

# THE VOICE OF IMMANUEL

September 2018

Transitions, though necessary, are not easy. When there has been long and distinguished service, we pause to give thanks and try to build on the foundation which has been laid. Leo and Judi Studer have given many, many years of service to the education of the youth of Immanuel. Through many years in the Sunday School office and classroom and twenty two years as Director of Christian Education, Leo and Judi have blessed us with their love of God and of God's people. The statement that best describes what gave them focus is, "It's all about the children." A Fall Fiesta hard sugar maple will be planted in the park in recognition and thanksgiving for their service.

Now it is time to build on their work. They have set us on a great direction. Darcy Silver has been appointed as our new Director of Christian Education. She will work to coordinate the ministry of the Lutheran Youth Organization, Junior Organization of Youth, and Kids for Christ. The Parish Education Committee also includes the Sunday School, Confirmation, and Adult Education. Each of these have leaders, and the Director of Christian Education works to help all of these function more smoothly.

We are very happy that Darcy has agreed to take on this role. Her training and experience will be helpful as we continue to evaluate curriculum so that teachers have the best resources to help people to learn the scriptures and to grow in faith. This is a very important ministry and work on behalf of Immanuel. Please keep Darcy in prayer as you have Leo and Judi.

Thank you, Leo and Judi. You have blessed us so much. May the Lord bless and keep you.

*Pastor Jim Ahrens*



The Mission Festival Services are Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.. Our Mission Festival speaker for Saturday night and Sunday morning is Pastor Cathi Braasch from Ohio. She recently returned from a trip to Malawi where she was invited to train Christian women leaders in the doctrines of the faith. The speaker for Sunday evening is Pastor Rimon Said of St. Elias Church Chicago. Pastor Said serves the Arabic community in Chicago. Our offerings help to support this ministry. There will be a light supper at 6:00 p.m. with refreshments following the evening's service. Please join us!

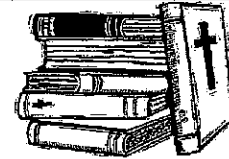
## MISSION FESTIVAL 75 YEARS AGO!!

Excerpt from September 19, 1943 bulletin:  
*"\$3,065.80! This figure tells the story of the success of our Mission Festival last Sunday. Despite disagreeable weather – large crowds, inspired and inspiring speakers, not to mention large offerings were the order of the day. We thought we had reached an all-time high when we gathered in \$2,178 last year, but that mark was passed by \$887."*

In 2017, \$5,152 was specifically designated for Mission Festival. If you want your offering to go towards missions, please so designate or use the special envelope. Let's double this in 2018!!

**STEWARDSHIP PROJECT**

The project for the Women of Immanuel for the month of September will be collecting bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief. All new bars of any brand of soap are acceptable, in their original wrapping, but bath size bars (4 to 5 ounces) are highly preferred. There will be a tub in the church breezeway for your donations. Thank you!



**WOMEN'S Bible Study**

Women of Immanuel will meet Tuesday night, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to begin a new Bible Study. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**CONFIRMATION**

Classes begin on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**NEW WEBMASTER NEEDED**

The church is in search of an individual who is familiar with website updating and willing to serve as the webmaster for the church. The main tasks would be to assist in keeping the website up-to-date and post any cancellation of services as well as post to the church's Facebook site. Julie Kellogg is currently serving the church in this capacity and is hoping to reduce her responsibilities and serve as the backup. She is willing to transition the new individual into this position. Please contact the church office if you are willing to serve the church in this capacity.

**EUCHRE**

August 19, 2018  
 High Score: Velma Olson  
 Low Score: Rosetta Suits  
 Most Pokes: Julie Mennenga  
 Most Loners: Velma Olson



Next Euchre Tournament will be Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

We plan to publish a new Pictorial Directory this year. It has been over five years since the last directory was published. It will be a smaller version than we have done in the past. Pictures will be taken during the month of November and photos will be available for use for Christmas cards at a discounted price. More details will be coming soon!

**HYMN SING**

Hymn sing will be at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Brookstone.

**DEVOTIONS**

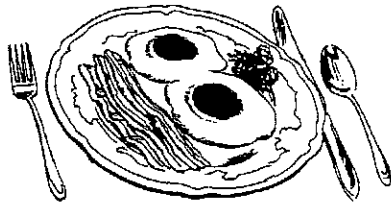
Devotions with Pastor Barbara Busboom will be on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:00 p.m. at Country Health.



**LWR SEWING**

The Monday LWR Sewing group will not meet on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Labor Day Holiday. Instead, they will meet on Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**



**LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST**

The Lutheran Brotherhood breakfast will be on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. at Immanuel.

**REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES**

Starting on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**OSTFRIESIAN SOCIETY**

The Ostfriesian Society will meet on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join us.

**OSTRFIESLAND VISITORS**

Thirty-five visitors from Ostfriesland, Germany will be at Flatville on Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in Diers Hall. Please call the church office if you wish to attend so they can get an approximate head count for food.

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

- 9/1 Kenneth Hinrichs
- 9/3 Mary Huls
- 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
- 9/24 Emma Johnson
- 9/26 Evelyn Sjuts
- 9/27 Dora Ehmen
- 9/27 Shirley Johnson
- 9/30 Robert Ramm



**SHUT-INS**

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

**Brookstone Estates**

- Dora Ehmen
- Norma Flesner
- Lela Huls
- Emilie Steffey
- Wilbur Wilken

**Country Health Nursing Home**

- Gesina Erdman
- Dorothy Fruhling
- Esther Kopmann

**Holly Brook, Rantoul**

- Berl Peavler

**Holly Brook, Savoy**

- Bill & Norma Reitmeier

**Riverview Assisted Living, East Peoria**

- Donna Flessner

**Brookdale**

- Ann Duitsman

**ATTENDANCE**

	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Total</u>
7/29	25	107	132
8/5	14	132	146
8/12	31	135	166
8/19	15	135	150
8/26	24	186	210

**Special Dates**

- \* Labor Day, September 3, 2018
- \* National Grandparents Day, September 9, 2018
- \* Patriot Day, September 11, 2018
- \* First day of autumn, September 22, 2018



**HOLY BAPTISMS**

**CHILD:** Aleena Kathleen Swanson  
**PARENTS:** Jon and Dina Swanson  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** April 3, 2018  
**BAPTISM:** August 12, 2018 by Pastor James Lehmann, STS  
**SPONSORS:** Jaime Kofoot and Nahla Gabra



Merle Sage completed his baptismal journey on August 17, 2018 at OSF Heart of Mary, Urbana, IL. His funeral at Immanuel was on August 22, 2018, officiated by James T. Lehmann, STS. His Committal was at Beckman Cemetery.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION  
 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS  
 AND  
 THREE YEAR OLD RECEPTION**

Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 8:30 a.m. worship service will be Promotion Sunday, Blessing of the Backpacks and Nursery Reception. All children and parents are asked to meet in the sanctuary. We will begin with Blessing of the Backpacks so all children are asked to bring their school backpacks. The children will then be promoted to their new classrooms and leave the sanctuary with their new teachers. The Nursery students and parents will proceed to the pavilion for a reception. All parents are welcome to stay for the reception in the pavilion. Sunday School will dismiss at 10:15 a.m. and children can be picked up at the pavilion.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion at Brookstone will be Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion at Country Health will be Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

**WEEKLY BENEVOLENCE OFFERING**

This is a reminder of the distribution of 2018 offerings received for benevolence:

- 30% North American Lutheran Church
- 30% North American Lutheran Seminary
- 10% NALC Theological Education Fund
- 10% World Mission Prayer League
- 10% St. Elias Church, Chicago, IL
- 10% Life Stream Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL

**CHURCH COUNCIL NOTES**

**August 23, 2018**

**Pastor's Report** - The Transfer In of Kenneth Heimburger was approved; the reactivation of Debby (Reitmeier) Reynolds was approved; and the release from membership was approved for Glynnis Barker.

**Unfinished Business** - Darcy Silver was approved as the Director of Christian Education.

**New Business**

- A tree will be planted in recognition of Leo and Judi Studer's many years of service and dedication to the church.
- Stewardship Sunday will be November 11, 2018.
- There will be a light supper provided at 6:00 p.m. prior to the evening service on Mission Festival Sunday. Light refreshments will be provided after the evening service.

**Date of next meeting: September 11, 2018**

**SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Officer Kurtis Buckley provided training on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, to Ushers, Sunday School teachers, PA Operators, Church Council and Office Staff. Below are some highlights of his discussion.

\* His first observation was that when he arrived during the 8:30 a.m. worship service he was able to enter any door in the Sunday School building, roam freely and could have easily entered the sanctuary if he had been someone who wanted to do harm.

\* Some recommendations to improve safety:

- Create a Safety Team of First Responders
- Provide advanced first aid training for key staff
- Screen workers and volunteers
- Provide only one single point of entry
- Monitor parking lots
- Secure doors and patrol the grounds during worship and Sunday School

\* He discussed the option of conceal and carry and was not opposed. However, he recommended that the individuals carrying be prepared to fatally shoot an intruder if the need arose.

Our committee will review the recommendations and continue to work on incorporating some of them into our Emergency Action Plan.

**Note** - With regard to conceal and carry, anyone who has a license and is willing to share that information with Pastor, it would be much appreciated. This information will be kept confidential. In addition, if there are individuals interested in participating in a conceal and carry class, please contact Pastor.

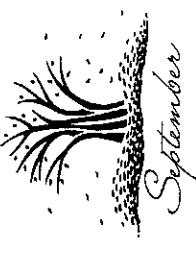
**PASTORAL NEEDS**

Pastor Lehmann will be unavailable from September 17-23 while on vacation and again on September 24-27 while attending the STS Retreat. Please contact the church office for any pastoral needs. Pastor Busboom will be available during his absence.

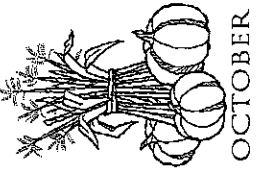
**SEPTEMBER 2018 CALENDAR—IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
<b>2</b> 8:30 a- Worship & Holy Communion	<b>3</b> 7:30 p - ML Men's Chorus Practice	<b>4</b> 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	<b>5</b> 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation	<b>6</b> 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 5:00 p- Diers Hall / Visitors from Germany	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 a-Lutheran Brotherhood Mission Festival 5:00 p - Worship
<b>9 MISSION FESTIVAL</b> 8:30 a- Worship Baptism/Blankenship 9:30 a- Sunday School Promotion/ Nursery Reception 7:00 p- Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship 6:00 p- Council	<b>12</b> 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Confirmation	<b>13</b> 10:00 a- Communion at Brookstone 1:30 p- Communion at Country Health 5:00 p- Maury - Diers Hall	<b>14</b> 6:00 p- Harms/Boncosky Rehearsal  Newsletter Deadline	<b>15</b> 3:30 p- Harms/Boncosky wedding  5:00 p- Worship & Holy Communion
<b>16</b> 8:00 a- Worship & Holy Communion 9:15 a- SS/Adults 10:15 a- Worship & Holy Communion 1:00 p-Ostfriesian 3:00 p-Euchre	<b>17</b> 8:30 a- LWR Sewing 7:30 p- ML Men's Chorus Practice  Pastor on Vacation 17 <sup>th</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>18</b> 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship	<b>19</b> 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Confirmation	<b>20</b> 8:30 a- LWR Sewing	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  5:00 p- Worship
<b>23</b> 8:00 a- Worship 9:15 a- SS/Adults 10:15 a- Worship 1:30 p-Hymn Sing at Brookstone 2:00 p-Devotions at Country Health <b>30</b> 8:00a- Worship 9:15a - SS/Adults 10:15a - Worship	<b>24</b> Pastor at STS Retreat 24 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>25</b> 9:30 a- Pastors' Study & Worship  6:30 p-Women of Immanuel	<b>26</b> 6:00 a- Men's Bible Study 6:15 p- Bells 7:00 p- Choir 7:00 p- Confirmation	<b>27</b>  7:00 p- Parish Ed	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:00 p- Worship

# SEPTEMBER 2018

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers/ Altar Guild
<b>Sunday, September 2, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Paige Schmidt Colin Wayland	Bev Lehmann	5:00 Lois Harms 8:30 Bev Lehmann Matthew Lehmann	Casey & Molly Flesner Rodney & Peggy Bergman	<b>8:00/8:30 am Ushers:</b> Edgar Hovelh (Capt) Ryan Sage Sharon Hovelh Jeff Hovelh Brant Hovelh
<b>Sunday, September 9, 2018</b> 8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. <b>MISSION FESTIVAL</b>	Lindsay Suits Brendon Maury Brodie Harms Adam Wilson	Angie Sage Mike Stark		8:30 Robyn Camp Norman & Darlene Uken 7:00 p.m. Lester & Beverly Wolken Les & Debbie Siuts	<b>10:15 am Ushers:</b> Gary Busboom(Capt) Brian Emkes Todd Wilson Jerrod Lantis
<b>Sunday, September 16, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Hallie Harms Madison Wolken Rylie Huls Cain Buhr	Wilma Suits Dr. David Brunns	5:00 Lois Harms 8:00 Elaine Wilson Robyn Camp 10:15 Stacey Huls Pete Sage	8:00 Elaine Wilson & Shirley Johnson Barry & Sandy Maury 10:15 Mike Stark & Joyce Romine JoAnn Mennenga & Barb Hall	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Toni Brown (Chair) Melissa Suits Nicole Crites Adam Crites Julie Kellogg Stephanie Vogelsang
<b>Sunday, September 23, 2018</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Grace Flessner Paige Schoonover Brooks Brown Brett Brown	Denise Wolken Toni Brown		8:00 Darla Rubarts & Betty Ihnen Ray & Elaine Uken 10:15 Toni & Jeff Brown Janine Standifer & Hailey Braden	
<b>Sunday, September 30, 2018</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Cain Buhr Kyle Meccoli	Robyn Camp Ellen Blue		8:00 Rick & Jodi Woken Emilie Steffey & Lois Harms 10:15 Dr. David Brunns Gene & Joan Schmidt	

# OCTOBER 2018

Date	Acolyte	Lay Readers	Communion Assistants	Greeters	Ushers
<b>Sunday, October 7, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Chelsea Suits Lindsay Suits Adam Wilson Blake Learned	Denise Wolken Dr. David Bruns	5:00 Lois Harms 8:00 Diana Sjuts Rylee Sjuts 10:15 Hailey Braden Callie Heidbreder	8:00 Darla Rubarts/Bev Heiden Leon & Mary Ann Schmidt 10:15 Callie Heidbreder/Julie Wilson Mary Quinlan/Darlene Johnson	<b>October: 8:00 a.m.</b> Bob Clem, Capt. Keith Frerichs Leon Schluter Blake Hedrick
<b>Sunday, October 14, 2018</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Brenden Maury Grace Flessner Rylie Huls Cain Buhr	Virlon Suits Kim Suits	8:00 Jana & Scott Sage Barry & Sandy Maury 10:15 Ray & Judy Rademaker Edgar & Sharon Hovel	<b>October: 10:15 a.m.</b> Judy Rademaker, Capt. Ray Rademaker Ryan Rademaker Marvin Rademaker	
<b>Sunday, October 21, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Taylor Fulk Kyle Meccoli Brooks Brown Brett Brown	Terri Travis Shirley Wyatt	5:00 Bonita Kopmann 8:00 Sharolyn Worley Ranae Buck 10:15 Barbara Hall Amy Jones	8:00 Lloyd Duitsman Dan & Becky Dunlap 10:15 Betty Ihnen/Julie Hedrick Nate & Amy Jones	<b>Altar Guild:</b> Julie Wilson (Chair) Carol Johnson Janine Standifer Callie Heidbreder Sharolyn Worley
<b>Sunday, October 28, 2018</b> 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. <b>COMMUNION</b>	Paige Schmidt Colin Wayland Brodie Harms Hallie Harms	Robyn Camp Joyce Romine	5:00 Sharon Emkes 8:00 Robyn Camp Nicole Crites 10:15 Joyce Romine Mike Stark	8:00 Larry & Eunice Frerichs Bev Lehmann/Emilie Steffey 10:15 Andy & Missy Buhr Ray & Elaine Ulken	 <p style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER</p>



## JULY 2018 TREASURER'S REPORT

### Fund Balance Information

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				<b>BUILDING FUND</b>			
Fund Balance	6/30/2018		\$ 158,741.02	Fund Balance	6/30/2018		\$ 126,584.49
Offerings		\$ 19,195.75		Offerings		\$ 7,713.00	
Dedicated & Other Fund Receipts		1,791.32		Total Income			\$ 7,713.00
Total Income			\$ 20,987.07	Building & Repair		\$ 3,604.00	
Pastoral Ministry		\$ 12,253.24		Insurance		4,908.91	
Worship & Service		2,936.42		Utilities		1,372.14	
Our Church Home		2,983.14		Security Cameras		1,940.00	
Dedicated Fund Expenses		776.00		Total Expenses			\$ 11,825.05
Total Expenses			\$ 18,948.80	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>7/31/2018</b>		<b>\$ 122,472.44</b>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>7/31/2018</b>		<b>\$ 160,779.29</b>	<i>Building Fund Invested as:</i>			
Less Dedicated Fund Total			74,160.58				Checking \$ 122,472.44
<b>Total Unobligated Balance</b>			<b>\$ 86,618.71</b>	<b>Other Fund Balances</b>			
<i>General Fund Invested as:</i>				Endowment Capital \$	46,856.23	Memorial \$	32,862.16
Money Market \$40,997.58	CD \$43,161.67	Checking	\$8,513.54	Endowment Common \$	37,585.95	Endowment Interest \$	6.72
		CD	\$ 68,106.50				

### Offering & Attendance July 2018

#### By Category

General	\$ 19,195.75
Benevolence	4,962.00
Building	7,713.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 31,870.75</b>

#### July Attendance

742
<b>Average Weekly Attendance</b>
148

#### Benevolence Offering Includes

Gen Benevolence	4,013.50	Lutheran CORE	60.00
Rantoul Food Bank	330.00	NALC Seminary	505.00
LWR	28.50	Diaster Relief	25.00

#### Additional Offerings Received

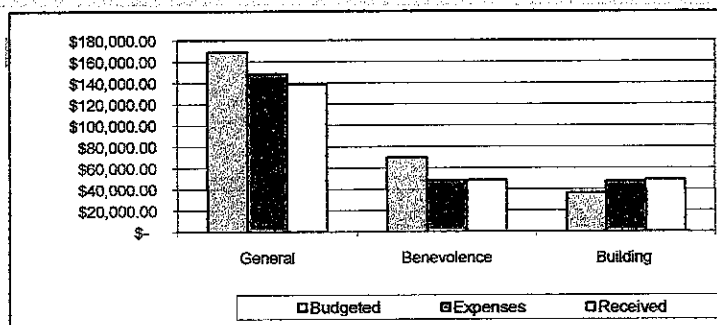
Sunday School	65.00	Parking Lot	550.00
LYO	10.00	Radio Broadcast	70.00
VBS	111.00	Anniversary Books	40.00
Aitar Flowers	35.00		

### Stewardship Progress Year to Date

	Budgeted	Received	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 168,749.00	\$ 138,433.21	\$ (30,315.79)
Benevolence	70,000.00	48,274.33	(21,725.67)
Building	36,275.00	48,932.83	12,657.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 275,024.00</b>	<b>\$ 235,640.37</b>	<b>\$ (39,383.63)</b>

	Expenses	Ahead/(Behind)
General	\$ 148,298.33	\$ (9,865.12)
Benevolence	48,274.33	-
Building	47,464.10	1,468.73
	<b>\$ 244,036.76</b>	<b>\$ (8,396.39)</b>



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Stacey Huls, V. Pres.  
Brenda Barr, Sec.  
Scott Sage, Treasurer

**Congregation Council**

Brenda Barr  
Rodney Bergman  
Kenny Buhr  
Casey Flesner  
Stacey Huls  
Kevin Kellogg  
Bonita Kopmann  
Ryan Sage  
Scott Sage

**Cathedral Choir Director** Charlene Bergman  
**Cathedral Choir Co-Directors** Marilyn Buhr/  
Darla Rubarts

**Cathedral Choir Pianist** Lois Harms  
**Bell Choir Director** Laveda Clem

**Organists:** Irene Buhr, Janice Siuts, Brenda  
Anderson, Linda Pein, Laveda Clem,  
Heidi Brown

**Parish Education  
Committee**

Judi Studer - Chairman  
Brenda Barr  
Missy Buhr  
Edgar Hovel  
Amy McElroy  
Marie Reitmeier  
Angie Sage  
Jennifer Wayland/Carleen  
Lantis  
Denise Wolken

**Building & Grounds**

Andy Hammond  
Kiel Rulon  
Evan Suits

**Youth Committee**

Angie Sage  
Carleen Lantis  
Jennifer Wayland  
Denise Wolken

**Vacation Bible  
School Committee**

Amy McElroy  
Erin Siuts  
Megan Siuts

**Sunday School Staff**

Missy Buhr, Supt.  
Julie Kellogg and Laurie  
Ramm, Asst. Supt.  
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