

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 2011

Weekly Announcements

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – We commit to God's care, the health and well being of those that we name in our hearts, as well as ...

Pastor Herbert Holz Health Issues; **Janet Krueger** (niece of Howard Helwig) Cancer; **Lauren McDonald** (friend of Madelyn Kazakis) Brain tumor; **Gail Bergeron** (Donna Houle's friend) recovery from surgery and surgical complications; **Louise Gootee** (Doug's mother) health concerns; **Dick Psolla** (friend of Chris and Denise Albrecht) health issues; **Annamarie Rempfer-Brown**, recovery from surgery; **Elmer Riemer**, health issues; **Deborah Campbell** cancer; **David Gibson** (Rick Otte's cousin) health concerns; **Ray Brown** (former member) recovery from cancer surgery; and for those serving in the **Military** (especially those deployed around the world).

AS WE GATHER – We usually hear the account of Jesus feeding the 5,000 during the summer months of the long, green season of the Church Year. This miraculous feeding affirms God's generous and daily provision for all our needs. But also, this miracle propels us forward to receive and confess Jesus' sacrifice for our sins, through the cross. Daily, He feeds us with His grace and forgiveness. His Church continues to be that place of respite where we are fed by holy Words and precious Sacraments from Jesus Himself. Jesus had great compassion on the 5,000 and continues to sustain His Church with His same compassion in the midst of our complex circumstances and needs.

ORDER OF MATINS – This being a fifth Sunday of the month, we join together in worship using the Order of Matins, which begins on page 219.

OUR GUESTS – Welcome to our worship. We are sincerely pleased that you have come to worship with us today. Please sign your name in our guest register found in the Narthex or sign the Guest Card, which is in the pews, and introduce yourself to the Greeters and Pastor.

WORSHIPING TOGETHER – While we encourage families to worship together, a Nursery equipped with a video feed of the church service is located near the fellowship hall. If your child becomes restless during worship, you are welcome to use this facility. An usher would be willing to help you.

CELL PHONES – Please turn your cell phones and other electronic devices off before you come in to worship.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God in celebration of my Mom's 88th birthday by Katie Palmer.

PUT YOUR SAVINGS TO WORK - Term Notes...fixed rate...floating rate...Technical terms in the investment world are sometimes threatening. But when you invest some of your savings in Term Notes through Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), you know they will be well managed in the service of the Gospel. They will be used to offer low-cost loans to congregations for building, expansion and improvement needs. And you will receive the interest that makes your savings grow. Talk to Doug or Marcia Gootee, our local LCEF Representatives, or call 1-800-THE LCEF (843-5233) for more information.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - God surrounds us with people. Some are easy to love and care for, while others are difficult to be around. Jesus said, "*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you*" (John 15:12). Jesus tells us that we cannot pick and choose whom we want to befriend and love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we share God's love with any and all whom God puts in our path. Our awareness that God loves us will compel us to go out and love others.

**BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
WE ARE CHANGED FROM SELF-
CENTERED TO GOD-CENTERED
PEOPLE.**



"And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him Who died for them and was raised again"
(2 Corinthians 5:15).

LOCK THE DOORS – If you are the last to leave the building, please make sure all 3 doors are locked. We have found that the doors are staying unlocked with no one in the building.

PRAYER REQUESTS - To submit request for the prayer chain, please contact Claire at 203-731-7194 or at 978-363-5274, or by email at claireflaherty@verizon.net

SIMPLY GIVING - Immanuel offers an electronic automated giving program. "**Simply Giving**" is a way for your donations to be automatically and regularly deducted from your checking or savings account. If you are interested or have questions please call Deon Picanso at 603-432-1917.

JOB OPENING – The preschool is accepting applications for a hall monitor/stay and play aide. The hours are Tuesday (8:30 am – noon), Wednesday (12:00 pm – 3:30 pm) and Thursday (8:30 am – 3:30 pm). If you are interested in this position, please e-mail the preschool (ics@immanuel-mnh.org) or call Vicky Piller (622-0309).

RALLY DAY - Rally day is right around the corner (Sept. 11). New this year, we will be registering all children for Sunday School. This way we will be sure that all information on your child is current and accurate. Even if your child has been in SS, we are asking that you complete the forms that will be placed in your church mailbox. Your cooperation would be most appreciated. Remember, our goal as parents is to help our children get to heaven, not Harvard!...Harvard costs a lot of money, Sunday School is free!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – please step up and teach. We need your help. We also need subs. Please contact Chris Moser 262-5482 or email: cmoser0404@comcast.net. All you need to qualify is to be a confirmed Lutheran.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER WORKSHOP - (Sunday, Aug. 21 after service) – Have you ever thought about teaching Sunday School, but were afraid to commit because you didn't feel that you could do it. The Concordia Program is very simple to use, if you know how to use it. "It ain't rocket science folks." Even if you are not sure, please come to the workshop.

I and the Board of Christian Education will be hosting a workshop to take the mystery out of teaching. We understand that being handed materials with no instruction on how to use them leads to confusion, frustration and desperation. None of which produce a conducive environment in which to teach. We also plan to be your constant source of support and information throughout the year. You won't be alone.

Lunch will be provided.

TRASH SCHEDULE – There are still several openings in the trash schedule for August and September and the schedule for October through December has been posted.

CLEANING CREW – August 6 - Don & Bonnie Bell, Alex and Andrew

NEXT SUNDAY
(August 7, 2011)
9:00 am

Ushers – Donna Houle, John Schimank, Vera Arvidson
Communion Assistant – Steve Holman
Lector – Rick Otte
Acolyte –
Altar Care – Debbie Holman & Marcia Gootee
Greeters – Ed & Claire Flaherty

THE SAINTS' RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

1st Qtr. Together in Mission Commitment\$500.00
1st Qtr. Missions \$2,638.90

OUR MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Today (7/31) Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
9:00 am..... Worship
After Worship..... K.I.D.S. Stamps
Tues (8/2) 6:30 pm..... Board of Property
Thurs (8/4) 7:30 pm..... Bible Study

Sun (8/7) Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
9:00 am..... Worship/HC