



**Newsletter  
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# St. John & Immanuel Lutheran Churches Tecumseh / Sterling

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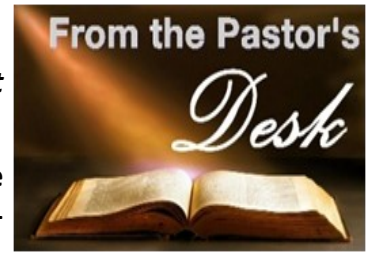
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### The Comfort and Certainty of Faith

***"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."*** (Hebrews 11:1).

Luther writes, ***"One of the noblest and most precious virtues of faith is to close one's eyes to this, [naively] to desist from exploring the why and the wherefore, and cheerfully to leave everything to God. Faith does not insist on knowing the reason for God's actions, but it still regards God as the greatest goodness and mercy. Faith holds to that against and beyond all reason, sense, and experience, when everything appears to be wrath and injustice."*** (Luther's Works, Volume 43, page 52). The comfort and certainty of faith is grounded God's love for you in Jesus, knowing that God is good and will work all things for your eternal good!



But is that how things really feel to us? We live in uncertain times. Just turn the television on or read the newspaper and you will come to the conclusion that things are always changing, some for the better and some not. On top of that, there are the things that come up in our own lives that, can at times, shake our faith in how things are supposed to be. For example, loved ones are not supposed to get sick or die, we are not supposed to have financial problems because we spend our money wisely, we are not supposed to have problems in our relationships but there are those with whom we have strained relationships or they have broken down all together. No, things do not always work out as they should. As a Christian, it is a bit naïve to think that they would or should. After all, we know that the Bible says that we live in a broken world because of sin.

On the other hand, the Bible also tells us that we have been redeemed, that is bought back from sin and Satan, and that we are heirs of eternal life with Christ our Savior! But that does not mean that life in this world will be rosy, either. Rather, that our focus and hope gets shifted from the things of this world to Christ! A little bit later in the chapter, it says that by faith, Abraham ***"was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God."*** (Hebrews 11:10). And that he did not seek his homeland in this world but that he desired ***"better country, that is, a heavenly one."*** (Hebrews 11:16). Abraham looked to something better than this broken world has to offer.

Faith does not look to human understanding to resolve the reasons why bad things happen in this world but looks to Jesus ***"the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."*** (Hebrews 12:2).

The Lord's peace be with you!

**Pastor Kohlmeyer**

# ST. JOHN AND IMMANUEL NEWSLETTER

## Hey, Parents...

Parents, please make sure the Church office knows when your graduate is going off to college. We would like to have their address and email so we can keep them in touch with what is going on in Church.

### Time to get college students signed up for Lutheran campus ministry

As we look ahead to another school year, it's important to help our college students get connected to campus ministry, which can help keep them connected to the Body of Christ through regular worship opportunities, Bible studies, relationships with mature Christians, and fellowship in a Christian atmosphere. Campus ministries give students a place to connect with ministry leaders and other Lutherans while growing in their personal relationship with Christ during their time away at college.

**Help us contact your students!** There are four opportunities in the Nebraska District for students to get connected and deepen their faith. You can [fill in a student's contact information at this link](#) on our website or directly contact one of the ministries listed below.

**Kearney:** [Holy Cross Campus Ministry](#), a ministry of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, serves the students of the University of Nebraska at Kearney through fellowship, Bible study, and a near-campus place to hang out in a Christian atmosphere. HCCM has a Campus House located at 1814 W. 24th St. just south of West Center at UNK.

**Lincoln:** [The Chapel](#) is located close to the city campus of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and shares the love of Christ in many ways, especially through building relationships. Students are invited to attend weekly Sunday worship, Bible huddles, and service projects in the community. The Chapel is also home to a thriving international student outreach, and to [GracePoint Institute for Relational Health](#).

**Omaha:** The Omaha area campus ministry initiative, [Echo](#) (EXW), formerly Living H2O Lutheran Campus Ministry, has a presence at UNO and the other campuses in Omaha. Echo is wholly dedicated to echoing the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the fellowship and discipleship of Christian students. For questions or more information, please contact Rev. Eric Jay at [ejay@stmarkomaha.org](mailto:ejay@stmarkomaha.org) or visit [their website](#).

**Wayne:** [Cup of Grace Lutheran Student Ministry](#) is located just south of the Willow Bowl at Wayne State College. Cup of Grace is a Christian Coffee House that provides a place in Wayne to meet, study and share in the Word of God. Contact Rev. Erik Christensen at [pastorerik@gracewayne.com](mailto:pastorerik@gracewayne.com) for more information. Every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. a free meal is provided, and they offer a Bible study on an evening during the week. The Nebraska District and Grace Lutheran Church are committed to the avenue this provides to the Word of God.

**Outside of Nebraska:** Do you know a student attending college out of state who would like to be connected to an LCMS campus ministry? You can [look for an LCMS ministry](#) near their campus, or fill in their contact information on the LCMS Campus U contact form [at this link](#).



## Welcome



We welcome Wrenley Denae Meyer into  
St. John's Family through Holy Baptism  
on Sunday, August 24th.



## Immanuel VBS



Jerusalem Marketplace was the this year's theme for VBS.

# District Synod & Mission Central News

## ***Run Hard. Rest Well.*** Retreat for Church Workers

**August 16th, 9:00-1:00, CUNE Weller Hall and Auditorium. All church workers in the District are invited**

**Registration is due by August 5**

Are you tired? Is your team? Do they know how to refuel and recharge? Simple and strategic, evidence-informed Restorative Wellness empowers God's people to refill their buckets and navigate crisis, comeback, and recovery by creating a pace and passion for work and rest that is life-giving, transformative, and sustainable. Compelling and practical, ***Run Hard. Rest Well.*** breathes life into teams coast to coast, in person and online. Come! Enjoy the morning retreat. Leave with a Take Home Tool-Kit to use with those you lead and serve. [Click here to learn more and to register for this event.](#)



## **Mission Central News**

Plan now to take a group from your congregation out to visit [Mission Central](#) 2 miles east of Mapleton, Iowa to hear from these missionaries. [What in the world is Mission Central? Click here to read about this not normal place.](#)

**August 21, 2022, 10:00, [Britt and Micah Odemba](#), Kenya**

**October 1, 2022, 1:00, [Rev. Matthew Wood and family](#), Indonesia; 1:30, [Rev. Charles St. Onge and family](#), Montreal**

**October 15, 2022, 1:00, [Mark and Megan Mantey](#), Uganda**

# ANNIVERSARIES, BIRTHDAYS, BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS & GREETERS

## Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Eloise Bartels,  
**Joyce Moss**
- 2 Pam Schmid
- 6 Joyce Kress
- 7 Hannah Carnagey
- 8 Duane Kuhl
- 9 Peggy Borrenpohl,  
**Sharon Williams**
- 10 Christian Frerichs,  
**Emma Thies**
- 11 **Patty Harms**
- 13 Lillianna Redmond
- 15 Kelsi Meyer
- 16 Gary Wilhelm
- 21 Michael Borrenpohl, Jr.,  
Blayzen Kress
- 22 Cindy Lierman,  
Del Lierman, Tony Lintz
- 25 Aaron Kinney
- 26 **Ron Boden**
- 29 Linda Branting
- 31 Judy Nolte

## Anniversary Celebrations

- 13 John & Amy Borrenpohl (28 yrs)
- 28 **Ed & Laura Heiden (28 yrs)**
- 29 Sam & Elaine Kuhl (57 yrs)

## Baptismal Birthdays

- 1 Bryce Borchers
- 2 Alan Schmid
- 7 Brock Saathoff
- 8 Miles Laver
- 9 Victoria Juilfs,  
**Sharon Williams**
- 11 Marcus Griess
- 16 Katherine Miller,  
**Emma Thies**
- 18 Derek Kuhl
- 20 Jennifer Brinkman,  
Danielle Lueders
- 23 Jacob Griess
- 25 John Borrenpohl,  
Hunter Haughton
- 26 Joyce Kress,  
Anthony Schmid

*Immanuel Members in **Bold***

## Greeters

- Aug 7 Dwyane & Janene Bartels  
**Rick & Joyce Thies**
- Aug 14 Rich Bane Family  
**Jim Williams**
- Aug 21 Suzie Ziegler  
**Sharon Williams**
- Aug 28 Justin Miller Family  
**Larry & Donna Rathe**



## MONTHLY SERVANTS OF GOD

### **St. John's**

#### Altar Guild

Jennifer Brinkman

#### Elder of the Month

Kirk Bartels  
(402) 921-0774

#### Trustee of the Month

Marcus Griess  
(402) 209-2283

### **Immanuel**

#### Flower Committee

Kathy Bugher & Sarah Dean

#### Elder of the Month

Jim Williams  
(402) 866-4586

### Acolytes

Aug 7 Jackson Haughton &  
Cadon McDonald

Aug 14

Aug 21 Reese McDonald &  
Sophia Schmid

Aug 28

### Acolytes

Emma Thies  
&  
Sierra Goracke



Pastor office hours: Please call for appointment  
Secretary office hours: Monday—Friday: 8:30 am—12:30 pm



# August 2022

(C) = Services with Holy Communion

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Pastor's Family Day	<b>2</b> Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3	<b>3</b> Joint Elder's Meeting (Immanuel) 7:00 pm	<b>4</b> Preschool Orientation (St. John's) 6:30 pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Nineth Sunday after Pentecost</b> (C) Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am (C) Divine Service [St. John's] 10:30am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Orphan Grain Train (Lincoln) 1:00 – 3:30	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Playground Workday (St. John's) 8:00 am
		Pastor & Family on Vacation August 8 - 22				
<b>14 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am Contemporary Service [St. John's] 10:30 am	<b>15</b> First Day of School (St. John's)	<b>16</b> Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
			Pastor & Family on Vacation August 8 - 22		Johnson County Fair	
<b>21 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> (C) Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am (C) Divine Service [St. John's] 10:30am  Johnson County Parade 5:30	<b>22</b> Pastor's Family Day	<b>23</b> Newsletter Deadline Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3	<b>24</b> Preschool Chapel 9:00 am Joint Board of Ed Meeting (Immanuel) 7:00 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Divine Service [Immanuel] 8:30am Women of Immanuel [Immanuel] 9:30 am Adult Bible Study [St. John's] 9:30 am Divine Service [St. John's] 10:30am	<b>29</b> Pastor's Family Day LLL Brat Feed 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Lloyd Beethe farm)	<b>30</b> Quilting (St. John's) 9 - 3	<b>31</b> Preschool Chapel 9:00 am			Office: 335-3816 Parsonage: 335-9117

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