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... Inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. 1: 3

Share, Grow and Serve — Inspired by our Hope in Jesus Christ! For many of us, life begins anew when the School year begins. Children have advanced a grade. There are new challenges ahead for children, families and parents. No matter what happened last year, there is new hope and we are inspired by those exciting prospects ahead of us. Those new challenges bring us into a new world, one that we grow to meet.

The last several years, the words Share, Grow and Serve have been part of our vocabulary around church and school. These words helped us frame our Inspired Journey as we put into place tangible ways to help accomplish those missions through the church and school. The Lord has been good to us as we continue to reach the goals that we set forth. The engagement of our people in February and March for our Inspired Journey was received well as people have chosen to respond to God's generosity. Financial support is increasing on a weekly basis which lessens our need for endowment earnings and increases our excitement for a new building. Enrollment at our School continues to increase. Today enrollment for 4K-8 is 138 which stands 16 higher than last year. With this change comes exciting challenges as we seek to engage new families and reenergize those who are already part of our ministries. As we seek to grow, we begin a series for our congregation called *The Story* which will give us an overview of God's Story of Salvation of you and I, giving opportunity for everyone to dig deeper into their own story and how God intentionally intersects with us. Immanuel has also been busy serving: Neighborhood Table; quilts for families traumatized by tragedy in their family; new wells for third-world communities; working with Little Brothers for those who are lonely; and continuing to be part of a Guatemala Mission and ministry. The wonder characteristic of the "Gospel" is not only how we are saved (Share), it is also how we grow in Faith, and how we walk with Jesus (Serve)! The more you study and examine the Gospel, the bigger it becomes—it is never ending!

It's a good mission for our church and school, transitioning to a church that is focused outward to those in need of the Gospel. We are not only concerned about those who are in need, but doing something about it. Some would say, this is a lot of effort and why would we do this? Many people involved in ministry have different reasons for doing this. The leaders brought forth this plan because they were Inspired to live their lives for Christ. God has been generous to us and as our verse above says, "We are Inspired by our Hope in Jesus Christ. He is our purpose for existing and for the ministry we strive to do here. This is our purpose for existing.

At Immanuel we strive to be hopeful as we preach and teach Christ crucified and what that means. Jesus is more than a free ticket to heaven—He becomes our Savior and Friend in every aspect of our lives.

"Inspired" is our theme this year for our School as it is for our church as well. Look for great things to happen and say hello to those who you may not know yet as we have a number of new families and to Serve our community—both inside and outside our congregation.

Inspired in Christ,
Pastor John Grohs

P.S. It is a blessing to be here with such a talented staff. Today I want to thank Tara Barrett our DCE who was running nonstop with ministry this summer. The VBS was well attended and connected with a large number of families. Thank you Tara.

*“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
2 And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done,
and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. ~ Genesis 2:1*

THERE REMAINS A SABBATH REST

By Pastor Tim Ritter

As we begin the month of September this year we do so celebrating a national holiday, Labor Day. Many will have the day off of work, where schools are already in session they will have the day off and most will take time to head to the camp ground or the lake for the final hurrah of summer. The origins of Labor Day are somewhat unclear, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, though it was first suggested in 1882 the earliest recognition by any government entity came at a local level in 1885 and it wasn't recognized as national holiday until 1894.

The purpose? To celebrate the social and economic achievements of the American worker. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold." What Mr. McGuire seemingly had forgotten that all the grandeur we behold wasn't carved out by hands of men, but by God.

We run the risk in forgetting that all we have, all that is around us and all that we will ever need to support our daily lives has been provided by God. This risk becomes amplified when we fail to take a break from the busyness of life to give thanks to God, be in worship and the study of His Word, and to give our own bodies a rest. Whether Sunday's are the day you reserve as the Sabbath rest or any other day of the week, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. If it was so important to God that He not only commanded it, but also modeled it, it ought to be equally important to us.

As we begin yet another school year and bid farewell to summer 2014, let us strive together as God's people to be in the habit of taking a Sabbath rest. To not fill the day of rest with activities that, though fun, are just as taxing on the body as the rest of the daily activities throughout the week. Let us take pause to give thanks to God, to give praise for His Son Jesus Christ and relax the remainder of the day. Enjoy the rest...you need it!

The Story begins September [3rd] 7, 2014.

We are excited about the coming months as we seek to "Grow in Faith!" Immanuel will be covering the Bible over the next 31 weeks or so. Books are available in the narthex. The Books are the NIV written in chronological order beginning with Creation and ending with Revelation. The study will consist of worship on Sundays and an invitation to join a more in depth study with others, in large and small groups. The sign up for these groups are available following worship. Creation will be the theme on Sunday, September 7th and you will be asked then to read chapter One the following week and invited to participate in the study that week. Pastor John believes that the Story is a tool that will help our people, discover, grow in knowledge and help deepen relationships here at Immanuel. *The Story* presents the Word of God in an engaging format, reading like a novel. *"I want our people at Immanuel as well as the community to realize the incredible love God has for them, through Jesus Christ, and how God has called them to be part of His story,"* said Pastor John. This is also an opportunity to ask a friend to join us in this study. 80 percent of people say they would go with a friend to church if they were asked. Prayerfully consider who God is calling you to ask.

In Christ's Service

Pastor John K Grohs

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

I can't believe September is already upon us and school is starting up again! It seems like it was just last week that we were celebrating our graduates and the end of a wonderful school year. From graduations, to trips, to so many opportunities for growing in faith, our summer has certainly been filled with blessings!

In August our Immanuel family was very blessed to join forces with St. Luke's and Trinity Lutheran churches to put together a wonderful Vacation Bible School which served as an opportunity to reach 101 children from 60 families with the love of Christ! The children that came through our doors as well as the leadership were so incredibly blessed with nearly 50 volunteers who helped with preparation, decoration, meals, as well as running the actual program in the morning and evening sessions! We had record class sizes for our younger groups, and we can't wait to see how this may continue to expand! Conversations have already begun for VBS at St. Luke's in 2015!

So, while this summer contained MANY things worth celebrating, we've all heard that we're not supposed to live in the past, right? So on to the next opportunity (or 10!).

We are about to (or maybe we already have by the time you're reading this!!) start work on a project that began in the spring with a bit of a day-dream. We have a beautiful piece of land on HWY W that is terribly underutilized. Immanuel staff, leadership, and volunteers have been working to create opportunities for Immanuel to use this space for congregational events, as well as to have resources available to our families. We already have the prayer walk equipped with markers and benches. This spring we worked on clearing the trails of this walk to make them more distinct, as well as clearing out a camping space for families and groups to use. This fall, we hope to break ground on a permanent pavilion to be located in the clearing where we have held outdoor worship. Brandon Johnson has been working with me to make plans for this pavilion, and we have reached the point where we are very excited to include the entire congregation! We will be looking for many volunteers during different stages of the project, and any financial support of the project will definitely be appreciated. Once the pavilion is completed we hope to furnish the space with nine picnic tables which will provide space for over 50 people within the shelter. This space can be used for a variety of fellowship events, as well as family gatherings for members of the congregation or community.

There are many more opportunities to use this space, and we'd love to hear your ideas! There has even been talk of drive in movies, disc golf, and sports fields!

As with every fall we are very excited to kick start opportunities for growing in our knowledge and understanding of the Word through Bible Studies and other Christian Education opportunities. School is starting, and shortly after that confirmation instruction will start up again. The fun is not limited to students, though, there are opportunities for ALL ages to grow together!

We will be starting our journey through The Story as an entire congregation September 7th. There will be a number of opportunities to dig much deeper into this material through Bible studies as we walk through scripture chronologically and see how God has revealed Himself to us throughout time. Please check your announcements as well as the display in the narthex to see the MANY ways that you can be connected. I, personally, am very excited to go through this study with the youth on Wednesdays and the Young Adults on Sundays!

I pray that I will have the opportunity to work and celebrate alongside each of you in the many great things to come!

In His Service,
Tara Barrett, DCE



Immanuel Lutheran School

September 2014



Inspired-Share-Grow-Serve

The theme for the school year is Inspired-Share-Grow-Serve. The Bible verse for our theme for September is from 1 Thessalonians 1:3 inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. We will begin to learn more about "INSPIRED" during the month of September as part of the school year. The logo looks at the three points-SHARE-GROW-SERVE and the symbols help to tell a story about how to implement this into our lives. Immanuel Lutheran School is committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ, growing in faith, and serving our community. Look in the future to see how Immanuel Lutheran School is inspiring others.

2014-2015 School Year

School starts September 2 with opening chapel. You are welcome to join us for chapel in Kuechle Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Special Chapel

Parents and congregational members are invited to Immanuel Lutheran School as Principal Brian Betts leads chapel. During this chapel there will be an opportunity to learn more about our theme and a time of fellowship following the chapel. Come and be Inspired as we learn together.



Culver's Night

Have you had a butter burger lately? You have another opportunity for a great meal and to support Immanuel on Tuesday, September 23, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. 10% of the proceeds from our Immanuel families will be donated back to school. Thanks for your support to Immanuel Lutheran School.

School Information 2014-2015

Immanuel is blessed to start the 131st school year with more students than last year. Immanuel has a total student enrollment of 138 students which is an increase of 15 students from last year. There will be 26 students in the school who are participating in the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program.

The teaching staff is as follows:

4K-Dian Schlichtmann	4 th Cara Lee
5K-Rachel Vrudny	5 th Cortney Hahn
1 st -Wendy Betts	6 th -8 th Ted Voelker
2 nd -Sharon Dykstra	6 th -8 th Lynnette Hansen
3 rd -Karen Trench	

It is a blessing to have a dedicated and committed staff that has the opportunity to provide this educational ministry of the congregation. Please pray for these servants in Christ that they do the work that God has called them to do in Wisconsin Rapids.

Do you have a magazine? Would you like a magazine?



Students of Immanuel Lutheran School will be on the streets selling magazines. This has been a great fundraiser over the years and this year we hope to sell over \$10,000 in magazine subscriptions. The magazine sale will started September 2 and the last collection day for the students is September 24. Please contact a student in grades 4-8 or the school office to purchase or renew your magazine subscription. Your generous support will be used to fund student programs at our school for the 2014-2015 school year. Thanks for your support.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
August 11, 2014

Dale Dix called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor John opened with devotion and prayer.

Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2014: Motion by Brian Betts, second by Jon Lee to approve minutes as amended. Motion carried. Amended Motion: Motion made by Pastor Grohs, second by Carol Huf: Install electric door openers on both the West side and the North side doors to the church. Motion carried.

Pastor Grohs moved to approve official acts as published in his report; second by Tony Belanger. Motion carried.

Pastor John, Pastor Tim and Tara Barrett's reports are available.

Treasurer and Financial Secretary final year ending report will be available at the September meeting.

President Tim joined the meeting and reported via conference call. Following discussion the Board of Director's meeting will be moved to the third Monday of the month.

Principal's report, Ministry of Christian Day School August 6, 2014 meeting minutes, and Child Care report and Budgets are available.

Brian reported we now have a waiting list for our 4K Program.

Caitlin Shuda reported the Red Sands Beach Pavilion, Lake Wazeecha, has been reserved for the Church Picnic August 24, 2014.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business:

Dale Dix presented a plan to have Bohn Trucking clear cut a portion of our property on County Road W. The board was very interested in the plan, but asked Dale to come back with a more complete plan for cleaning up the branches and residue left behind after cutting the timber.

The Board agreed to have Brian Hanson initiate an offer for the 1.9 acres on the North side of the property on County Road W; which would allow an additional exit from the property onto Lake Ave. This was previously approved by the congregation at a cost no greater than \$10,000.00 and coming from the Moving Toward Tomorrow Fund.

Brian Betts would like a committee to be formed of Jon Lee, Paul Vollert, himself and one other member of the board to research how we might be able to help our employees with additional health care costs because of changes coming to the Concordia Health Care Plan.

Motion to adjourn made by Tony Belanger, second by Brian Betts. Motion carried.

Pastor Tim closed the meeting with prayer.

Members Present: Pastor John, Pastor Tim, Brian Betts, Dale Dix, Tim Sullivan via conference call, Tony Belanger, Jonathon Lee, Caitlin Shuda, Amy Stromley and Pauline Szelagowski.

Members Absent: Lois Gellerman and Paul Vollert.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pauline Szelagowski, Recording Secretary

ITEMS FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Items from the various organizations and committees need to be ready and handed in by **WEDNESDAY, September 17, 2014**, for the **OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER**. You may send or bring your articles to the church office, 111 11th Street North, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, call 715-423-3260 or email them to sriedel@immanuelrapids.com. Thank you.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have a change of address, please phone the church office immediately at 715-423-3260 or let us know by mail that you are moving or have moved. We pay for each newsletter that is returned for change of address from the post office. They **DO NOT FORWARD BULK MAIL**.

For those of you who have email please call the church office with your email address as we are moving towards emailing your newsletter to reduce our costs of printing and mailing. Thank you in helping us. We will still send out to those who do not have an email.

The Renaissance and Harmony House

Pastor John and Pastor Tim will have a Bible Study/Chapel Service September 11 at Harmony House (2 p.m.) and The Renaissance (2:45 p.m.). If you or a family member is a resident at these places, we invite you to attend.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



Blood Pressure Screenings are being offered the second Sunday of the month by our nurses, who are members of our congregation. They will be available in the narthex of the church on September 14 following the early service and before the 10:30 a.m. worship service to check your blood pressure. Thank you for helping in this worthwhile project for our members.

CASUAL GET-TOGETHER LUNCH

The Casual Get-Together Lunch will meet on Monday, September 29 at 11:30 a.m. at Perkins for those who have lost their spouses. Invite friends and other members, who have lost their spouses to come and join us for a brief devotion and great time of fellowship and lunch. If you have questions please call Lenora Fletcher at 715-423-7994.

IMMANUEL PRAYER GROUP

The Immanuel Prayer Group meets every Sunday from 10 – 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of the church and we need you to join us too! Come and pray for our church, our community, our country, and your special needs. Come and go as you are able! God CAN do immeasurable more than all we can ask or imagine! Ephesians 3:20.

LADIES QUILTERS



Ladies Quilters will meet Tuesday, September 9 at 8:30 a.m. in the lower level of the church. Come and join the ladies and help with the quilting project.

They will be happy to help you and show you what to do. The ladies are always in need of inner material for liners such as bedding, mattress pads, electric blankets, and old blankets. Please bring to the lower level of the church and mark for QUILTING.

To make at home these are the quilting directions: Recommended fabric: cotton, cotton blends, twill, corduroy, fleece, and bamboo. Finished size: 62 X 82. Seam allowance: ½ inch or more. Tops/backing can be made from whole pieces of fabric or any type of patchwork pattern of smaller pieces: examples are twelve 21-inch squares; forty-eight 11-inch squares; or use rectangles or create your own. (Make sure there are no stains or holes in the fabric).

EVENING GUILD News

You are invited to join the ladies on Tuesday, September 9 at 7 p.m. in the church fellowship hall in the lower level of the church. Hostesses for the evening are Pauline Szlagowski, Patsy Bretl, and Dee Zager. The health kit item to bring is light weight bath towels, dark color recommended. Our monthly prayer is for the Immanuel Lutheran Church and School office, teaching and pastoral staff.

Ladies Aid News

The ladies will meet Wednesday, September 24 with location and time to be announced in the weekly announcements. Summer mites will be collected.

SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

Board of Directors Meeting – August 11, 2014

Our Mission Statement

“Immanuel Lutheran Church and School exists to share the love of Jesus Christ, grow in faith and serve community.”

Our Vision Statement

“Immanuel Lutheran Church and School seeks to be a joy filled, Christ centered family, equipped, encouraged and empowered for acts of love as we honor God throughout the community.”

The Board of Directors Minutes from August 11, 2014 is included in this newsletter.

Officers of the Congregation

President, Tim Sullivan	715-347-7697
Vice-President, Dale Dix	715-424-1409
Treasurer, Jon Lee	715-421-1373
Recording Secretary, Pauline Szelagowski	715-423-0767
Financial Secretary, (Vacant)	

Directors Of Ministries

Ministry of Christian Day Sch. Paul Vollert	715-570-6455
Ministry of Discipleship, Caitlin Shuda	715-424-3170
Ministry of Human Care, Lois Gellerman	715-421-5829
Ministry of Outreach, (Vacant)	
Ministry of Parish Ed, (Vacant)	
Ministry of Property, Dennis Hall (Temporary)	715-569-3995
Ministry of Stewardship, Tony Belanger	715-325-5038
Ministry of Worship, Ron Karnatz	715-421-5691
Ministry of Youth, Amy Stromley	715-423-3992

Board of Elders

Cliff Starr	715-424-2614
Merlyn Koopman, Dennis Martin, John Sawaska, Irv Vollert, and Brian Hanson	

Auxiliaries

Evening Guild, Diane Reetz	715-424-2824
Ladies Aid, LaVerne Habeck	715-423-4092
Men's Club, Charles Karnatz	715-423-6471

Professional Staff

The Rev. John K. Grohs, Senior Pastor	715-423-3260
The Rev. Timothy M. Ritter, Associate Pastor	715-423-3260
Tara Barrett, DCE	715-423-3260
Mr. Brian Betts, Principal	715-423-0272
Mr. Ted Voelker, Athletic Director	715-423-0272
Church Office Number – 111 11 th St. N.	715-423-3260
School Office Number – 111 11 th St. N.	715-423-0272
Church Phone Number – 160 8 th St. N.	715-423-5190
Pastor John's Phone Number	715-410-4160
Pastor Tim's Phone Number	715-558-4054
(Land lines must dial “1” first for both Pastors' Phone Numbers)	

REMINDER NOTE **TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Please have your reports emailed or brought in to the Church Secretary by Wednesday, September 10 to be included for the Board Meeting on Monday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

2014 Offering Envelopes



The 2014 Offering Envelopes are available at the Church Office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Joyful Response forms are available at the church/school office.

“Joyful Response”

I missed church this weekend! But, the Lord will receive my Offering! How? Through an Electronic Funds Transfer program called “Joyful Response”. And, I still get a box of envelopes, to make extra offerings. Come, join me with Joyful Response! See Sharon, Church Secretary or by giving her a call and she will send you a form.

Project Compassion News

For those of you who so faithfully do the homebound visiting for Immanuel, we want to invite you and your spouse to come as guests to our home at 230 Fifth Street North on Thursday, September 11 starting at 5 p.m. Come in by either door, put on your name tag and place your latest visitor report in the available basket. Then it's pizza time at the Starrs!! We would really appreciate a quick call to let us know that you are coming so we will have an idea on how many pizzas to order. **RSVP PLEASE by calling 715-424-2614.** Thank you, Cliff and Nancy

Oktoberfest

We are planning on have our 2nd Oktoberfest on Friday, October 10. Invite your neighbors and friends. This will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church the south side parking lot and green space area. Volunteers will be needed for this event. Contact Dave Frater at 715-712-0830 or Pastor Tim at 714-423-3260, ext. 25.

Scrip News

Thank you for making the 2013-2014 Scrip year a huge success. Our total sales were \$1,801,667.22 which translated into an overall profit of \$114,535.08 that is used to further the mission of Immanuel Lutheran School and help Scrip families with tuition costs and various educational expenses. Please continue to use Scrip for all your grocery, gas, and clothing needs and let's make this year even better! Scrip is available for purchase in the school office Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or check out the Immanuel Lutheran website (www.immanuelrapids.com) for more information on how to order Scrip online.

Vendor Updates:

- The Feed Store—percentage decreased from 10% to 6%.



MOPS kicks off the year on Thursday, September 11th! All moms with children birth-6 years old are encouraged to join us for a time of fellowship, food, learning, laughter, and growth. Meetings take place from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the Learning Center and MOPPETS Child Care is provided for all ages. For questions email us at MOPS@immanuelrapids.com or visit www.immanuelrapids.com/#/ministries/mops.



We need your help! Our MOPS ministry was a huge success

last year with over 25 moms and 28 children taking part in it. We want this ministry to reach even more moms this year and with that comes the need for more help in our MOPPETS Child Care. MOPPETS Child Care volunteers provide a loving and caring atmosphere for children ages birth-4 years old as their moms meet for MOPS. The time commitment is the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month from 8:30-11:30 a.m. You will work with a team of volunteers and enjoy time reading, playing, making crafts and just having fun with kids. An informational and training meeting will be taking place during the first week in September. If you are interested in helping out with this wonderful ministry please contact Sarah Albright 715-569-4013, Robyn Ritter 715-558-4075 or Pastor Tim Ritter or email to MOPS@immanuelrapids.com.

College, Technical or Military Bound

Please let the Church Office know if you are going to college, technical school or into the military and what your current address will be so our church records can be updated. Need your name, school you will be attending, address that you will receive mail at or if going into the military your mailing address. If you have an email please include this information too. If you have finished your schooling and have relocated please let us know your current address so we can update our files and what your current occupation is also. Send to Immanuel Lutheran Church Office, 111 11th Street North, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 or email to sriedel@immanuelrapids.com or by calling 715-423-3260, ext. 10.

Immanuel Choir



The Immanuel Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3 at 7 until 8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room at Church. The choir sings for the 8:45 a.m. service most Sundays and occasionally at the other services as well. I know there are people who could help out singing in the choir for the Immanuel congregation always sings together so beautifully during church services. There is no audition process, just come and join us Wednesday evenings. Everyone high school through adulthood is welcome. If you can't be there every single Wednesday or Sunday, we are very understanding and forgiving. We look forward to singing with you! Any questions, call Wanda Saeger at [630-661-1324](tel:630-661-1324).

Confirmation Program

Immanuel is once again gearing up for the fall, with that comes the start of our confirmation program for the 2014-15 school year. On **Thursday, August 28th at 5:00 p.m.** there will be an informational meeting held at the school in the learning center for all parents of students entering the 6th grade or any who are new to Immanuel's confirmation program. For all students 6-8th grade we are asking that you register online @ www.immanuelrapids.com and find the "Confirmation" page located under the "Ministries" tab. Here you will be able to register your child. Questions please contact Pastor Tim at tritter@immanuelrapids.com or by calling 715-423-3260, ext. 25.

Get Connected To The Word!

Immanuel has multiple opportunities throughout the week to get connected to the Word of God and with others here at Immanuel. Please stop by the bulletin board located in the narthex to see all the studies available and sign up for at least one. You may also visit us online @ www.immanuelrapids.com and visit the Bible Study page to see the many opportunities and sign-up.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Immanuel is once again pleased to offer Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University this fall. The 9-Session Course will meet from 6pm-7:30pm on Tuesdays beginning September 9th. We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's way of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! The cost to attend is reduced for all participants to just \$75 a savings of nearly 20%. Sign-up online at <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/45794/class/258630>.

BETHESDA THRIFT SHOP

September is "Back to School" and we have plenty of clothing for everyone. We also have a lot of items that may be needed by a college student. September 2-6 we will feature our final week of BAG SALES for this season – all the clothing and shoes that fit into a grocery bag for only \$7.00 (\$5.00 on Saturday). On Monday, September 8, the store will be completely restocked with our fall and winter clothing items. And we also have new furniture, mattresses, socks etc. at great low prices. Come and support Bethesda – shop with us this month.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the Bethesda Thrift shop to help sort and price donated items or be a cashier or helper at the front desk. Try to get a group of 3-4 together to help us out once or twice a month for a 4-hour shift. It's fun and you will be blessed. It won't take a lot of your time, but a few new groups would help us tremendously. We need you! Please call Chuck (715-421-3477) or stop at the store.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRY

Lutheran Hour radio program will no longer be heard on WFHR 1320 AM. The Lutheran Hour will be on the following radio stations on Sunday: WAXX 104.5 FM at 6:30 a.m.; WDLB 1450 AM at 8 a.m.; WDUX 92.7 FM at 8 a.m.; WSAU 99.9 FM at 8:30 a.m.; WCWI at 9 a.m.; WRVM 101.3 at 10 a.m.

September 7 – **"Teeny, Tiny Crosses"** (Based on Matthew 16:24-26) – Jesus bore the weight of the cross and all of our sin. How big is the cross God calls you to carry?

September 14 – **"That's Just Who God Is"** (Based on Acts 2:1-39) – The journeys of St. Paul teach us how God's message of grace has been translated so that all might believe. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 1).

September 21 – **"Rome: The Gospel Comes to Law and Order People"** (Based on Acts 28:11-16, 28-31) – God used the Roman legal system to bring the Apostle Paul and the Gospel message to Rome. (Footsteps of St. Paul, part 2).

September 28 – **"Athens: The Gospel Comes to the Center of Learning"** (Based on Acts 17, Footsteps of St. Paul, part 3) – Jesus is Wisdom personified. He redeems us from sin and the world's futility.

Lutheran Laymen's League

The Lutheran Laymen's League Zone 17 meeting will be **Friday, September 12** at **6:00 p.m.** at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2011 Tenth Street South. Roast Beef dinner will be served. Program will be presented by St. Luke's Youth Group. Make your reservations with Duane Steinke at 715-423-2716 by Tuesday, September 9.

Bingo



St. Vincent de Paul Parish has Bingo every Monday evening. Doors open at 5 p.m. with games beginning at 6 p.m. The church is located at 820 13th Street South.

Banquet of Life

First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center's "Banquet of Life" will be held on Friday, September 5, 2014 at Ridges Golf Course, Wisconsin Rapids. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. For more information and to register: www.firstchoiceprc.org or by calling 715-421-0280.

Ruby's Pantry

Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution takes place the third Saturday of each month (September 20) at East Gate Alliance Church, 2203 East Becker Road, Marshfield, WI. The food distribution is available for anyone regardless of financial income or place of residence. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and food distribution begins at 9:00 a.m. until approximately 10:30 a.m. Please bring two large boxes or baskets to put the items in. The cost is \$20 per share to cover the transportation cost of the food. You will receive approximately 72# of food stuff which vary each month that are donated directly from manufacturers: bread, chicken, potatoes, onions, cereal, milk, yogurt, pizza, etc. Questions please call 715-387-3654.

"United for Destiny" Banquet

You are invited to "United for Destiny" Banquet and Silent Auction at Memories of Plover, 2811 Plover Springs Drive, Plover on Friday, September 12, 2014. Program and dinner begin at 6 p.m. Registration and Silent Auction at 4:30 p.m. Individual tickets \$28 or 2 tickets for \$50. RSVP by September 4 to 6983 Grotto Avenue, Rudolph, WI 54475 or by calling 715-570-6856.

Camp Luther News

Middle School Kickoff (September 26-28 Grades 4-6) – This brand new event for our middle school group is a great way to start the year. The weekend will include time for activities as separate youth groups. We will also have large group games, devotions, and Bible Studies, all lead by the Camp Luther staff.

Cottage Retreats This Fall – Enjoy a cottage retreat at Camp Luther this fall. Our cottages have everything you will need for a relaxing getaway in the midst of God's beautiful creation. When you are done for the day, settle in for a cozy evening next to the fireplace. Stay for a weekend or a week. Camp Luther offers a special rate that is 50% off of our regular rate after Labor Day.

Couples Retreat (September 19 – 21) – From newlyweds to empty-nesters, this is a retreat for married couples of all ages. You will find time to spend as a couple as well as in fellowship and Bible study with other Christian couples. A guest speaker will lead "couple" oriented Bible study/learning sessions. The weekend will include time to enjoy camp and local activities both as a couple and as a group. There is also a special candlelight dinner.

Live, Laugh & Love Ladies Retreat (October 3-5)

– Just for ladies, this weekend is all about relaxing and refueling with God's Word. Leave the pressures of work, home, and life behind and join others for a refreshing and renewing weekend. The schedule is designed to draw you closer to God and to each other through a variety of individual, large group and small group activities. Activities will include Bible study, devotions, "Cranberry Fest" in Eagle River, special craft activity, "Ladies night out," as well as other camp favorites like walking/biking/canoeing in the beautiful fall weather.

Workbee Weekend (October 17-19) –

Volunteers have always played a major role in keeping Camp Luther clean, beautiful and in good condition. Individuals or entire families can help get Camp Luther ready for fall and winter fun by participating in various work projects. The weekend is FREE and camp provides all meals, as well as time for fellowship and devotions. Projects vary, but there is something for everyone.

Family Ministry Retreat (October 24-26) –

This new retreat weekend will include plenty of time for fun as a family. Learning times will focus on ideas for sharing the faith in your own household and ideas for supporting groups of families in your congregation. Come as a family or bring several families together to form a group at your church. Check out our website at www.campluther.com.

College Recharge Weekend (October 24-26) –

Relax and recharge at this weekend of Bible study, worship and fellowship with other Christian college students. Come on your own or organize a trip for your campus ministry. The schedule will be a mix of camp activities, group time, and free time so you can make it the weekend you need.

Youth Worker Workshop (November 7-8) –

This is a retreat for Professional and volunteer Youth Leaders (Grades 9 – Adult). It is an opportunity for youth leaders to receive additional training and network with other leaders. Session will be lead by professional youth leaders and the camp staff. Both large group sessions and break out electives will be offered. Check out our website at www.campluther.com for more information.

Health Events at Riverview

In Our Hearts Forever – A Bereavement Support Group for those who have experienced a pregnancy loss, stillbirth or newborn death, will meet Tuesday, September 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the lower level conference center at Riverview Medical Center. No fee or registration required and the group asks that no children attend.

Arthritis Support Group will meet Tuesday, September 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Riverview Medical Center's lower level conference center. "Acupuncture for Arthritis Pain will be presented by Debra Eberhardy, of Eberhardy Natural Medicine. This is free with no registration required. New members and support persons are always welcome.

Women's Cancer Support Group meets Monday, September 8 at 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the lower level conference center of Riverview Medical Center. "Nutrition & Cancer Care will be presented by Jessica Hutchinson, Registered Dietitian with Riverview Medical Clinic. Light refreshments will be served. All women battling or surviving cancer are invited to this support group which is free and no registration is required.

Men's Cancer Support Group meets Tuesday, September 9 at 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. in the lower level conference center of Riverview Medical Center. "Genetics & Men's Cancer will be presented by Dr. Ron Kirschling, Medical Oncologist/Hematologist of UW Cancer Center Riverview. Light refreshments will be served. All men battling or surviving all types of cancer are invited to this free event. No registration needed and new members are always welcome.

Heart Healthy Eating is a free, one-hour course of menu planning, cooking demonstration and tips on heart healthy dining out presented by Jessica Hutchinson, Registered Dietitian with Riverview Medical Center. Come Wednesday, September 10 from 10 to 11 a.m. to the lower level conference center at Riverview Medical Center. Advance registration is required by calling 715-421-7500.

Understanding Your Joint Pain is a free seminar to learn about arthritis, treatment options which include medications, nutrition, exercise, alternative treatments and discover new concepts in joint replacement, patient outcomes, state-of-the-art implants and small incision surgery which will be presented by Dr. Thomas Smedberg, Orthopaedic Surgeon and Kathleen Schultz, Riverview joint Center Patient Coordinator on Tuesday, September 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please register by calling 715-421-7500.

Celiac Support Group will meet Tuesday, September 16 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Water's Edge Dining Room in the lower level of Riverview Medical Center. Information and Sharing at this meeting. No registration needed and it is free. New members of all ages and family members are welcome.

Healthy Advanced Eating is a free, one-hour course and cooking demo that will meet Thursday, September 25 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the lower level of Riverview Medical Center presented by Jessica Hutchinson, Registered Dietitian with Riverview Medical Center. Which "Super Foods" should you buy? Should you always buy organic? How can you eat healthy on a budget? Should you switch to coconut oil? Get evidence-based answers to these and other frequently asked questions about trending topics in nutrition. Advance registration is required by calling 715-421-7500.

Grief Support Group Program will meet Thursdays, September 25 thru November 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Riverview Medical Center, 410 Dewey Street. This is a seven-week, facilitated, small group program offering support and hope for adults experiencing grief following the death of a spouse/partner. This is free and registration is required for space is limited. Call 715-422-7744.

Luther Hostel

"Inviting Community" is the theme of this year's Luther Hostel on October 4-7 at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. Register by September 13. Registration form available at the church office if you are interested in attending.

Free Breast Cancer Screening

Aspirus Women's Health is pleased to offer grant funded breast cancer screening and testing for women. In addition to breast exams, screenings, diagnostics and biopsies, we have added MRI exams, genetic counseling and testing and we will provide services for men. The program is designed for women who would delay scheduling these services because of cost. Women who qualify will incur no out-of-pocket expenses. Women should call the Aspirus Information Center at 715-847-2380 or 1-800-847-4707 to see if they qualify and schedule an exam. For more information visit

www.aspirus.org/freemammogram.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

Are you 60 or over and struggling to cook for one or two people? Are you getting enough protein as an older adult? Are you staying in touch with your community on a regular basis? If you are 60 and over, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin wants to invite you to the Senior Dining Program with locations: Centralia; Huntington House; 10th Avenue and delicious meals served at 11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. Come for socialization opportunities and planned events. Suggested meal contribution is \$3.30 a meal (no one is turned away if unable to contribute). Call 715-421-0014 by noon the day before to make a meal reservation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We also have an immediate need for volunteers to transport hot and cold containers from our Centralia Dining Site – 220 3rd Avenue South to the Chula Vista apartment complex at 1200 Huntington Avenue. This does not require distributing the meals, just transporting the containers each day, Monday through Friday at approximately 11 a.m. Mileage reimbursement is available, call ADRC-CW for details at 715-421-0014.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin is in need of volunteers to deliver hot meals to homebound seniors. You can volunteer as little or as often as you would like, every meal makes a difference. Mileage reimbursement is available call 715-421-0014 for details.

We also need volunteers to help with the meal program in our Centralia location (220 3rd Avenue South) Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 715-421-0014 for details.

Stepping On

If you have balance problems, have had a fall or have a fear of falling this class is for you. This program covers exercises to build strength and improve balance, plus education in how to manage medications, home safety, changes in vision and balance, community safety, footwear and travel. New participants are taken until the 2nd week. We meet Tuesdays, October 14 – November 25 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Aging & Disability Resource Center, Wisconsin Rapids. Call Ciara at 715-424-8468 to sign up and the suggested contribution is \$10.

Strong Bones

Strong bones is an ongoing exercise program designed to help adults become or stay fit, strong, and healthy. Individuals will improve muscle strength, bone density, self-confidence, sleep and vitality. Participants have shown a decreased risk of diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, depression and obesity. Scholarships are available to those in financial need. We meet at First Congregational Church in Wisconsin Rapids on Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 9 thru October 30 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost: Flex Card - \$42 for 16 classes or \$24 for 8 classes. Call Ciara at 715-424-8468.

Downton Themed Dinner

Enjoy period cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in comfort during a one-night only performance of "Victorian Music Hall". Then dine on your choice of succulent Beef or divine Seafood served properly by Downstairs Staff on Thursday, September 18 at WRCT Auditorium, Wisconsin Rapids at 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Contact WRCT at 715-421-0435 or wrct@wctc.net.

Harvest Buffet

St. Lawrence Council of Catholic Women will host a Harvest Buffet on Wednesday, September 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church Hall, 530 Tenth Avenue North, Wisconsin Rapids. Hot Dishes, Vegetable, Pasta and Fruit Salads, Desserts and Beverage will be served. Cost is \$7.50 for Adults. Carry Outs are available. Raffle tickets 6/\$5.00. Proceeds go towards Parish Projects.

Mission U-301

"Christ Alone" in a Coexist World will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014. Presenter, Deb Erdman will help you gain a Scripture-based understanding of how to share your faith in a culture that doesn't care about God. The course will take place at Christ Lutheran Church, 1300 Townline Road, Wausau, 54403 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and registration is required. The fee is only \$8 per person and a light lunch will be provided. Please register by email at secretary@clc-wausau.org by Monday, September 8 or by calling Mary at Christ Lutheran Church 715-848-2040. Office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Rhonda Andres	9/1
Joe Bauman	9/1
Kevin Gumz	9/2
Marlo Thompson	9/2
Trevor Pierce	9/3
Jordan Schreiber	9/3
Teri Schroeder	9/3
Debra Conover	9/4
Kara Drewiske	9/4
LaVerne Habeck	9/4
Harvey Heller	9/4
Patricia Shall	9/4
Scott Tesch	9/4
Calvin Tubbs	9/4
Jay Bredlau	9/5
Patricia Helke	9/5
Brandon Johnson	9/5
Steve Koth Jr.	9/5
Don Looock	9/5
Ronda Douglas	9/7
Terry Lee	9/7
Holly McMiller	9/7
Theo Olson	9/7
Kris Terril	9/7
Autumn Timmermans	9/7
Katy Gumz	9/8
Adelia Joosten	9/8
Steve Rasmussen	9/8
Joanne Heller	9/9
Dave Orr	9/9
Dean Schoenick	9/9
Sue Bushman	9/10
Doug Dillman	9/10
Joel Emery	9/10
Mary Gyryon	9/10

Lisa Plasky	9/10
Jeff Ringer	9/10
Stan Geister	9/11
Kristin Ironside	9/11
Linda Stankey	9/12
Jean Gilmaster	9/13
Heather Nelson	9/13
Steve Trautschold	9/13
Brad Ahles	9/14
Jeff Gellerman	9/14
Cheryl Krohn	9/14
Terry Laatsch	9/14
Jon Lee	9/14
Carol Tohm	9/14
Kevin Grohs	9/15
Pam Haferman	9/15
Kaylynn Hoffman	9/15
Ciara Owen	9/15
Aiden Ward	9/15
Joseph Ward	9/15
Bruce Behrend	9/16
Sherry Daven	9/16
Quinn Hansen	9/16
Nick Hofer	9/16
Jean Czapinski	9/17
Ellen Langton	9/17
Barb McElroy	9/17
Dale Saeger	9/17
Calvin Stankey	9/17
Christian Feutz	9/18
Philip Greeneway	9/18
Wendy Greengrass	9/18
Kathy Hetzel	9/18
Debra Jensen	9/19
Janet Sanger	9/19
Jill Schreiber	9/19
Regan Schroeder	9/19
Zaden Williamson	9/19
Nona Drews	9/20

Brian Hoefs	9/20
Chris Knuteson	9/20
Cheryl Sisco	9/20
Kevin Brandt	9/21
Makayla Herman	9/21
Mikey Chartier	9/22
Cody Hutkowski	9/22
Anna Schneider	9/22
Kathy Steward	9/22
Makenna Tilberg	9/22
Corynn Belke	9/23
Joy LaFrance	9/23
Aaron Pruss	9/23
Faith Cour	9/24
Sharon Dykstra	9/24
Elyse Henke	9/24
Peggy Heuer	9/24
Barb Miller	9/24
Alice Emery	9/25
Angela Jeffrey	9/25
Earl Moon	9/25
Dyllon Schwerzel	9/25
Jerome Kester	9/26
Bette Rasmussen	9/26
Brittany Wilhorn	9/26
Jocelyn Broullire	9/27
Shirley Plenge	9/27
Audrey Geishart	9/28
Colin Oleson	9/28
Clint Rogers	9/28
Dan Wolf	9/28
Charles Stolp	9/29
Emily Walters	9/29
Ben Douglas	9/30
Harvey Hoefs	9/30
Jada Panko	9/30