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What About . . . Being a Lutheran?

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~Pastor Richard Gaub



What really is a Lutheran?

While there are a variety of ways one could answer this question, one very important answer is simply this, **"A Lutheran is a person who believes, teaches and confesses the truths of God's Word as they are summarized and confessed in the Book of Concord."** The Book of Concord contains the Lutheran confessions of faith.

Perhaps you have attended an ordination of a pastor and heard him promise that he will perform the duties of his office in accord with the Lutheran Confessions. When people are confirmed they are asked if they confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as they have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true.

These solemn promises indicate to us just how important the Lutheran Confessions are for our church. **Let's take a look at the various items contained in the Book of Concord and then we will talk about why the Lutheran Confessions are so important for being a Lutheran.**

What are the Ecumenical Creeds?

The three ecumenical creeds in **the Book of Concord** are the **Apostles' Creed**, the **Nicene Creed** and the **Athanasian Creed**. They are described as "ecumenical" [universal] because they are accepted by Christians worldwide as correct expressions of what God's Word teaches.



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Remember the Sabbath

For over a year, the coronavirus pandemic made changes in our daily lives. We were expected to stay indoors as much as possible and, when away from home, avoid crowds, be socially distant, and wear a mask.

Immanuel prepared pre-recorded services for several weeks, then provided services on-site with limited, pre-registered attendance, then full Divine Service with socially distanced seating and Holy Communion distribution. Last fall, we were able to restart in-person Sunday morning Bible class and Sunday School.

Immanuel continues its work: God's Word is preached, Holy Communion is given to its members, a child is baptized.

Still, many members remained socially distant at home. Some returned after vaccinations became prevalent. Some members still have not yet returned to be fed by Word and Sacrament. I say to these members: Immanuel **is still in the business of feeding God's Word to you** and to any others who feel that need to be fed. We have plenty of room!

We got used to staying home on Sunday, **not dressing for the Lord's Day, not shaving, not hurrying to the office but working at home, our children being educated by lessons on our home computers.** We are reluctant to give up sleeping late, wearing pajamas all day.

Despite this, we should remember the Sabbath **Day to keep it Holy. "Not forsaking the assembling of we together,** as is the manner of

some, but exhorting one another, and so much **the more as you see the Day approaching."**
(Hebrews 10:25)

I hope and pray that we all encourage one **another to come to the Lord's House on the Lord's Day** and that we join David in saying, **"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"** *(Psalm 122:1)*

~Pastor Claudio Pérez

New Life in the Lord



On Sunday, May 30, Elizabeth Baker was baptized by her proud grandfather, Pastor Richard Gaub. Also pictured are big brother Bobby and sister Autumn Baker, and proud grandmother, Kris Gaub. Please keep this family in your prayers.

~Winnie McNamara

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What is the Augsburg Confession and Apology of the Augsburg Confession?

In the year 1530, the Lutherans were required to present their confession of faith before the emperor in Augsburg, Germany. Philip Melanchthon wrote the Augsburg Confession and it was read before the imperial court on June 30, 1530. One year later, the Lutherans presented their defense of the Augsburg **Confession, which is what “apology” here** means. It too was written by Philip Melanchthon. The largest document in the Book of Concord, its longest chapter, is devoted to the most important truth of the Christian faith: the doctrine of justification by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

What are the Small and Large Catechisms?

Martin Luther realized early on how desperately ignorant the laity and clergy of his day were when it came to even the most basic truths of the Christian faith. Around 1530, he produced two small handbooks to help pastors and the heads of families teach the faith.

The Small Catechism and the Large Catechism are organized around six topics: the Ten Commandments, the **Apostles’ Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Sacrament of the Altar.** So universally accepted were these magnificent doctrinal summaries by Luther, that they were included as part of the Book of Concord.

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Hymn Sings!

On Sunday, July 4, we began a new Immanuel tradition, a Sunday hymn sing. Lasting about half an hour after the Divine Service, members choose favorite hymns to sing from the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* pew hymnal.

The next hymn sing will be Sunday, August 8. The tentative schedule going forward is:

September 12	December 12
October 10	December 26
November 14	February 13

(There will be no hymn sings in January nor in March-April during Lent.)

~Stephen Hernandez



Our next Voters’ Meeting will be Sunday, August 1, immediately following the Service. On the agenda is approval of the Budget for FY 2021-2022, the Election of Officers for 2021-2022, and a bylaws amendment of the **definition of a quorum for Voters’ meetings.** Please make every effort to attend!

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What are the Smalcald Articles and the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope?

In 1537, Martin Luther was asked to prepare a statement of Lutheran belief for use at a church council, if **it was called**. Luther's bold and vigorous confession of faith was later incorporated into the Book of Concord. It was presented to a group of Lutheran rulers meeting in the town of Smalcald. Philip Melancthon was asked to expand on the subject of the Roman pope and did so in his treatise, which also was included in the Book of Concord.

What is the Formula of Concord?

After Luther's death in 1546, significant controversies broke out in the Lutheran Church. After much debate and struggle, the Formula of Concord in 1577 put an end to these doctrinal controversies and the Lutheran Church was able to move ahead united in what it believed, taught and confessed. In 1580, all the confessional writings mentioned here were gathered into a single volume, the Book of Concord. Concord is a word that means, **"harmony."**

What is the connection between the Bible and the Confessions?

We **confess that, "The Word of God is and should remain the sole rule and norm of all doctrine"** (*FC SD, Rule and Norm, 9*). What the Bible asserts, God asserts. What the Bible commands, God commands. The authority of the Scriptures is complete, certain and final. The Scriptures are accepted by the Lutheran

Confessions as the actual Word of God. The Lutheran Confessions urge us to believe the **Scriptures for "they will not lie to you"** (*LC, V, 76*) and **cannot be "false and deceitful"** (*FC SD, VII, 96*). The Bible is God's **"pure, infallible, and unalterable Word"** (*Preface to the BOC*).

The Lutheran Confessions are the "basis, rule, and norm indicating how all doctrines should **be judged in conformity with the Word of God"** (*FC SD RN*). Because the Confessions are in complete doctrinal agreement with the written Word of God, they serve as the standard in the Lutheran Church to determine what is faithful Biblical teaching, insofar as that teaching is addressed in the Confessions.

What is the main point of the Lutheran Confessions?

The Lutheran Reformation was not a "revolt," but rather began as a sincere expression of concern with the false and misleading teachings, which, unfortunately, even to this very day, obscure the glory and merit of Jesus Christ. What motivated Luther was a zealous concern about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here is how the Lutheran Confessions explain what the Gospel is all about:

"Human beings have not kept the law of God but have transgressed it. Their corrupted human nature, thoughts, words, and deeds battle against the law. For this reason they are **subject to God's wrath, to death and all** temporal afflictions, and to the punishment of the fires of hell. As a result, the Gospel, in its strict sense, teaches what people should believe, namely, that they receive from God the forgiveness of sins; that through Him alone **we are restored to God's grace, obtain the**

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forgiveness of sins through faith and are delivered from death and all the punishments of our sins and are saved eternally. . . . It is good news, joyous news, that God does not want to **punish sin but to forgive it for Christ's sake**" *(FC SD, V, 20)*.

What is a **"confessional" Lutheran**?

The word "confession" is used in a variety of ways, but when we speak of a "confessional" Lutheran we mean a Lutheran who declares to the world his faith and most deeply held belief and conviction, in harmony with the documents contained in the Book of Concord. You will catch the spirit of confessional Lutheranism in these, the last words written in the Book of Concord:

"Therefore, it is our intent to give witness before God and all Christendom, among those who are alive today and those who will come after us, that the explanation here set forth regarding all the controversial articles of faith which we have addressed and explained—and no other explanation—is our teaching, faith, and confession. In it we shall appear before the judgment throne of Jesus Christ, **by God's grace, with fearless hearts and thus give account of our faith, and we will neither secretly nor publicly speak or write anything contrary to it. Instead, on the strength of God's grace, we intend to abide by this confession**" *(FC SD, XII, 40)*.

What is an **"unconditional subscription"** to the Confessions?

Confessional Lutheran pastors are required to **"subscribe" unconditionally to the Lutheran**

Confessions because they are a pure exposition of the Word of God. This is the way our pastors, and every layman who confesses his belief in the Small Catechism, is able with great joy and without reservation or qualification to say what it is that he believes to be the truth **of God's Word.**

Dr. C. F. W. Walther, the Missouri Synod's first president, explained the meaning of an unconditional confessional subscription in words as clear and poignant today as they were then:

"An unconditional subscription is the solemn declaration which the individual who wants to serve the church makes under oath that he accepts the doctrinal content of our Lutheran Confessions, because he recognizes the fact that they are in full agreement with Scripture and do not militate against Scripture in any point, whether the point be of major or minor importance; and that he therefore heartily believes in this divine truth and is determined to preach this doctrine."

So what is it to be a Lutheran?

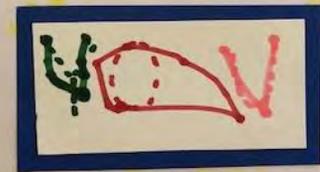
Being a Lutheran is being a person who **believes the truths of God's Word, the Holy Bible**, as they are correctly explained and taught in the Book of Concord. To do so is to confess the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Genuine Lutherans, confessional Lutherans, dare to **insist that "All doctrines should conform to the standards [the Lutheran Confessions] set forth above. Whatever is contrary to them should be rejected and condemned as opposed to the unanimous declaration of our faith"** *(FC Ep. RN, 6)*.

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THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all our ECE families for your generous contributions to our 2020-2021 Chapel Offerings. The donated funds were shared between The Heights Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry and the Rev. Joel Fritsche, who is a missionary to the Dominican Republic serving through the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Office of International Missions. The HIM Food Pantry and Rev. Fritsche thank you all, as do the Staff of the ECE!

~Cathy Swanstrom



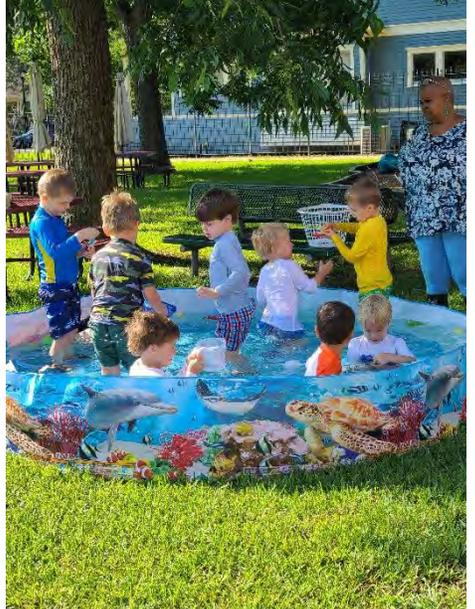
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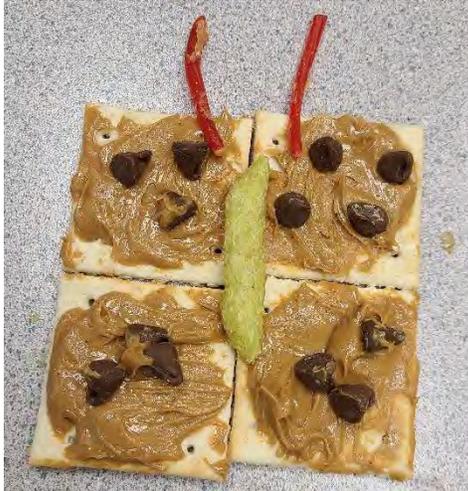
Thank you very much for the beautiful artwork, the crystal cross and special Bible given to me my last Sunday as Sunday School Superintendent. The time shared with everyone at Immanuel along with the cupcakes, drinks and flowers meant the world to me. It has been an adjustment to not always be thinking about and looking for fun and exciting SS items to share with the children about Jesus. You will always be in my prayers.

~In Christ, Cathleen Chevallier

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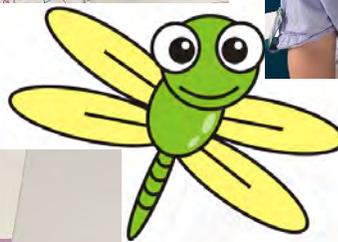




Sunday School Fun!



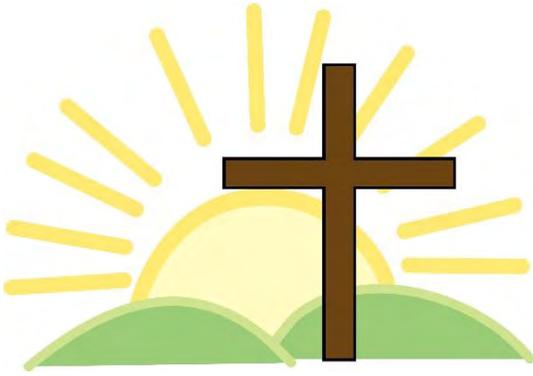
We have continued our theme of BUGS – ladybugs, lightning bugs, praying mantises, and butterflies!



We've learned ...

God created all the bugs individually like He created each of us.

The bugs work together to help each other. **We**, as God's children can also work together to love and serve Him.



June 27 was Ms. Cathleen's last Sunday as Sunday School Superintendent. We had a party to say THANK YOU for all her wonderful years of ministry to our children and the community!



We Love You, Ms. Cathleen!



Little Butterflies' Class Summer Fun







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Such a statement may strike some as boastful. But it is not; rather, it is an expression of the Spirit-led confidence that moves us to speak of our faith before the world.

To be a confessional Lutheran is to be one who honors the Word of God. That word makes it **clear that it is God's desire for His church to be** in agreement about doctrine, and to be of one mind, living at peace with one another (*1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:11*). It is for that reason that we so treasure the precious confession of Christian truth that we have in the Book of Concord. For confessional Lutherans, there is no other collection of documents, or statements or books that so clearly, accurately and comfortingly presents the teachings of **God's Word and reveals the Biblical Gospel as** does our Book of Concord.

Hand-in-hand with our commitment to pure teaching and confession of the faith, is, and always must be, our equally strong commitment to reaching out boldly with the **Gospel and speaking God's truth to the world. That is what "confession" of the faith is all about, in the final analysis. Indeed, "It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.'** With that same spirit of faith we also believe and **therefore speak"** (*2 Cor. 4:13*). This is what it means to be a Lutheran.

For Further Study

Robert Preus, *Getting into the Theology of Concord: A Study of the Book of Concord*
St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1977.

David Scaer, *Getting into the Story of Concord: A History of the Book of Concord*
St. Louis, Concordia Publishing House, 1977.



Focus on Stewardship

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (*Luke 21:1-4*). **It's a moving account. Our Lord** praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, **"Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them"** (*Luke 21:3*). And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. **"For they all contributed out of their** abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (*Luke 21:4*).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures; who gave her everything she had; who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil; who called her by the gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament; would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts, it is precisely because we want them to be small! **We don't trust the Lord to provide for us.** We give small gifts because we lack faith in the

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One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith.

We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (*Galatians 4*). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So, what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide. We are to give proportionally to what **we have received from God's giving to us** (*Luke 12:48; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8:12*). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (*2 Corinthians 8:7*)!

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, and without resources for the poor and needy.

In short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us.

For love is the fulfillment of the law (*Romans 13:10*). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (*Matthew 22:34-40*). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, "Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart" (*LW 14:240*). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With **your hands you catch God's gifts for what you need** and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.

~submitted by Kathy Angst

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Mission Report

The Fritsche Family: A La Republica Dominicana

[Excerpts from Summer 2021 newsletter. Read the entire issue is online at <https://tinyurl.com/y5rruhen>]

Pueblo Nuevo Happenings!

At Pueblo Nuevo attendance has stabilized for Divine Service. Our deaconess students are very active, having completed two courses since last fall and already into a third one. Clarion has been along for the ride on that, even as she works hard to complete her own deaconess studies at the seminary in Ft. Wayne.

We have gotten fully back into our visitation routine in Pueblo Nuevo. We have a superb team of evangelists hitting the pavement twice a week to take the Gospel to the doorsteps of family, friends and neighbors of our Dominican church members. I am excited to see how this goes during the summer. Please pray that the Lord would bless these evangelistic efforts on the part of our team.

On Sunday mornings we have begun a new Bible study in the church following the Divine **Service. We are studying Dr. Daniel Preus' book "Why am I a Lutheran?" It is a nice refresher for newer and older members alike to rejoice in our Lutheran teachings, to know what we believe and why we believe it.**

This year, despite curfews and some minor COVID restrictions we were finally able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter services in the church. It was wonderful to be together to **shout "Christ is risen! Alleluia" this Easter.**

We have made it a point to continue this joyous paschal greeting throughout these weeks of Easter.

Things are opening up in the DR as more and more people are getting vaccinated. Most of our students are sticking around this summer and, alongside various pastors and Deaconess Caitlin, will keep things moving forward in our absence. It is not easy to leave the field for 2 months, but we rejoice to see many of you, our supporters, while stateside. Please keep us and the PN church in your prayers in the months ahead. It is not easy to leave our work, nor is it easy for a mission congregation to be without her pastor for so long.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our work in the DR!

Another school year in the books at the seminary!

Last Fall we were in and out of the classroom, bouncing between in-person and virtual classes. Covid was not necessarily the main reason, although we had one or two quarantine periods from close brushes with the virus. The bigger issue was a problem with our solar panel system that needed a major repair/update. Thankfully, through generous donations from many of you, our seminary supporters, we were able to upgrade the system and as of March 2021 we were back to dependable daily power on the campus and back in classrooms and offices.

Thanks be to God, our students are hitting the pavement again for visits alongside us, their pastors/professors. Covid hampered our emphasis on visitations for a short time.

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Visiting our people and meeting new people became even more important post-pandemic as we labored diligently in all of our missions to gather in the scattered sheep.

We rejoiced to graduate eight more men this past May, most of whom are already ordained and serving congregations in their home countries. Please pray for these men and their churches as they boldly proclaim Christ Jesus crucified and risen.

Most of you know we have been working for more than two years to have a full service theological library for our students and for the pastors and people of our region. It has been a slow process with numerous setbacks. We are awaiting our latest shipment of books and shelves. Furnishings are getting in place. I look forward to reporting on the dedication of our library in September.

~Pastor Joel Fritsche

Updates from the Deaconess!



Yes, you heard right! Deaconess Clarion Fritsche here, writing to you about the latest happenings of the Fritsche family.

I was so blessed to be able to walk in the graduation ceremony at Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne in May. I only need to finish two classes in July and I will be officially done with the distance deaconess program. I am excited to already be helping write a course on the Old Testament for the deaconess students of Latin America.



Viktor (*far left*) will begin his senior year of high school with Wittenberg Academy this year. He is looking forward to getting together with his classmates in April for a celebration. He is also looking forward to what

comes after high school. He is investigating options with the Air Force and excited about where that might lead.

Max (*far right*) is thoroughly enjoying summer and being pampered by Mom and Pop. He had a great Freshman year and is looking forward to another busy year at St. Paul Lutheran High School in Concordia, Missouri. He will continue with the choir and participate in soccer and wrestling.

Andrei (*center*) is our energizer bunny who is always up for adventure. He has had a blast getting to know new people and having a lot of fun experiences this summer. He just finished 5th grade and will move onto middle school next year with some classes with Wittenberg Academy.

~Clarion



Mission Report Cayman Islands Rev. Dr. Gerald and Heidi Paul

*[Excerpt from the July 2021 newsletter.
Read the entire issue at <https://tinyurl.com/ymy96sem>]*



*We have a new
worship space!*

It's a room in the Chamber of Commerce that can seat 30-40 people, giving access to bathrooms and a **kitchen. We're renting it a month at a time** and are still keeping an eye out for a more budget-friendly space. In the meantime, we are glad to transport all church supplies in tubs to this place every Sunday, set up, and pack up again afterwards.

On the second Sunday in the new worship space, we baptized a child who had been born during the months of lockdown last year when Safe Harbour had no pastor. This baptism was the first since we had been allowed onto the island in March. Pastor Paul read the Mark 10 reading in Afrikaans, the family's home language, while his grandparents in South Africa followed the service online.

Many friends of the family were present, some unchurched, to share in their joy. We pray that the Holy Spirit reaches ears and hearts through Christ proclaimed in Word and Sacrament.

~Gerald and Heidi Paul

Mission Support

Dominican Republic Ministry
Rev. Joel Fritsche & Family

To support the LCMS through the work of Joel & Clarion Fritsche, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

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Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. **Mark checks "Support of Rev. Joel Fritsche."** Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website, on my online giving page at lcms.org/fritsche.

Cayman Islands
Rev. Dr. Gerald & Heidi Paul

To support the LCMS through the work of Gerald & Heidi Paul, you may send a tax-deductible gift to either address above.

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and marked **"Support of Gerald Paul."**

Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website, on his online giving page at lcms.org/gerald.paul.

HYMN SING

Next Sunday, 8 August
Immediately following Divine Service



New Usher Teams

As our membership has changed over time, it has become necessary to reorganize our Usher Teams.

There are now 3 teams with the following members:

- #1 Larry G., Gerald O., Max B.
- #2 Steve H., Lane H., Robert B.
- #3 Ray Thomas, Cory S., Joe M.

If you are interested in serving as part of a team or as a substitute, please contact Mike Rivera.

Website Request

Do you like creating or working with web pages? Are you familiar with Wordpress website builder? Would you like to use your talent and interest in the service of Immanuel?

The church's website is hosted on Wordpress and we don't currently

have anyone fluent in Wordpress, website design and maintenance, and an eye for visuals **to keep Immanuel's** website inviting and informative.

If you would like to use your Wordpress talent in service to Immanuel, please contact Barbara Szalkowski.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Usher Team #1 Divine Service @ 9:00 am <i>Voters' Meeting</i> <i>after Service</i>	2 <i>NO Evening</i> <i>Bible Study</i>	3 <i>Elders @ 7:00 pm</i>	4	5	6	7
8 Usher Team #2 Divine Service @ 9:00 am <i>Hymn Sing</i> Bible class/Sunday School <i>after Sing</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Usher Team #3 Divine Service @ 9:00 am Bible class/Sunday School @ 10:30 am	16 <i>NO Evening</i> <i>Bible Study</i>	17	18 ECE First Day!	19	20	21
22 Usher Team #1 Divine Service @ 9:00 am Bible class/Sunday School @ 10:30 am	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Usher Team #2 Divine Service @ 9:00 am Bible class/Sunday School @ 10:30 am	30	31	Note: New Usher Teams! See List at bottom of Birthdays/Anniversaries Insert			

Serving Immanuel August-September 2021

	Sunday August 1	Sunday August 8	Sunday August 15	Sunday August 22	Sunday August 29
Elder	Ray T.	Ray T.	Ray T.	Ray T.	Ray T.
Usher Team	#1 Larry G. Gerald O. Max B.	#2 Steve H. Lane H. Robert B.	#3 Ray T. Cory S. Joe M.	#1 Larry G. Gerald O. Max B.	#2 Steve H. Lane H. Robert B.
Media	Barbara S.	Melissa T.	Jackie A.	Karen E.	Barbara S.
Audio	Ray T.	Gerald O.	Max B.	Ray T.	Gerald O.
Altar Guild	Carolyn B.	Carolyn B.	Carolyn B.	Carolyn B.	Carolyn B.

	Sunday September 5	Sunday September 12	Sunday September 19	Sunday September 26
Elder	Max B.	Max B.	Max B.	Max B.
Usher Team	#3 Ray T. Cory S. Joe M.	#1 Larry G. Gerald O. Max B.	#2 Steve H. Lane H. Robert B.	#3 Ray T. Cory S. Joe M.
Media	Melissa T.	Barbara S.	Karen E.	Jackie A.
Audio	Max B.	Ray T.	Gerald O.	Max B.
Altar Guild	Denise G.	Denise G.	Denise G.	Denise G.

If you would like to fill in, trade, or substitute please contact the church office. Thank you.



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Sunday, August 1

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Service (@10:10/10:15 am)*