



Note from Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this congregational newsletter article, my thoughts turn to the multitude of challenges that the people of God face here at Emmanuel and around the world. Illness, aging, marital struggles, financial woes, unemployment, and the instability of many parts of our world give cause for great concern, worry, and uncertainty. Into our existence and its challenges, God enters (*the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...His name shall be Emmanuel [God with us]*). His entry brings HOPE to God's people. In the original Greek, Plato saw our existence determined by our ability to accept the present, remember the past and to expect a future. This future "hope" was always very subjective. It could be deceptive and indeed uncertain except when it was based in scientific investigation. The subjective nature of hope is changed in the Old Testament to an objective reality. In the Old Testament, "Hope is expectation of good. It is linked with trust and yearning, and differentiated from fear. It is not a dream that offers comfort but may also be illusory. The life of the righteous is grounded in a hope that implies a future because its point of reference is God. It is not our own projection but confidence in what God will do. God is our hope (Jer. 17:7). Therefore, God's people are called to do that which is contrary to their fallen nature; they are called to wait upon the Lord. (Is. 30:15)."* The Psalmist says, "*Cease striving and know that I am God*" (Ps. 46). Hope therefore believes that God is actively involved in the lives of His people. The future belongs to the very One who brings it into existence and sustains it; God Himself!!! Through Christ Jesus, we view our life and its challenges. In Christ, atonement for our sins has been made. God's grace has been showered down upon us. In Christ, we now live a baptismal faith that holds dear the very fact that the Spirit of God lives within us. We are members of God's kingdom. Hope has a present and a future expectation. God is hearing our prayers now. God is acting out of His compassion and grace to do for us what is most holy and blessed. Our life is seen in the light of the biblical witness: God watches over His people; God provides for His people, God guides and directs His people and ultimately God will glorify His people. Our prayer becomes one of seeking an ever deepening trust in Almighty God as we confidently pray for His will to be done in our life and the lives of those we love. As life unfolds around us, God invites us to daily take hold of those sacred gifts that will help sustain us: our worship life, our time in the Word of God, our sacramental life, and our prayer life. God gives us these sacred blessings to help us grow in hope and the certainty that God is at work in the life of His people. Listed below are some bible passages that help us in times of struggle and need:

—Psalm 37:25—"*I have been young and now I am old yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken...*"

—Psalm 39:7—"*And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in Thee.*"

—Psalm 55:22—"*Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.*"

—Romans 5:1ff.—"*And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation, brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*"

—1 John 4:4—"*You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.*"

As we look to the future and the challenges we face in our individual lives; let us continually seek the Lord who is the source of our hope and the certainty of our future.

In His blessed Name,

Pastor Michael McFarland

* *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*, edited by Geoffrey W. Bromiley

General Announcements

Echoes Submission Deadline for March is Monday, February 14, 2011.

Emmanuel Co-Ed Bowling League: We will now meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm at SkyLanes. Next Game: February 13. For more information, please contact Brenda McFarland at bhmcfarland@earthlink.net.

LCEF Investors have a heart for ministry. No matter which investment option or service that you select, LCEF can use your investment to provide low-cost loans and services to LCMS ministries, helping them to build or renovate facilities where the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be shared with a world in need of hope and reassurance. While you are bringing the love of Christ to others, your investment is earning interest for you at competitive rates. To see which investment option would work best for you and your family, see your LCEF Congregational Representative, call the district office at 1-800-637-5723, or check the website at www.lcef.org for current rates.

From Dr. Lisa Greene: I will be going back to El Salvador to help the girls of Casa Moraga in February 2011. The girls will be starting the new school year and will be needing basic school supplies, personal care items and tuition assistance. I will be taking monetary donations too and will purchase the supplies there. If you would like to help, please make your donation through the church or directly to *Almas Unidas-Hearts United*. Check may be mailed to 1030 Redfield Drive, Clyde, NC 28721. Questions? Contact me at 508-1747 or at Lmgreene2020@gmail.com.

Offering Envelopes are here. Please pick yours up from the tables in the narthex area. Please note two changes for 2011:

1. There are no Vision 2010 envelopes. If you wish to donate to Vision 2010 please use the Building Fund envelope.
2. BLOOM envelopes have been added for your donations to the new capital campaign. Please indicate on this envelope the designation of your offering.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY: Our next New Member Sunday will be on Sunday, February 27. If you are a visitor who would like to transfer their membership, please contact Pastor McFarland at 828-423-6517, or at pastormcfarland@elcsmail.org.

Scouting Sunday will be held on Sunday, February 20. Look for our local troops to be helping out with services on that day.

STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING: Sunday, February 13, after the late services in the gym.

February ABCCM Collection Item: Diapers. Thank you for your continued support.

Leisurites: Tuesday, February 15 at 11:00 we will meet at the Masonic Lodge. Historian Mark Bennett will speak. Lunch will follow at 12:30 at Tripps. For more details, please see the sign-up sheet.

Golf Coach Needed for ELS Middle School program: Season runs from March—April. If interested, please email Nancy Jankowski, Athletic Director at njankowski@elcsmail.org. Phone: 828-281-8182, ext. 139.

SOUPER BOWL Sunday: The Senior Youth will once again offer the Congregation the opportunity to participate in the annual Souper Bowl on Sunday, February 6. We will have our stock pot out for donations to be given, all funds will go to support the Shelter Lunches that are prepared by Emmanuel. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will offer a maximum of \$300 supplemental funds for Souper Sunday.

Acolyte Training: If you missed being trained on January 9, due to the weather and wanted to be trained, then please contact Elaine Schallhorn at eschallhorn@elcsmail.org or 828-281-8182, ext. 141 and we will make arrangements to train you.

Are you 70 1/2 or older? Did you know you can give directly from your IRA to Emmanuel tax-free? The recent two-year extension of the Charitable IRA legislation, another element to the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, allows people 70 1/2 and older to distribute tax-free funds from their IRA directly to Emmanuel. Please contact your financial advisor for more info. Emmanuel is blessed to have three financial advisors in our congregation that are ready to help you if you don't have an advisor. Thank you.

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—C. Bruce Strum, Merrill Lynch / 828-258-4434 / www.fa.ml.com/Bruce_Strum

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Playground recycling: Kid's Kingdom I is now coming to an end and Kid's Kingdom II will be in place this summer. To assist in this process, we need to find a new home for the current wooden structure. We are looking for an individual or group that might have a use for all of the wood components. It could be utilized for variety of recycled purposes. We would like for an interested party to take it all, rather than sections. We are happy to let it go for free, if they can perform the entire removal. If you are interested, or have a lead for us, please contact the school principal at 281-8182. Thank you.

Groups

Helping Hands for February are June Groh and Bess Kuske. If you know of a need, please contact them or the church. You may retrieve your serving dishes from the cabinet labeled “Helping Hands” in the church kitchen.

Milner Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 7:00 pm in room 104. For more information, please contact Cinthia Milner at 683-1665.

The Outreach Singers sing for local nursing home facilities, rescue missions and prison ministries approximately once a month. For more information, please contact Doug or Martha Greene at 669-0212. Next visit: Laurels of Summit Ridge on Sunday, February 27 at 2:30 pm. Carpoolers—please meet in church parking lot at 2:00 pm.

Women’s Bible Study group led by Deb DeBerry meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in room 104. All women are welcome!

Pastor’s Small Group Meetings are on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:45 pm in room 104. For more info, please contact Pastor McFarland at pastormcfarland@elcsmail.org.

Nordmeyer Small Group Study meets at 6:30 pm on Monday at their home in Haw Creek (call 512-789-1314 for directions).

McMahan/Greene Small Group Study meets at 6:00 pm on Mondays at the McMahan home (call 253-8186 for directions).

Schallhorn Small Group Study meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at their home (call 667-4112 for directions).

Genesis II meets at 10:30 am in room 104 every second Monday of the month. For more information, contact Jean Stiemke at 299-1534. Our next meeting is February 14.

Cub Scouts meet on different days and times of the week depending on the age group. For more information, please contact Julie Strum at 665-9030.

Girl Scouts meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 3:15. There are four different age levels offered. If you would like for your daughter/granddaughter to be a part of this enriching opportunity, contact McKenzie Koon at 298-4488 for more details.

LWML meets on the first Tuesday of the month in the media center. For more information, please contact Elaine Schallhorn at 667-4112. Our next meeting will be February 1.

Shelter Meals: On the first, third and fifth Monday of every month, Emmanuel provides lunch for the local ABCCM men’s veteran shelter ministry. If you would like to help out with cooking or serving, please contact Judith Walter at 545-3097.

Bushwhackers: We need volunteers to help keep down growing weeds, plant and prune shrubs and trees, mulch beds and to maintain our greenway. We gather the 3rd Saturday of each month (except Dec-March.) from 8:00am–12:00. Please contact Gerry Hardesty (299-3315) for more information.

Church Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the music room. Please contact Kevin Lorenz for more information if you are interested in joining.

Handbells meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the music room. Please contact Kevin Lorenz for more information, or if you are interested in joining.

Linus Blankets: Providing security through blankets. Blankets created in Buncombe County go to thirty different agencies, such as hospitals, shelters, police/fire/sheriff departments, etc. Our group meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month in the church Fellowship Hall from 1:30-3:00 pm. Best part—no sewing! Just bring a pair of scissors. For more info, contact Marge Hansel at 670-8975.

Memorials

Received in Honor of:

Ruth Langworthy:

From: Diana Hempel

Fred Stiemke:

From: Ellen Parpart, Mrs. & Mrs. K. Ray Bailey

Thank You

* Thank you to all of our Emmanuel family for cards, meals, and most important, prayers concerning the death of our mother, Ruth Langworthy. Special thanks to all who made our mother's memorial service so special. God's blessing to all of you.—*The DeBerry and Langworthy families*

Youth

Junior Youth:

Saturday, February 19 — Snow Tubing at Moonshine. Time: 10:00 am—12:00 pm. We'll meet at church at 9:15 am. Cost: \$10.

Wednesdays, March 16, 23 & 30—Youth Quake Bible Studies. Dinner will be provided. We will have families sign up to help with dinner for these three Bible studies. Bible study will be in the youth room from 5:00-6:30 pm. On March 23, "Captive Free" will be going to ELC to lead the Bible study and song time to get us ready for Youth Quake.

Sunday, March 13—Youth Sunday and Wii Tournament. Youth will be hosting a Wii tournament after church starting at 12:30 pm. Lunch and concessions will be available.

Saturday, March 19 — Leading Bingo at Emerald Nursing Home. We will meet at church parking lot at 9:50 am to carpool. Activity begins at 10:15 am.

Birthdays

February 1	Kathleen Guy Maria Lang-Piccoli	February 9	Doug Keller	February 23	Peter Causer Elizabeth Hiler
February 2	John Hiler Joye Wilson	February 10	Sharon Johnson	February 24	Jennifer Bixby Adam Greene Isabelle Hampel Justin Kearley
February 4	Betty Banjak Jim Reaves Shari Reaves	February 11	Steve Hollar	February 25	Luis Duran
February 5	Ilene Miller Robert Peterson Byron Williams	February 12	Ronald Kruggel James Mitchell Rachel Lorenz	February 26	Dorothy Hollyly
February 6	Keller King	February 13	Barbara Clark	February 27	Cleta McCall
February 8	Courtney Carpenter Douglas Greene Robert Schell Christine Smith	February 14	Dorland Winkler	February 29	Susan Groh
		February 15	Donna Clark		
		February 16	Cody King		
		February 17	Lincoln Schmitz		
		February 20	M.J. Davis Jennifer Duran Hannah Gleason Bailey Strum		
		February 21			

Anniversaries

February 2	Max and Catherine Bradburn	February 14	Anthony and Monica Crabb
February 9	Richard and Amy Bair	February 21	John and Kathy Hiler

School News

What Are We To Do?

Daniel Webster offered excellent advice, saying, “If we work on marble, it will perish. If we work on brass, time will efface it. If we rear temples, they will crumble to dust. But if we work on men’s immortal minds, if we imbue them with high principles, with just fear of God and love of their fellow men, we engrave on those tablets something which time cannot efface, and which will brighten and brighten to all eternity.”

As our society strays away from God a little more each day, the need for Christian education becomes all the more vital. Emanuel remains a beacon to families in Asheville and beyond.

Enrollment

February is the month in which we pre-enroll current students in our school. Beginning March 1, enrollment is open to the community. Any families interested in enrolling for this fall are urged to contact the school office soon. I especially urge families interested in early childhood to make contact as far in advance as possible, as our waiting list is extensive.

For those children entering kindergarten at ELS this fall, two dates for developmental screening have been announced: February 12 & 26. Don’t delay, as we tend to fill up fast. Contact Caroline Marino to schedule an appointment or to find out more information.

Happenings

ELS recently hosted a regional basketball tournament for Lutheran Schools. Six schools competed. Concordia Lutheran from Conover took first place for both the boys and girls brackets. Thanks to all our members who made the visitors feel so welcomed!

ELS held its annual Geography Bee. Students from grades 4-8 participated. Finalists were:

2nd Place - Zak Lintz

1st place - Emily Shipman

Emily will take a written test to be mailed in to the state to see if she qualifies to participate in the NC State Geography Bee. The state winner will go on to the National Bee in Washington, DC. Congratulations!

Summer is here (well, almost)!

New camp brochures for Summer Rocks will be available soon. This year looks to be our biggest and best ever. Watch for more information.

Investing in Our Children

The Annual Fund campaign is underway. It runs until February 14. Funds will benefit student scholarships. Consider a gift that makes a difference in the life of a child.



Hang On!

When a couple received a rose bush as a gift, they planted and cared for it, eagerly waiting for it to bloom. A few months later, a bud finally appeared. Day by day, it began to fill out. The couple’s anticipation grew when they could see that the rose would be bright red.

One day, they were surprised to notice that the green around the bud had been pulled away and the flower petals were torn apart. They asked their young daughter if she knew what had happened. “I just couldn’t wait any longer,” she said, “so I blossomed it myself.”

The psalmist tells us to “Wait for the LORD ... ” (Psalm 27:14, NRSV). Instead of trying to help God along, let him bring things to fulfillment in his perfect time.

(excerpt taken from Newsletter.Newsletter.com)

SUMMER ROCKS!

at emmanuel lutheran

June 13 - August 12, 2011
Day Camp for children up to rising 9th grade.

- Sports Camps – Field Trips – Science Camp
- Crafts, games, and swimming
- Drama camp featuring a production of Frank Baum's
“The Wizard of Oz” (*auditions June 1st and 2nd 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.*)
- Over 18 camps to choose from!



Passing on the Legacy of Faith

By Mike Heinz and Roger Theimer

In Mark 10:13-16, some of Jesus' disciples were preventing children from getting to Jesus. It is clear that this had been going on for some time before Jesus intervened. The Greek indicates that parents "kept bringing" their children, and the disciples "kept rebuking" them. Jesus was indignant!

What happened next reveals as much about the heart of God as anything, anywhere in Scripture: "And he took the children in His arms, put His hands on them and blessed them."

Imagine this happening in your church repeatedly: the pastor(s) coming into the world of children's ministry and personally engaging with children. Blessing them! Would that turn around the statistics in our churches that indicate we're losing the children? In The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, 55 percent of baptized children are no longer in the church by the time they reach confirmation age. In fact, most of those who leave are gone by age 4!

The mission of the church is at stake! There is no ministry in the church more important than the faith nurture of children. So, what's the solution to the problem? That pastors would pay more attention to children's ministry? That wouldn't hurt! But it's not **THE** answer.

THE answer doesn't take place at church. In most instances, it takes place at home. Faith is most effectively transmitted through close, loving relationships. The family is the best incubator for such closeness. That's why God decrees in Deut. 6:6-9 (NIV) ...

These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

But it's verses 4 and 5 of Deuteronomy 6 that capture the heart of the matter. For centuries, Jewish families have



literally inscribed the words of "The Shema" on the walls of their homes: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

The goal is more than just reading Scripture together or having devotions as a family. The goal is for everyone in the home to fall deeper in love with God! Mom and Dad, it starts with you. You can't take your kids any deeper into the things of God than you yourselves have gone.

Probably the first principle for family faith nurture is this:

Be intentional.

Without intentionality, everything and everyone else around us will set the agenda for our lives. Make your personal growth in faith one of the highest priorities in your life.

Here are some ways for you to take your own faith walk deeper:

- **Establish a specific time for personal Bible reading and prayer.** Give yourself grace when you miss the time, but keep at it. There are numerous Bible reading schedules and strategies on the internet. *Portals of Prayer* (Concordia Publishing House) is a simple devotional resource that always includes God's Word and the Gospel.

- **Pray with your spouse.** In our marriage preparation classes at church, we close the first class by inviting engaged couples to go off by themselves and pray together before they leave the building. Most have never prayed together before. When they return for the second session, they invariably smile as they recount how good it felt to pray together. We both pray with our wives before getting out of bed in the morning.
- **Start a small group with other parents from church.** Include a single parent or two. Ask your pastor or DCE what books they would recommend. Be sure to make time for prayer at the end. Nothing will deepen your faith more than having a support group of Christian friends praying for your needs and for whom you also pray.
- **Start a faith journal.** As you read God's Word, jot down insights for living that day. Later, when you look back, you'll be able to see where and how you've grown. You'll also see patterns that need changing—that's when God's grace and mercy become even more precious as they give us the courage to not give up.

Our children need for us to be intentional about cultivating their faith walk as well. A key principle here is: *Begin with the end in mind.*

Envision now what kind of young man or woman you want your child to be when they head off to college or start working outside your home. Here are a few ideas for growing your kids into champions for God's kingdom . . .

- **Pray for your children's faith and character development.** Bob Hostetler has matched 31 character traits with Scripture verses that you can pray for your children. Praying these Scriptures over your children will grow their faith, and yours as well. Order or create bookmarks with these Scripture prayers on them and give them out to your friends. Start a faith-at-home movement in your church! Just type "31 Biblical Virtues to Pray for Your Kids" into your Web browser.

- **Don't just pray for your kids in your quiet time, away from everyone else.** Pray directly over them, using Scripture as your source. They will naturally begin to value God's Word and His power to shape their character as you pray. One mom in our church speaks a prayer over each of her children before they leave for school every day—whatever is on her heart that day for her child. Her kids are already spiritual champions!

- **Make bedtime a time for prayer.** Light a candle and lie down next to your child. As you snuggle and pray together, you can train him or her about what

is truly important. Reading one verse of Scripture at these times will also train their hearts to look to God's Word for guidance and strength. If you share with them how that verse comes from your own quiet time reflection, it will mean even more.

- **Give your 2-year-old a picture Bible.** Read from it daily, together. Set him on your lap and watch how quickly he will start to memorize the words and "read" along with you.
- **Create a worship kit with your young child.** Buy a heart-shaped box at a craft store and have your child decorate it. Fill it with items that create a worship atmosphere in your child's room: a glow-in-the-dark cross, a special worship candle. One 4-year-old put rocks from a recent walk in her box as a reminder of the beauty of God's creation. Another 4-year-old cleared off her dresser top and put her worship kit there declaring that, from now on, they were going to read from her picture Bible every night.
- **Have regular devotional times as a family.** This will be hard. Our culture screams that so many other things are so important, that the truly important things often get crowded out. One family sets an alarm and when the alarm goes off, everybody knows it's time to put down whatever they're doing and gather for family devotions.
- **Share highs and lows around the dinner table:** "What was a high point for you today? What was a low point?" These highs and lows then become the subject of your family prayer before you leave the table.
- **As your kids get older, have them read and even lead the devotions.** Younger siblings will catch the spirit of faithfulness from their older brothers or sisters.

Approach your family faith walk with these two principles: *Be intentional* and *Begin with the end in mind*. If you do, you—and your children—will be blessed in ways you never anticipated or imagined. God bless you as you pass the legacy of faith to your children!

Rev. Roger Theimer and Mike Heinz serve at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Omaha, Neb. Roger is Associate Pastor of Children's Ministries and also manages King of Kings' Kid's Kount Ministry and Kid's Kount Publishing. Mike serves as Director of Family Ministry as well as leading the Kid's Kount staff. Roger and Mike developed the Faith Legacy Series, a parent training series connecting church and home for the faith formation of children from birth through high school. You can find it at www.kidskountpublishing.com.



Planting Seeds for Healthy Money Management

By Susan Olson

Many of us have heard that “money does not grow on trees.” This statement is especially true if our financial habits are not nurtured with knowledge and “planted” with care—especially when teaching children. As Christians, we strive to practice good stewardship. Unfortunately, the money portion of biblical stewardship is often the most neglected.

Recent survey results indicate societal pressures regarding sound financial strategies. These results emphasize the reasons we must be diligent in teaching good financial habits to children so that money is not “the root of evil” in their future:

- 43 percent of U.S. families spent more than they earned. For each dollar, \$1.22 was spent.¹
- 62 percent of young adults have credit cards.²
- Only 17 percent of young adults have an investment account or IRA.²
- Young adults learn about money management 56 percent of the time from their parents.²
- 41 percent of U.S. adults, greater than 92 million people, gave themselves a grade of C, D, or F on their knowledge of personal finance.³
- Nearly 72 percent of parents surveyed acknowledged that they are their children’s primary source of personal finance education, although 44 percent admit to needing more guidance on how to best teach their children the skills necessary to become financially responsible and successful adults.⁴
- When young adults were asked which aspects of personal finance they wish they had learned more about before entering the workforce, 42 percent said the importance of saving.²

We know that leading by example is the basic key to any successful lesson. Part of a Crown Financial Ministries’ article “Symptoms of financial problems” states that parents can lead by example to prevent the symptoms of financial problems with a few basic principles:

1. Save. “There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise, but a foolish man swallows it up” (Prov. 21:20).

In today’s society, spending and borrowing are promoted, and saving—in order to purchase with cash—is discouraged. It is more in keeping with God’s principles to save for future needs or purchases than to borrow or use credit.

2. Do not make hasty decisions. “The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but every one who is hasty comes surely to poverty” (Prov. 21:5). Patience and consistency, rather than quick decisions and instant

success, are the ways to financial security. One of the best disciplines parents can teach their children is to work to reach a goal.

3. Develop a budget. “Poverty and shame will come to him who neglects discipline, but he who regards reproof will be honored” (Prov. 13:18). Children should learn by parents’ example how to develop and live on a balanced budget. If they don’t, chances are when the children have families of their own, they will continue with the cycle of debt.

Here are a few resources that will help you teach your children good financial stewardship:

Note: Some links on this page will take you to sites outside the control of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We offer these links as suggestions for further information. We are not responsible for the content on these sites.

■ **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** (www.lcefkids.org). This organization promotes active whole life stewardship through the K.I.D.S. (Kids into Discipleship and Stewardship) Saving Stamp Program and K.I.D.S. Count curriculum—for use at home or in classrooms. Go online or call 1-800-843-5233 to learn more.

■ **Crown Financial Ministries** (<http://crown.org>). The mission statement reads: “Equipping people worldwide to learn, apply, and teach God’s financial principles so they may know Christ more intimately, be free to serve Him, and help fund the Great Commission.”

■ **Share Save Spend** (www.sharesavespend.com). Its mission is to help youth and adults achieve Financial Sanity™ by developing and maintaining healthy money habits.

■ **Bible Money Matters** (www.biblemoneymatters.com) is “a Christian personal finance blog that helps regular people dump the chains of debt and live a financially free life.”

■ **Family Education** (www.familyeducation.com). Type “money lessons” in the search box. This site has a lot of great resources for families.

Susan Olson is employed with the LCMS Northwest District as the LCEF Director of Marketing and Volunteers. She also serves as the district’s prayer ministry coordinator.

¹Federal Reserve Study.

²2009 Young Adults Survey by Charles Schwab. Young adult identified as ages 23-28.

³Generation Broke: The Growing Debt of Young Americans.

⁴National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

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February Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1</p> <p>11:00a Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30p Girls Basketball</p> <p>5:30p 7/8 Boys Basketball</p> <p>5:30p LWML Mtg</p> <p>5:30p BBshop Quartet</p> <p>7:00p Barbershop Chorus</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Noon Service</p> <p>8:10/10:00a Chapel</p> <p>10:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>12:45p Pastor's Small Grp</p> <p>3:30p 3/4 Coed Basketball</p> <p>5:30p ELS Wrestling</p> <p>6:30p Handbells</p> <p>7:00p Milner Bible Grp</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p> <p>7:30p Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00a Moms In Touch</p> <p>2:30p Piano Lessons</p> <p>4:30p Girls B-Ball Game</p> <p>4:30p 3/6 Boys B-Ball Game</p> <p>5:30p 3/4 Coed B-Ball Game</p> <p>5:30p 7/8 Boys B-Ball Game</p> <p>6:30p Parish Admin Mtg</p> <p>7:00p Worship Team</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:00p Cub Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:30p Girls Basketball Practice</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Supper Bowl Fundraiser</p> <p>8:30a Church Service</p> <p>9:45a Sunday School</p> <p>11:00a Church Services</p> <p>12:15p Outreach Mtg</p> <p>7:00p Baldwin Sm Grp</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Shelter Lunch</p> <p>12:45p Pastor's Small Grp</p> <p>3:00p Choir Practice</p> <p>3:30p ELS Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30p 7/8 Boys Basketball</p> <p>5:30p PTL Meeting</p> <p>6:00p McMahan Bible Grp</p> <p>6:30p Nordmeyer Bible</p> <p>7:00p Kaeding/Baker Bible</p> <p>7:00p Schallhorn Bible Grp</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00a Staff Meeting</p> <p>1:30p Linus Blankets</p> <p>2:30p Pep Rally</p> <p>4:30p Senior Night</p> <p>4:30p Girls Basketball Game</p> <p>5:30p 7/8 Boys B-Ball Game</p> <p>6:30p 3/6 Boys B-Ball Game</p> <p>5:30p BBshop Quartet</p> <p>7:00p Barbershop Chorus</p> <p>7:00p Worship Team Mtg</p> <p>8:00p Biltmore Volleyball</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Noon Service</p> <p>8:10/10:00a Chapel</p> <p>8:30a ELS Spelling Bee</p> <p>10:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>12:45p Pastor's Small Grp</p> <p>3:30p Girls Basketball</p> <p>5:30p ELS Wrestling</p> <p>6:30p Handbells</p> <p>7:00p Milner Bible Grp</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p> <p>7:30p Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:00a Moms In Touch</p> <p>2:30p Piano Lessons</p> <p>4:30p 3/6 Boys B-Ball Game</p> <p>5:30p 3/4 Coed B-Ball Game</p> <p>7:00p Worship Team</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3:15p 3/4 Coed Basketball</p> <p>4:00p Cub Scouts</p> <p>4:30p Girls Basketball</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00a Kindergarten Dial Testing</p> <p>3:00p 4th Grade Class Project</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:30a Church Service</p> <p>9:45a Sunday School</p> <p>11:00a Church Services</p> <p>ECE-Older singing at 11a</p> <p>STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING</p> <p>12:15p 4th Grade Class Mtg</p> <p>2:00p Bowling Group</p> <p>7:00p Baldwin Sm Grp</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day</p> <p>10:30a Genesis II</p> <p>12:45p Pastor's Small Grp</p> <p>3:15p Girl Scouts</p> <p>4:30p Girls Basketball Game</p> <p>5:30p Cub Scouts</p> <p>1:45p ELS Wrestling</p> <p>6:00p McMahan Bible Grp</p> <p>6:30p Nordmeyer Bible</p> <p>7:00p Kaeding/Baker Bible</p> <p>7:00p Schallhorn Bible Grp</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:00a Staff Meeting</p> <p>11:00a Leisurites</p> <p>4:30p Girls Basketball Game</p> <p>5:30p 7/8 Boys B-Ball Game</p> <p>5:30p BBshop Quartet</p> <p>6:30p 3/6 Boys B-Ball Game</p> <p>7:00p Barbershop Chorus</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Noon Service</p> <p>8:10/10:00a Chapel</p> <p>10:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>12:45p Pastor's Small Grp</p> <p>3:00p ELS Cheer Practice</p> <p>3:30p 3/6 Boys Basketball</p> <p>3:00p Girls Basketball</p> <p>5:30p Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:00p SMT Mtg</p> <p>6:30p Handbells</p> <p>7:00p Milner Bible Grp</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p> <p>7:30p Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00a Moms In Touch</p> <p>2:30p Piano Lessons</p> <p>4:30p Girls B-Ball Game</p> <p>5:30p 7/8 Boys B-Ball Game</p> <p>6:00p BOD Mtg</p> <p>7:00p Worship Team</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3:15p 3/4 Coed Basketball</p> <p>4:00p Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30p Cheer Lock-In</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00a 3hr Youth Snow Tubing at Moonshine</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Scouting Sunday</p> <p>8:30a Church Service</p> <p>9:45a Sunday School</p> <p>11:00a Church Services</p> <p>7:00p Baldwin Sm Grp</p>	<p>21 President's Day</p> <p>Shelter Lunch</p> <p>12:45p Pastor's Small Grp</p> <p>3:30p Girls Basketball</p> <p>5:30p 7/8 Boys Basketball</p> <p>6:00p McMahan Bible Grp</p> <p>6:30p Nordmeyer Bible</p> <p>7:00p Kaeding/Baker Bible</p> <p>7:00p Schallhorn Bible Grp</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:00a Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30p ELS Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:30p Girls Basketball</p> <p>5:30p 7/8 Boys Basketball</p> <p>5:30p BBshop Quartet</p> <p>7:00p Barbershop Chorus</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Noon Service</p> <p>8:10/10:00a Chapel</p> <p>10:30a Women's Bible Study</p> <p>12:45p Pastor's Small Grp</p> <p>3:30p 3/6 Boys Basketball</p> <p>3:00p Girls Basketball</p> <p>5:30p SMT Mtg</p> <p>6:30p Handbells</p> <p>7:00p Milner Bible Grp</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p> <p>7:30p Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:00a Moms In Touch</p> <p>2:30p Piano Lessons</p> <p>Basketball Tournament - VCA</p> <p>7:00p Worship Team</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Basketball Tournament - VCA</p> <p>4:00p Cub Scouts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:00a Kindergarten Dial Testing</p> <p>Basketball Tournament - VCA</p>
<p>27</p> <p>New Member Sunday</p> <p>8:30a Church Service</p> <p>9:45a Sunday School</p> <p>11:00a Church Services</p> <p>2:30p Outreach Singers</p> <p>7:00p Baldwin Sm Grp</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12:45p Pastor's Small Grp</p> <p>3:15p Girl Scouts</p> <p>5:30p Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:00p McMahan Bible Grp</p> <p>6:30p Nordmeyer Bible</p> <p>7:00p Kaeding/Baker Bible</p> <p>7:00p Schallhorn Bible Grp</p> <p>7:30p Biltmore Volleyball</p>					

February Server List

SERVICE TIMES	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION SERVERS	LECTORS	GREETERS	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Sunday February 6 <i>Souper Bowl</i>	8:30 HC Reed Schmelzle	Luke Schmelzle Zeke Schmelzle	Luke Schmelzle	Patti Reece, Don Spude	Christine Smith
	11:00 Worship Luke McFarland	—	Patrick Ridgeway	Steve & Cyndi Slocumb P&W Doug & Martha Greene	Kim Noel
Sunday February 13 <i>State of The Church Mtg</i>	8:30 Worship Karel Koon	—	Landon Hensley	Matt & Christine Smith	Sharon Norris
	11:00 HC Samuel McFarland	Doug Piercy Kathy Ridgeway	Doug Piercy	Teenie Smathers, Cymantha Waites P&W Mark & Nancy Jankowski	
Sunday February 20 <i>Scouting Sunday</i> (help with ushering)	8:30 HC Jessica Kearley (or Scout)	Lary Schulhof Karl Koon	Lary Schulhof	Ken and Barb Schmitz (Scouts)	Kay Throp
	11:00 Worship Brooke Reave (or Scouts)	—	Nicholas Black	Bruce & Julie Strum (Scouts) P&W Shirley Wilson, Don Baker (Scouts)	
Sunday February 27 <i>New Member Sunday</i>	8:30 Worship Hannah Bair	—	Sharon Norris	Walter & Alice Smith	Barb Schmitz
	11:00 pm HC Bailey Strum	Ray Bailey Gerry Hardesty	Ray Bailey	Carole Williams, Lisa Wooten P&W Rich & Lisa Baldwin	
Usher Schedule Sunday 8:30: Team 3 - Bernard Smith, George Banjak Sunday 11:00: Team 12 - Donny Luke, Ed DeBerry, James & Phillip Leyva, Patrick Ridgeway Helping Hands: June Groh and Bess Kuske			Altar Guild Sunday 8:30: George & Betty Banjak Sunday 11:00: Mitch Huff / P&W Sherry Rauschenplat Counters: Ed and Deb DeBerry		

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Rev. Dr. Michael McFarland, Pastor
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Sunday School & Bible Classes —9:45 am
Sunday Liturgical Worship Services —8:30 and 11:00 am
Praise & Worship Service —11:00 am (gym)
Wednesday Communion Service —Noon

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