, ask for help. God is good and has provided many advances to

help the hearing impaired. There may be no need to be isolated by hearing loss. Check with your doctor. (Source: National Institutes of Health www.nih.gov/)

women^{of}faith
Unwrap the **BIBLE**

Ladies, join us Tuesday night, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. as we view another great Women of Faith DVD. This month we will hear/see Priscilla Shirer as she teaches us about authenticity by focusing on Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Join us for an evening of Faith-Fun-Food and Fellowship.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

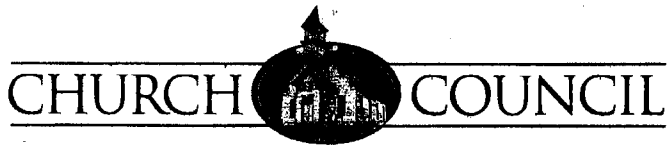
The project for the Women of Immanuel for the month of September will be Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.

The items needed for the kits include:

- ✓ one light-weight bath-size towel (20”x 40” to 52” x 27”), dark color recommended
- ✓ any brand bath- size bar soap (4 to 5 oz.)
- ✓ adult-size toothbrush

Thank you for all the support you have shown for the LWR projects.





**Council Minutes
August 18, 2015**

Devotions were given by Pastor Lehmann and refreshments were provided by Blake Hedrick.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Lehmann lead the group on a discussion of "Defining & Pursuing Discipleship." Devotions for Advent were discussed. Looking into a trip to Germany to celebrate 500th Anniversary of reformation in the summer of 2017.

Evangelism

Quotes to print new church brochure are being collected.

Parish Education

Derek and Pastor Bisser will look into classroom assignments with Todd Wilson & Judi Studer.

Volunteer Services

Time & Talent sheet revised for fall.

Property

Brian Schluter restriped the parking lot. Bickers Construction finished sealing the sidewalk. Reviewed an estimate to replace curb and sidewalk on west side of church and replace some sidewalk. Work Day Projects that were completed were discussed.

Unfinished Business

Mission Festival preachers have been arranged.

New Business

Discussed send a gift to Seminary in honor of Bishop Spring's 50th year of being an ordained minister. Council approved to send Katie McKinney to Shepherds Staff training in St. Louis. Date of next meeting: September 8, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation orientation will be Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

EUCHRE



August 16, 2015

High Score: Lois Harms

Low Score: Janice Duitsman

Most Pokes: Leo Studer

Most Loners: Earl Smith & Lois Maury

Next Euchre Tournament will be Sunday, September 20th at 3:00 p.m. Women will provide refreshments.

HYMN SING

Hymn sing will be at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 27th, at Brookstone.

DEVOTIONS

Devotions with Pastor Barbara Busboom will be on Sunday, September 27th at Country Health.



Eighth Annual Young Family Gathering

The Social Ministry Committee is excited to host the Eighth Annual Young Family Gathering on September 20 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Church. Families with children who are newborn to 5 years old will enjoy an afternoon of fun activities, a light lunch and fellowship as you become better acquainted with others. Invitations will be mailed to these families with further details.



Michelle "Shelly" Kellogg and Dane Hartman were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, August 8, 2015, here at Immanuel, officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann.

Brooke Wolken and Timothy Sjoken were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, August 22, 2015, here at Immanuel, officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann.

PRAYER CHAIN

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Immanuel's Prayer Chain is available for anyone who desires prayer. All requests should be made by the person or family of the person asking for the prayer. We want to protect everyone's privacy, so requests should be made keeping that in mind. This will not become a gossip grapevine.

If you want to request prayer, please contact Pastor. He will start the chain. If you would like to be added to those who pray on behalf of others, please contact Mary Ann Schmidt. She will be happy to include you.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Starting on September 13th, worship will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:15 a.m.- 10:05 a.m.

THREE YEAR OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL RECEPTION

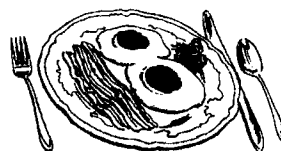
Sunday, September 20th at 9:15 a.m., will be a reception in Luther Lounge for 3 year olds and their parents. The children will get a chance to become familiar with each other, their classroom and learn how much fun Sunday School will be!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The newsletter deadline for October will be Thursday, October 15, 2015, If you have any notes, minutes, or newsworthy items you would like included in this newsletter, please get them to Katie by this deadline.

HOLY COMMUNION AT COUNTRY HEALTH

Holy Communion at Country Health will be Thursday, September 10th, at 1:30 p.m. Come and join us whether or not you have a family member residing there.



LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

The Lutheran Brotherhood breakfast will be on Saturday, September 5th at 7:00 a.m. at Rich's Restaurant in Ogden.



MISSION FESTIVAL

Please remember to come to the Mission Festival Services; Saturday, September 12th at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, September 13th at 8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. We look forward to this opportunity to worship together. Please join us for refreshments and desserts after the evening service.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The adult Sunday School class will resume beginning September 27. We will be studying the Acts of the Apostles. This is Part 2 of the writings of St. Luke. The Gospel tells the story of Jesus. Acts tells the story of the growth of Christ's Church. We will see what was of prime importance as the Church begins to address the world with the Good News.

As we seek to reach out, we must understand something of the world in which we live. We must also understand something of the religion that is competing most strongly with Christianity. We will be learning about Islam. This religion, started by the Prophet Mohamed, sees itself as the one to which everyone must submit, either willingly or by force.

Come and join us at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday, starting September 27. Be sure to bring your Bibles.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

On Wednesday's in the months of July and August, several men and youth from our church have volunteered to serve the evening meal at the Times Center in Champaign. It takes 5 or 6 people to help serve. The food is prepared by their staff at the facility. Most of the food supplies come from the Eastern Illinois Food Bank.

The Time Center is a facility where homeless men can stay for the night and have a place to eat meals, shower, and wash their clothes. They are required to look for employment during the day. The Time Center operates on donations of food, clothing and monetary gifts. They also have a need for towels, wash cloths, blankets, bar soap and other personal items.

Thank you so much for those who have helped to serve the food. We may help at some other time in the future. They always have a greater need during the summer months for volunteers.

WOMEN'S KOGUDUS RETREAT

Women's Kogudus Retreat Weekend is September 18-20, 2015. The weekend is for women in all walks of life at different places on their spiritual journeys. The Apostle's Creed is brought to life afresh in the beautiful woods of Camp Griesheim Christian Retreat Center near Hartsburg, Illinois. There's no shortage of encouraging fellowship, strong teaching, meaningful worship and superb "home cooking" too! For details and application for Kogudus women's retreat weekend, contact June Kopmann, 217-469-7237.

Joy Bells began practicing on August 19th and will continue on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 p.m.



YOUTH CHOIR

Beginning September 2nd and every Wednesday evening following, Youth Choir will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. for practice. There will be singing every third Sunday of the month, starting in October. Grades 3-8 are welcome. We hope to see you all then! Thanks! Erin Siuts



ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Julie Wilson (Chair) 694-4594
 Janine Standifer 621-3261
 Callie Heidbreder 841-4182
 Sharolyn Worley 469-8084

ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST

	Sat.	Sun.	Total
8/2	35	122	157
8/9	36	149	185
8/16	25	181	206
8/23	33	158	191

Cathedral Choir began practicing on August 26th and will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Special Dates

Labor Day, *September 7, 2015*
 Patriot Day, *September 11, 2015*
 National Grandparents Day, *September 13, 2015*
 Hispanic Heritage Month, *September 15-October 15, 2015*
 First Day of Autumn, *September 23, 2015*

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

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

- 9/1 Kenneth Hinrichs
- 9/3 Mary Huls
- 9/8 Ann Wolken
- 9/9 Norma Reitmeier
- 9/9 Wanda Wilken
- 9/12 Gayle Duitsman
- 9/13 Lois Maury
- 9/13 Leo Studer
- 9/14 Lois Harms
- 9/15 JoAnne Mennenga
- 9/16 Derald Ackerman
- 9/21 Gesina Erdman
- 9/21 Eldred Schmidt
- 9/24 Emma Johnson
- 9/26 Evelyn Sjuts
- 9/27 Dora Ehmen
- 9/27 Shirley Johnson



MENKE H. FRANZEN

Menke "Mike" H. Franzen completed his baptismal journey on Saturday, August 2, 2015, at Illinois Knights Templar Home, Paxton. His funeral was here at Immanuel on August 7, 2015, officiated by Pastor James T. Lehmann. Burial was at Huls Cemetery.

DENNIS R. FLESNER

Dennis R. Flesner completed his baptismal journey on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at Country Health Care & Rehab in Gifford. His funeral was here at Immanuel on August 24, 2015, officiated by Pastor Cynthia A. Bisser and Pastor Barbara Busboom. Burial was at Huls Cemetery.

**REPORT FROM THE DELEGATES TO THE
NALC CONVOCATION**

The North American Lutheran Church (NALC) Convocation was held on August 12-14 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. The theme this year was Martyr: Life-Giving Witness, Acts 26: 16-18. The Opening Session of Worship & Prayer started at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. The Rev. Dan Selbo gave the greeting/reading about fishers of men and music was by Steve Bell on the guitar.

Bishop John Bradosky spoke next with a powerful message saying "Where are we going, and what does it mean to be a "Mission Driven" Church?" He told the story of his experience as a pilot years ago and being lost in the air. Today people are searching for direction- have we lost our way? Churches are all in a state of decline. Are we trying to get people to be followers of Christ? Do we attend church when it's convenient? Jesus said, "Go and make disciples." Matthew 28:18. He spoke of discipleship: 1. Knowing the faith, 2. Living the faith, 3. Being accountable to one another. These 3 are essential. His final thought was, "If we don't know where we are going, any destination will do." That evening the Mission Districts had breakout sessions to discuss what we as a congregation can do to get our membership back, getting our youth involved, and grow our membership. At this time we have 31 Mission Districts in the NALC.

On Thursday morning Bishop Bradosky had Opening Worship. Committee reports were given and approved. The Nominating Committee presented ballots for the various offices. Pastor Carl Rasmussen, Kirkland (from our district) and Rosemary Johnson, Wisconsin were chosen for 4 year terms on the Executive Council; Brian Sutton, NC, for a 2 year term, Carolyn Nestingen, Minnesota, and Pastor Marty Ramey, NC, were elected to the Court of Adjudication. Pastor Dennis Meyer of Danforth nominated from the floor Pastor Lehmann for Bishop. Bishop Bradosky was re-elected to a 4 year term as our Bishop.

The keynote speaker for the afternoon was Robert Spencer who has studied Islamic religion for many years and written books on the subject. He spoke openly about how Christians are tortured and

persecuted. He stated that the Islam followers believe that when they kill a Christian they are doing a service to God. When he entered the auditorium he was escorted by a body guard, with 3 more guards in the lobby and 6 policemen and 2 police dogs outside the hotel. His life has been threatened many times. The Islam believers love death more than we love life.

Bishop Bradosky gave his report and ended with the message to all Christians being obedient to Jesus Christ requires action. A representative from the Lutheran World Relief spoke and really stressed the appreciation of quilts that are donated. In the past year this organization has helped 5 million people with Fair Trade items, food, water, shelter, quilts, and personal kits. They especially gave supplies to earthquake victims. Recognition of Bishop Emeritus Paull Spring's 50th Anniversary of Ordination was at the evening session.

On Friday morning Pastor Buba gave his report on missions. The Keynote speaker was Margaret Khamoo from Chicago who works for The Flickering Light of Christianity in Iraq. She showed a very graphic video of what is being done to young girls, children and women who are Christians. We are to pray for God's help for these people. When the ISIS would attack a village, the Christian believers would dig deeper into the mountain making a tunnel so they could pray without being discovered and attacked again.

On Friday afternoon was the installation of elected leaders. Closing worship was with Bishop Emeritus Paull Spring preaching and Holy Communion. The theme was love one another, pray together, and help with Missions around the world.

We appreciate the opportunity to have attended the 2015 Convocation as delegates. Hearing the different speakers makes us more aware of the torture and killing of Christians in other parts of the world. There was 581 clergy, delegates, visitors, and guests in attendance at the Convocation. The NALC now has 400 congregations with the latest one located in Hawaii. And we also met some delegates from Canada. Bishop Bradosky feels very positive that the NALC will continue to grow. The 2016 Convocation will be held in August in Anaheim, California.

Norman & Darlene Uken

SHUT-INS

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

Brookstone Estates

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

Country Health Nursing Home

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

Brookdale Urbana

- Norma Reitmeier

Knights Templar Home

- Margie Huls

Riverview Assisted Living, East Peoria

- Donna Flessner

Homebound

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

GIGGLES

Girls In God Growing, Loving, Eating, Sharing

Upcoming Bible Study for GIGGLES (formerly Beth Moore bible study group) Girls In God Growing, Loving, Eating, Sharing

- Session 1: Joseph – The Protective Step-Father ?
- Session 2: Zechariah – The Knowing Uncle ?
- Session 3: John the Baptist – The Chosen Cousin ?
- Session 4: Elizabeth – The Faithful Aunt ?
- Session 5: James – The Doubting Brother ?
- Session 6: Mary – The Loving Mother

Bible Study will be offered on Monday evenings beginning September 14 for 6 weeks at 7:00 pm. Please register at <http://flatvillechurch.com/#/resources/giggles-reg> so that we may order enough workbooks. Workbooks will be \$13. Invite a friend!

“God made you as you are in order to use you as he planned.”

–J.C. Macauley

NEW MEMBER CLASS

New Member class will start on September 20th, it is a six week course, exploring Luther's Small Catechism and other relevant topics. Anyone wishing to participate in a refresher course or to join Immanuel, please join Pr. Cindy in the Sanctuary following the 8:00 service.

September 2015 CALENDAR-IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 a- Pastors' Study and Worship	26:00 a- Men's Bible Study 9:30 a- Bible Study 6:15 p- Joy Bells 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Cathedral Choir 7:30 p- Confirmation Orientation	3	4	5 7:00 a- Lutheran Brotherhood Breakfast at Rich's in Ogden 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
6 8:30 a- Worship and Holy Communion SS after Worship	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 9:30 a- Pastors' Study and Worship 6:00 p- Council	9 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 9:30 a- Bible Study 6:15 p- Joy Bells 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Cathedral Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation	10 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 1:30 p- Communion at Country Health	11	12 Mission Festival 5:00 p- Worship
13 Mission Festival 8:00 a- Worship 9:15 a- SS 10:15 a- Worship 7:00 p- Mission Festival Refreshments after	14 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 7:00 p- Giggles Bible Study	15 9:30 a- Pastors' Study and Worship Newsletter Deadline	16 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 9:30 a- Bible Study 6:15 p- Joy Bells 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Cathedral Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation	17	18 6:00 p- Sage/Meyers Rehearsal	19 2:00 p- Sage/Meyers Wedding 5:00 p- Worship and Holy Communion
20 8:00 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS and 3 yr. Old reception/New Mem class 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 11:30 p- Youth Family Gathering 1:00 p- Ostfriesian 2:00 p- Open Gym 3:00 p- Euchre	21 7:00 p- Giggles Bible Study	22 9:30 a- Pastors' Study and Worship 7:00 p- Women of Faith	23 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 9:30 a- Bible Study 6:15 p- Joy Bells 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Cathedral Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation	24 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	25	26 5:00 p- Worship
27 8:00 a- Worship 9:15 a- SS/Adult SS/New Member Class 10:15 a- Worship 1:30 p- Hymn Sing @ Brookstone 2:00 p- Devotions @ Country Health	28 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 7:00 p- Giggles Bible Study	29 9:30 a- Pastors' Study and Worship	30 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 9:30 a- Bible Study 6:15 p- Joy Bells 6:30 p- Youth Choir 7:00 p- Cathedral Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation			

Acolytes, Lay Readers, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Ushers

September, 2015

Date	Acolytes	Lay Readers	Comm Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
Sunday, 9/6					
5:00 PM			Sharon Emkes		8:00 AM Mike Stark (Captain) Joyce Romine Darla Rubarts Bob Clem
8:30 AM	Makayla Learned Karsten Wayland	Emilie Steffey	Edgar Hovel Sharon Hovel Bev Lehmann Karon Currie	Larry and Eunice Frerichs Emma Johnson	10:15 AM Todd Wilson (Captain) Ryan Rademaker Jeff Hovel Brant Hovel
COMMUNION					
Sunday, 9/13					
5:00 PM					
8:00 AM	Anna Crites	Sharon Emkes		Julie Wilson and Callie Heidbreder Ernie and Evelyn Sjuts	
10:15 AM	Austin Colter	Dr. Bruns		Marie Reitmeier and Danny Roelfs Gary and Lois Maury	
7:00 PM	Kale Goff	Virlon Suits		Virlon and Wilma Suits Mary Quinlan	
Sunday, 9/20					
5:00 PM			Bonita Kopmann		
8:00 AM	Abby Harms Tyler Scott	Bev Lehmann	Sue Calhoun Robyn Camp	Gene and Joan Schmidt Robyn Camp	
10:15 AM	Elizabeth Reitmeier Hannah Fox	Maynard Duitsman	Amy Jones Teri Travis	Betty Ihnen Leon and MaryAnn Schmidt	
COMMUNION					
Sunday, 9/27					
5:00 PM					
8:00 AM	Brayden Karlson	Elaine Wilson		Ray and Judy Rademaker Elaine Wilson	
10:15 AM	Denley Heller	Joyce Romine		Rosetta Suits Maynard and JoAnn Duitsman	

If you are not able to attend at 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!

JULY 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT

Fund Balance Information

GENERAL FUND				BUILDING FUND			
Fund Balance	6/30/2015		\$ 171,883.20	Fund Balance	6/30/2015		\$ 61,361.12
Offerings		\$ 23,385.50		Offerings		\$ 5,399.25	
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts		2,741.07		Total Income			\$ 5,399.25
Total Income			\$ 26,126.57	Insurance		4,538.25	
Pastoral Ministry		\$ 19,361.77		Building & Repair		8,844.02	
Worship & Service		3,280.88		Utilities		2,209.21	
Our Church Home		4,237.59		Total Expenses			\$ 15,591.48
Dedicated Fund Expenses		4,191.86					
Total Expenses			\$ 31,072.10				
Total Fund Balance	7/31/2015		\$ 166,937.67	Total Fund Balance	7/31/2015		\$ 51,168.89
Less Dedicated Fund Total			63,900.90	<i>Building Fund Invested as:</i>		<i>Checking</i>	\$ 51,168.89
Total Unobligated Balance			\$ 103,036.77				
<i>General Fund Invested as:</i>				Other Fund Balances			
		<i>Checking</i>	\$ 10,094.99	Endowment Capital	\$ 44,734.96	Memorial	\$ 24,687.14
<i>Money Market</i>	\$5,053.35	<i>CD</i>	\$ 41,382.34	Endowment Common	\$ 14,501.81	Endowment Interest	\$ 291.99
		<i>CD</i>	\$ 110,406.99				

Offering & Attendance July 2015

By Category

General	\$ 23,385.50
Benevolence	\$ 6,040.75
Building	\$ 5,399.25
Total	\$ 34,825.50

July Attendance

577
Average Weekly Attendance
144

Benevolence Offering Includes

Gen Benevolence	4,925.75	Food Bank	370.00
NALC Seminary	255.00	Lutheran CORE	40.00
Lutheran Disaster Relief	100.00	FOTCOH	40.00
Texas Flood Victims	160.00	World Hunger	150.00

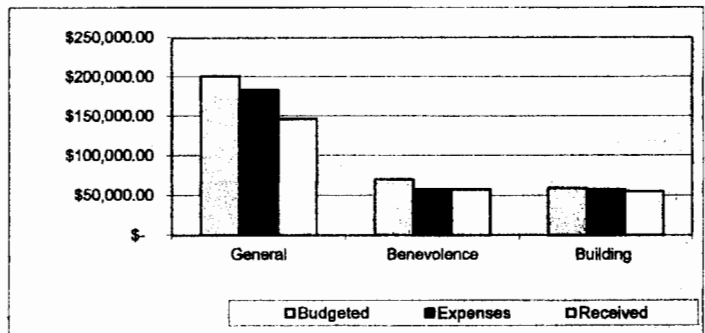
Additional Offerings Received

Sunday School	102.25	Parking Lot	400.00
LYO	5.00	Radio Broadcast	70.00
Altar Flowers	70.00	Historical Books	40.00
Endowment Fund	122.00	Cookbook	15.00
Lutheran Brotherhood	10.00	Window Books	5.00

Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 200,723.25	\$ 145,824.39	\$ (54,898.86)
Benevolence	70,000.00	57,275.36	(12,724.64)
Building	59,033.34	54,986.35	(4,046.99)
TOTAL	\$ 329,756.59	\$ 258,086.10	\$ (71,670.49)

	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 183,272.24	\$ (37,447.85)
Benevolence	57,275.36	-
Building	57,292.96	(2,306.61)
	\$ 297,840.56	\$ (39,754.46)



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