

# Immanuel Lutheran Church

"Image" Newsletter

August 2020



Somebody once told me that you learn more with your mouth shut than you do with it open. You also learn more when your mind is relaxed than you do if you're stressed.

A few days ago, I was sitting in a kayak in a small lake on the Missouri border casting a line and catching a few bass. I would paddle into the wind along the shore and let the breeze push me around. Around the bend, there were kids and their parents playing in the water. Out in the middle of the lake, Levi was jumping off his kayak and climbing back in.

Along the shore, in the shadows and the weeds, I spotted a heron. It was kind of hard to see in the shadows, but I saw it move. We watched each other for a little bit and then a frog or a fish must have caught the heron's attention. With a quick flash and hardly a splash, the heron had caught a snack. We were no more than fifteen yards apart, but I couldn't tell what it was the bird caught, only that it was mealtime.

That's not something I've ever seen before. Neither is that something I would have seen if I hadn't taken the time to quiet my body and mind and relax a little bit. This sort of thing is what you see when you allow yourself to be present in your vacation or your time out of the office. This is a benefit of remembering the sabbath.

I've seen lots of things I've never expected to see. I saw a triple play once, and two home-runs in the same inning by the same player. I saw a buffalo and Levi rub noses through our van window. I've witnessed the miracle of birth and someone's last breath. I have seen dolphins playing in the ocean and a rabbit get carried away by a hawk.

All too often we forget the sabbath and value of just relaxing – of keeping our mouths shut and our minds open, of seeing and hearing.

To remember the sabbath is not a suggestion, it is a command. This is something God says is important. This is something Jesus teaches about. This is something you learned about in Confirmation.

So tell me, what have you seen? What have you noticed God doing around you? In what ways has God's creation taught you something you never expected to learn? What happens when you walk away from work for a week or two? What happens when you step away from your computer for a (long) while? What happens when you engage in relationships you have taken for granted?

What's the worst that could happen if you remember the sabbath?

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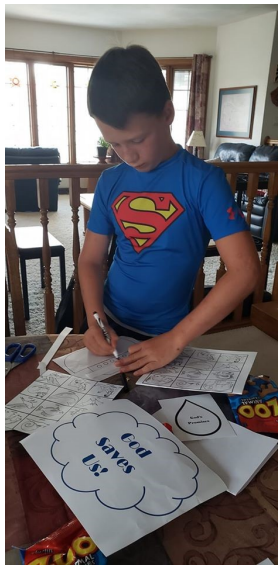
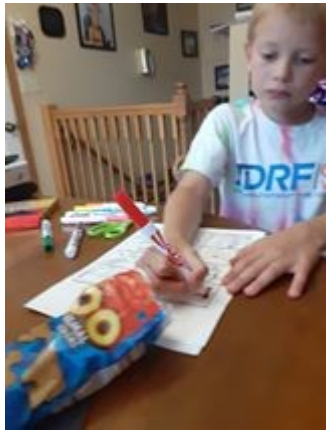


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Backyard Splash VBS 2020 Fun! !



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## Prayer Concerns

**July prayers for:** Deana Miller, Bishop & Ruth Ullestad, John Moran, Carrie Erickson, Amy McFadden, Monette Colton, Jen Fisher, Virgil Collins, Janet Leverington, and the future of Immanuel.

### **Military:**

- ◇ Paula Jones, 611 Stealth Lane, Box Elder, SD 57719
- ◇ Sergeant David & Ashley Clark (daughter of John & Kathy Tegler), 16 McWilliam St., Cameron, NC 28426
- ◇ PFC Tyler Ficken (grandson of Gene & Janny Budzine & Gene & Michelle Ficken), H Company 1-222d, Aviation Regiment, 699 Anderson Place, Fort Eustis, VA, 23604-5422

### **Congratulations to:**

- ◇ William & Linda Dillon on their 55th wedding anniversary on August 1st.
- ◇ Mark & Naomi Reyner on their 35th wedding anniversary on August 3rd.
- ◇ Michael Jones & Christina Garrigus-Jones on their 20th wedding anniversary on August 5th.
- ◇ Jerald & Judy Latwesen on their 56th wedding anniversary on August 9th.
- ◇ Tom & Val Maximovich on their 20th wedding anniversary on August 13th.
- ◇ Dolph & Mary Beth Leytze on their 55th wedding anniversary on August 14th.
- ◇ Craig & Janet Ankerstjerne on their 56th wedding anniversary on August 15th.
- ◇ Stevan & Elizabeth Kilgard on their 50th wedding anniversary on August 15th.
- ◇ Justin & Kendra O'Loughlin on their 5th wedding anniversary on August 15th.
- ◇ Michael & Julie Lenius on their 50th wedding anniversary on August 22nd.
- ◇ Denny & Karen Wilson on their 52nd wedding anniversary on August 24th.
- ◇ Alan & Janine Kimball on their 51st wedding anniversary on August 30th.
- ◇ John & Heidi Gosse on their 35th wedding anniversary on August 31st.

## Raising Up God's Kids with ORANGE

Do you enjoy spending time with kids? Are you interested in helping them know God loves them? What about having a relationship with them so they have more trusted adults to go to when they need help or praise? Would you like to deepen your faith? Do you like helping behind the scenes? Or in front of a large group? Is being organized your thing? Do you enjoy thanking others for what they have done? Can you commit to participating for 1 week, 1 month, or a semester? If you answered yes to any of these questions, being part of the ORANGE team at Immanuel might just be for you! Contact Gina DeBoer ([youthdirector@immanuelindee.com](mailto:youthdirector@immanuelindee.com)) or 402-806-3831 for more information.

## July Pastoral Acts

### **Burial:**

- ◇ Jason Tarpy, who passed away on Friday, February 7, 2020. A private graveside service was held on Friday, July 10, 2020 at Wilson Cemetery in Quasqueton, Iowa with Rev. Greg DeBoer presiding.
- ◇ Pat Ferres, who passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. A private committal service was held on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Independence, Iowa with Rev. Greg DeBoer presiding.

### **Wedding:**

- ◇ Brittany and Marcus Jesus who celebrated their marriage in Dubuque, Iowa on Saturday, July 11, 2020 with Rev. Greg DeBoer presiding.
- ◇ Jim and Amy Latwesen, who were united in marriage on Monday, July 13, 2020 with Rev. Greg DeBoer presiding.



## Backyard Splash VBS

I want to give a huge thank you to everyone who helped make this year's VBS a success. A special thank you to Jill Schares, Dana Mikel, Kathy Tegler, Amanda Fisher, and Val Maximovich who shared the Bible story each day through a video from their own backyard. A special thank you to Mary Kay Johnson for delivering VBS kits to those who requested delivery. A big thank you also to Madison Schroeder, Kenzie Schroeder, Lily Giddings, Rachel DeBoer, and Levi DeBoer for helping make the music videos. It was great to have people of Immanuel leading worship songs in almost 40 households connected to Immanuel. We had 88 kids register for VBS and 90 kits were sent home. COVID might have made VBS a bit more challenging and a lot different this year, but it didn't stop God's love from being shared with many. God continues to Promise, Protect, be Present, give Grace, and Call us even during these uncertain times. Praise the Lord, for He is good!! Many thanks, Gina



## New Ministry Opportunity

The Parish Education committee is starting a new ministry called Baptism Buddies. This ministry will connect newly baptized members (mostly babies) of Immanuel to a Buddy member of Immanuel. In order to be a Baptism Buddy you just need to love God and want to pray for and connect with the baptized member to remind them of God's love for them. Anyone who has affirmed their own baptismal promises is encouraged to be a Baptism Buddy to our newest members. Please contact Becca West, Gina DeBoer, or the church office if you would be willing to be a Baptism Buddy or if you have any questions about this ministry.

## Youth Happenings...

SWAG, BLAST, & FORCE Schedules  
coming soon!

### Backpack Blessing

Please join us during worship on **Sunday, August 23 at 9:00 am** for our Backpack Blessing. Students of **ALL** ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church and receive a special blessing as they begin another school year. Teachers and school staff are also invited to come as we prepare for and pray for them and the upcoming school year. Social distancing guidelines will be maintained in the sanctuary. Students are asked to hold on to their backpacks in their pews during the service. Backpack tags will be handed out after the service outside.



### SWAG-BLAST-FORCE Annual registration

Please watch for information to register your child for youth group this year. The registration will be completely on-line through Google forms. Students entering 5th through 12th grades are encouraged to join youth group. Of course, the groups activities and meeting schedule will be different than in the past (thanks COVID) but we will still try to meet as we can, serve as we can, learn as we can, and have fun together as we can. If you have any questions or ideas for the upcoming youth ministry year, please contact Gina DeBoer at [youthdirector@immanuelindee.com](mailto:youthdirector@immanuelindee.com).

### Youth Group COVID Update

\* Youth groups at Immanuel will follow the council's guidelines for Immanuel as well as the school's guidance for students (ex: snow day at school = no youth group). We will plan to have in-person youth opportunities as long as the school offers in-person learning. We will have virtual and distant opportunities as needed. We will require physical distancing and masks within the building. We will plan outdoor activities as long as weather allows us to. Please sign up for the youth REMIND group your child(ren) are in. I will send updates via remind and announce them on FB as well.

### Be In The Know: text to 81010

Messages & Updates...

SWAG, text @SWAG2511

BLAST, text @BLAST2511

FORCE, text @FORCE2511

Jr Choir, text @ilcjrchoir

Sr Choir, text  
@SRCHOIR2511

RPG, text @RPG2511

Sunday School, text @ilcss

Adult Confirmation  
Partners, text @ilcpartner

## Corner...

### Youth Director's

Are you ready? The question seems easy, but the answer is not so clear. Whether you

are anxious to get back to school or dreading it, the start of the school year is coming soon. What will it look like? We aren't so sure. Will we learn at school or at home? Either or both are options. Along with the questions of school, there are the questions of church. Will there be Confirmation? Or Sunday School? What about youth groups? All these questions can cause anxiety in anyone. If only I could give you all the answers. We aren't sure what the upcoming months will look like for our church activities. Youth activities will look different, but faith formation and relationship building will still happen. Ministries may change, but our God does not. In the next couple of weeks, you will be receiving on-line youth registration info. Included with the traditional registration information, you will see a few questions to help us best decide how to proceed with youth ministry during this pandemic. Please feel free to share your thoughts and feelings with me. No answer is wrong. No answer will be judged. As your youth director, I am here to meet you where you are at, to help you know and love God, and to walk with you during your struggles. How I do that depends on what you need and where you are at. Please let me know your needs and I will do my best to meet you there. Together we will "give all our worries and cares to God, because He cares for [us] you." 1 Peter 5:7 Blessings to you in this time of uncertainty,

*Gina DeBoer*

### First Communion

Due to COVID 19, the first communion which was scheduled for April had to be postponed. We will now be offering First Communion training during SWAG on September 16th and 23rd. Pastor Greg will take half of the group each Wednesday while Gina has the other half for youth group. If your child is going into 5th or 6th grade and wants to participate in First Communion training, please contact Gina at [youthdirector@immanuelindee.com](mailto:youthdirector@immanuelindee.com) so we have enough supplies for the training. Those who have taken first communion training already will still have activities to do during SWAG on these two Wednesdays. If your child is not yet in 5th grade, but you feel he/she is ready for first communion training, please contact Pastor Greg or Gina to discuss this opportunity. Anyone who completes first communion training will be able to receive their first communion during the worship service of their choice. We want all families to feel comfortable attending worship when they are ready.



## Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries - August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> Alan Kimball  William & Linda Dillon (55)
<b>2</b> Jayden Grover Grace Lee Timothy Lehs Edward Lundahl	<b>3</b> Colby Frye Jackson O'Loughlin  Mark & Naomi Reyner (35)	<b>4</b> Donald Hemsath Billie Jo Tonn	<b>5</b>  Michael Jones & Christina Garrigus-Jones (20)	<b>6</b> Makenna Burmeister Polly Fank	<b>7</b> Dylan Erdelt  Steve & Kristine Shonka (47)	<b>8</b> Landen Winters  Zach & Kathy Thein (12)
<b>9</b> Matthew Bader Jesse Scheer  Jerald & Judy Latwesen (56) Robert & Jillian Schares (12)	<b>10</b>  Adam & Jamee Winters (7)	<b>11</b> Kayla Borntreger Brittany Jesus Craig Riechmann	<b>12</b> Addison Beatty Jennifer Dobel Briar Sanderson	<b>13</b> Ralph Jones Ella Stahr  Tom & Val Maximovich (20)	<b>14</b> Wanda Haverkamp  Dolph & Mary Beth Leytze (55)	<b>15</b> Carrie Hamilton  Craig & Janet Ankerstjerne (56) Stevan & Elizabeth Kilgard (50) Jeff & Marcia Main (33) Justin & Kendra O'Loughlin (5)
<b>16</b> Tom Maximovich Joy Saunders Brandy Schultz  Scott & Tina Beltz (23) Timothy & Heather Walztoni (17)	<b>17</b> Andrew Allen Floyd Engler Alyson Franck Christina Schnepf Ruby West  Greg & Gina DeBoer (24)	<b>18</b> Cynthia Jensen Lorna Jensen Tara Martinson Matthew Wieland  Travis & Heidi Halligan (8)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Evan Stephenson Mary Walztoni	<b>21</b> Mary Beier Lanette Simons	<b>22</b> Sandy Schneider Sadie Tegler  Michael & Julie Lenius (50)
<b>23</b> Joseph Fisher	<b>24</b> Dawn Callahan  Denny & Karen Wilson (52)	<b>25</b> Annie Johnson	<b>26</b> Janelle Brayton Carrie Koch Michael Lenius Marlyn Shonka	<b>27</b> Bevyn Schultz	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Traci Gramenz Jason O'Loughlin
<b>30</b> Abigayle Barnes Aleksa Beltz Emily Coffman Dawn Ristvedt  Alan & Janine Kimball (51)	<b>31</b> McKinley Frye Logan Johnson Shelly Johnson Brian Kelchen Easton Lorenzen  John & Heidi Gosse (35)					

## Immanuel Lutheran Church - August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 Worship <i>COMMUNION OFFERED IN PARKING LOT AFTER SERVICE</i>	3	4  6:00 Parish Ed	5	6	7 9:00 Bible Study	8
9 9:00 Worship 10:30 Special Baptismal Service	10  7:00 Property	11 10:00 Communion In Sanctuary **Limit to 12 spots  7:00 Preschool	12	13  2:00 Communion In Sanctuary **Limit to 12 spots	14 9:00 Bible Study	15
16 9:00 Worship	17	18  7:00 Youth Board	19	20	21 9:00 Bible Study	22
23 9:00 Worship <i>BACKPACK BLESSING</i>	24	25	26	27	28 9:00 Bible Study	29
30 9:00 Worship	31					

## Wee Care Preschool

A new school year is upon us! We hope everyone is having a safe, fun summer and is getting ready for the start of school. Staff will be busy getting ready for new students by setting up the classroom, meeting new families, and working on learning experiences. We are very excited for the new students to come and hope this year will be successful for all involved. First day of school for preschool is Monday, August 31! Enrollment is still available. To register, please pick up material in the office.

The Giving Tree will be going up during the end of August and will be available for two weeks. On the tree, items that would benefit the students and classrooms are posted. Please consider picking an item off our tree and returning it in the box provided! Monetary donations will also be accepted and greatly appreciated to help offset the cost of cleaning supplies.

Scholastic is a great program that everyone benefits from using. Wee Care gets points for every book ordered that we can use for supplies for the classroom. To order, go to <https://clubs.scholastic.com/home> and set up an account. You will have to enter your name, email, and phone number as well as a classroom code - ours is LVZN8. If it asks for a child's name, please put your name (the person ordering) so that we know who to get the item to. Catalogs are available online to look at or you can select the age or grade level of the child you are shopping for. These books are great for Christmas and birthday gifts!

In fact, Wee Care, with the support of those in the community, would like to purchase one book every month for every child in our class to take home! We are looking for sponsors to help promote literacy in the classroom and at home. For \$20, you have the amazing opportunity to sponsor one child throughout the school year. We started this program a couple years ago and after lots of positive feedback from students, families, and staff members, we would like to make this an annual program for the students at Wee Care. If you are interested in sponsoring a child or contributing any amount to this cause, please leave donations in the office. We couldn't do any of this without your help and appreciate any and all contributions. Thank you in advance.



**Nicole Schmitz Director/PK4 Teacher,**  
Wee Care Preschool  
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## Immanuel Lutheran Wee Care Preschool

### 3 & 4-year-old Registration

### 2020-2021 School Year

Do you know a child that will be three or four by September 15, 2020?! Our preschool offers a nurturing, Christian education that will help your child develop all skills to reach their greatest potential. Registration is open now!

#### 3-year-old Class

- Must be 3 by September 15, 2020
- Morning or Afternoon classes available
- \$25 registration fee
- \$100 monthly tuition
- Scholarships available
- Classes meet Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

#### 4-year-old Class

- Must be 4 by September 15, 2020
- Morning or Afternoon classes available
- \$25 registration fee
- Free tuition!
- Classes meet Tuesday-Friday

## Preschool Scholarship Donations

Wee Care Preschool is currently seeking scholarship donations for our 3-year-old program. Tuition for the 3-year-old program is \$100 per month (Sept-May). In the past we have been able to give full tuition scholarships and we would like to be able to continue to do so for the future. You can designate this on your giving envelopes and write "preschool scholarship". If you have questions, you can contact Lindsey O'Loughlin, board president, or any other member of the Wee Care Preschool board.

## **From the ELCA Youth Gathering team:**

After much prayer and consideration, we have decided to postpone next summer's ELCA Youth Gathering to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering will be held July 24-28, 2022, in Minneapolis. For more information about the 2022 Gathering, please visit [elca.org/YouthGathering/](http://elca.org/YouthGathering/) COVID19. We will be updating our website and social media as more details become available. We look forward to seeing you and experiencing the boundlessness of God in Minneapolis in 2022!

- Immanuel will stay updated with these changes and make a decision on attending the 2022 ELCA Gathering in summer of 2021.





### Back to School Month

School is right around the corner! This year's back-to-school time feels a little different than usual for all of us, but imagine what it would be like to be a child or teen with an emotional or behavioral disorder. For the last several months, their routine has been turned upside-down and they've learned to adjust to a new way of life. Moving back into a school year structure can be particularly stressful and it can be difficult to concentrate and cope.

Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) provides mental health services to children and families across the state. It's our job to relate to children who might feel alone or misunderstood. Our therapists provide virtual telehealth therapy sessions with children while our Behavioral Health Intervention Services team collaborates with families virtually or in a community setting to help them develop skills like anger management and healthy decision-making. LSI also provides 24-hour mental health care at the Bremwood and Beloit Residential Treatment Centers in Waverly and Ames to empower Iowa's most vulnerable children and teens.

We thank you for your support of LSI's mission as we respond together to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service! We know there are more Iowa children in need of this critical care. If you would like to learn more about how you can give a gift to support these crucial services, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at 563-676-2065 or [Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org](mailto:Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org).

*Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSA (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at [www.LSIowa.org](http://www.LSIowa.org) and [www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa](https://www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa).*

### We are Still Here: LSI's Therapy Services

When LSI's workforce began working remote as a COVID-19 precaution, therapist Andrea knew she would need to adjust to a new way of providing therapy to the clients she serves.

In particular, one individual she met with struggled with anxiety on a daily basis. With the pandemic, however, her anxiety deepened and she spiraled to levels she hadn't encountered in years. And she was afraid she would no longer be able to see Andrea and receive the weekly therapy she'd relied on.

But that wasn't stopping Andrea. She set up a home office where she could provide telehealth virtual therapy sessions to all her clients in need of the same consistent care they were used to. Andrea used this time to work with her client on self-care strategies, coping skills, and mindfulness to help her client stay grounded when she felt anxious.

Andrea's client now has the tools she needs to handle the difficult days through this crisis, and Andrea is able to continue providing life-changing serves to Iowa children, adults, and families in her community.

## Upcoming...

### Special Baptismal Service

*On Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30, we will be holding a special outdoor baptismal service. This service is limited to the families and guests of those being baptized. If you or your child is desiring baptism, please let the church know by August 5<sup>th</sup>.*

### Communion

*On Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be communion offered to all those who do not yet feel comfortable entering the sanctuary. We ask that you park in the north parking lot and watch the 9:00 service on Facebook if you are able (if you don't have the means to watch Facebook in your vehicle, that's alright too, we just ask that you be in the parking lot no later than 9:45). After worship, Pastor will come to the north parking lot and distribute communion there. We ask that you remain in your vehicle and Pastor will make his way around to everyone.*

*We will also offer communion in the sanctuary on Tuesday, August 11, at 10:00am, and on Thursday, August 13, at 2:00pm. Each of these times will be limited to 12 people so it will be necessary to reserve your place by calling the office and letting Julayne know which service you will be coming to.*

### Sponsor a Bible

On Rally Sunday, September 13th, Immanuel will present Bibles to 3 year olds and third graders. The 3 year olds receive the Spark Storybook Bible and the third graders receive the Colaborate study Bible. In addition this year, the Parish Ed and ATM committees will be presenting a Live Bible to the students who chose to affirm their baptism after completing their confirmation studies. If you would like to sponsor a Bible for a 3 year old (\$20), third grader (\$25), or student being confirmed (\$20) please stop by the office. Julayne has a list of students in each of these grades for you to choose who you would like to sponsor. We thank you for your generosity. Because of your gifts, we are able to fulfill one of the church's baptismal promises - placing the Word of God into the hands of our students.





### Adapting to Change

by Ron Oline

All Things Members (ATM) Committee

I keep asking myself when will things get back to normal. This COVID-19 is affecting my thought process and how I interact with others. When I walk into a store and am not wearing a mask, I notice everyone who is wearing a mask; and I feel I should be wearing a mask, as well. The next time I go into the same store and I am wearing a mask, then I notice everyone who isn't wearing a mask and I wonder if wearing a mask is necessary. It is awkward meeting someone with a natural thought to shake their hand, but then realize I shouldn't really be doing that. When talking to others, I start getting conscious of the whether I am keeping 6 feet away from the other person.

I have thoughts running through my head that never materialized until COVID-19 appeared. How do I adapt to this? I turned to the internet and searched for Bible verses on adapting to situations in life. My attention was drawn to Romans 12:2 – **“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”**

Christian author Jack Wellman's explanation of this verse is as follows: *If we're not being conformed into the image of God by the renewing of our mind by God's Spirit, then we're being conformed into the image of the world. It is either one or the other. The word "conformed" simply means "with pressure" so the verse could be said like this: "Don't let the world squeeze you into its own mold." I need the renewal of my mind in order to have the adaptability to be an effective witness for Christ in order to be transformed into the image of Christ, and that's God's goal for all of us.*

I continue to pray that God guides my thought process during all that is going on and helps my mind stay focused on what is good. I want to thank Pastor Greg and Gina, again, for all they are doing to keep us together during this time. I did attend church service on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, and Pastor Greg made sure everything was done in a safe manner. It did feel good to physically be in church again. Prayers continue to go out that someday, as we adapt, we can all worship together again.

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\*\* (Seriously though, because of the ever-changing environment caused by this global pandemic, policies and programming might change. We will do the best we can to inform you of any changes as they happen. Thanks for understanding.)

"God's Work. Our Hands." is an ELCA-wide service day that will be on Rally Sunday, September 13, 2020.

Immanuel will again be collecting School Kit items for Lutheran World Relief. Hopefully, during our Rally Sunday celebrations, ALL Sunday School kids, families, and members of the congregation will be able to help put the school kits together.

While you are shopping for back to school items, please consider picking up a few extra to donate to LWR.

Items needed for donation for each kit are as follows:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper (approximately 8"x10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper)
- One 30 cm ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 1/2" eraser
- One manual pencil sharpener (the larger handheld ones are best)

These items can be dropped off in the narthex at church. If you would rather make a financial donation, please drop off at church with school kits in the memo line. The youth would be happy to do your shopping for you.



**God's work.**  
**Our hands.**

