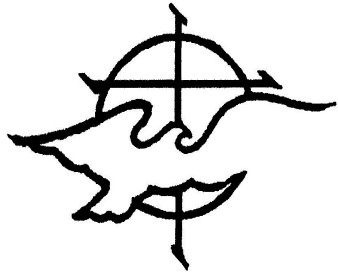


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EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

August 2011 Echoes

Note from Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

The Apostle Paul writes to the faithful Christians in Philippi and gives to them these words of hope and encouragement, "My God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Philippians 4)

How appropriate those words are for us today as we live in the midst of so much uncertainty. Often the message from the news media fills us with fear and grave apprehension about the state of our nation and world. It is easy to become filled with a sense of utter despair as we look to our future and to the future of our children. Almighty God gives us His Holy Word which bears life-changing testimony to the fact that in the mist of economic ups and down, health struggles, challenges to the family unit, and the battles of aging; "Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, today, and forevermore." (Hebrews 13:8) Throughout the Bible, God's people have faced challenging times and uncertain futures. God raised up the prophet Jeremiah to address God's people in the midst of one such time. The nation of Judah had been conquered by the pagan ruler Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians. Families were torn apart, the city of Jerusalem was in ruins, and the very temple of God has been looted and destroyed. The people had their very existence torn from them as they were led away as slaves never to see Jerusalem again. In fact, Lamentations is Jeremiah's observation of the suffering, pain and helplessness of God's people at this moment in their existence. However, Jeremiah is called by God to speak a message of hope and of the compassion of God for His precious people. Jeremiah says, "God will turn their mourning into joy, God will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow." (Jer. 31)

Hope, comfort, compassion, and the grace of God for His precious people are His healing gifts to each of us; even today! Paul affirms to us that God supplies our needs. The Apostle John writes, "We know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him...There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. "(1 John 4) As the redeemed people of God, let us take hold of His precious promises and gifts to each of us (the body of Christ). As God has led, provided for and comforted His people throughout the ages; so too in our time God shall abundantly supply for the needs of His people. The writer of Hebrews implores us, "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4)

The Apostle Peter says to us today, "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To Him be the dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 5)

May God continue to supply all your needs in Christ Jesus,

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Michael McFarland

Call for Associate Pastor Position

As Emmanuel Lutheran Church and School moves boldly into the grace-filled future our precious Savior and Lord Jesus Christ has prepared for us; we lift our prayers heavenward in praise and thanksgiving. **This past Sunday, the Voters' Assembly of Emmanuel was led by the Holy Spirit to call Rev. Mark Seaman to serve as Associate Pastor at Emmanuel.** Let us pray for Rev. Seaman, his family, and the parish he currently serves in Corpus Christi, TX. May God's holy will be accomplished and His kingdom furthered both here, in Corpus Christi, and indeed around the world.

General Announcements

Echoes Submission Deadline for September is Monday, August 15, 2011.

Pastor McFarland will be out of the office August 1 through August 12. Please contact Pastor Kaeding at 687-7821 with any Pastoral emergencies.

Prayer Breakfast: Saturday, September 10, 2011, 9:00 am-11:00 am. Prayer has always been a part of the life of a Christian; it's what Christians do! It certainly is what the early church did. This is how the fellowship of believers is described in Acts 2:42: "They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." What was that again? "... and to prayer." You are invited to the Emmanuel fellowship of believers "in prayer" on Saturday morning September 10th. You are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a light breakfast and for prayer. We will have a time of worship, a teaching on prayer, a sharing of some scripture prayer jewels, and we will pray. We will pray in one group and in small groups. We will give thanks for the prayer warriors of Emmanuel's prayer chain, with an encouragement for new prayer warriors, and we will inaugurate two new prayer ministry opportunities. Please circle September 10th on your calendar. This Prayer Breakfast will be hosted by Pastor Art and Kathy Gillespie.

Monday Night Bible Study on the Book of Revelation begins on September 12, 2011. During the history of the church whenever secular securities are swept away it seems that mankind turns to the Book of Revelation. Why? I believe that Revelation is one of the most hope-filled books of Scripture. I therefore invite you to come and see for yourself. Come and see Hope in action! See you on Monday, September 12 at 7:00 pm in room 104. If you have questions about the class, please contact Jean Stiemke at 299-1534.

Leisurites will be touring the Wilsonart International plant at 10:30 am on Tuesday, August 16. Directions: take Hendersonville Road (US 25) to Fletcher. After passing the city limit sign, take the first turn to the left. This is Old Airport Road. Go 1.6 miles to the Fletcher Business Park on the left. Turn left and go .3 miles to the Wilsonart entrance on the right. Follow the signs to the Visitor's parking lot. We will meet in front of the building. Lunch will follow at Kosta's Kitchen in Fletcher.

Prayer Ministry at Emmanuel. We are a praying congregation. Each Sunday we have a Prayer List available to us and we join in prayer during worship. We also have a Prayer Chain of people ready and willing to pray when requests come through the church office. On Sunday, August 21 we will introduce two new parts of Emmanuel's Prayer Ministry. We are praying that many will consider becoming a part of the prayer chain or one of the new ministries. Pastor's Prayer Partners is a group committed to pray for Pastor McFarland and his family on a regular basis. We will provide a prayer card to help you. Prayer Partners is a ministry of prayer teams of two willing to pray with people after each Sunday service. Sometimes those prayers will be for the person and sometimes they will be for others. Explanation sheets will be available where you get your Sunday bulletin beginning August 21. You can join one of these prayer ministries using these sheets and turn them in to the church office. Everyone is invited to the Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, September 10 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 9:00 am. Pastor Arthur and Kathy Gillespie will host and lead this event. Mark your calendar and plan to experience Emmanuel at Prayer.

The Rite of Confirmation and New Member Sunday will be held on August 21 at all services.

Small Group Ministry Training session will be held on Saturday, August 27 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Lutheridge.

There will be a BOD Strategic Planning Session at Lutheridge on Saturday, August 27 in the afternoon.

The Dedication of Kids' Kingdom II and the Blessing of our teachers and precious children as they return to school will occur on Sunday, August 28 at all three services.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study Hour resumes beginning on Sunday, August 7. The Adult Class meets in the sanctuary and resumes it's study of the Theology of Luke and Acts of the Apostles.

After Care Instructor: (Available for Fall 2011) Part-time position; typical hours from 3:00-5:30 pm whenever school is in session. Candidate must be good with children. Experience or training in education a requirement. Send resume or stop by the school office for an application. 281-8182 or email principal@elcsmail.org.

Choir and Handbells will resume on Wednesday, August 31. Handbells will meet at 6:30 pm and Choir will meet at 7:30 pm in the music room. For more info about joining, contact Dr. Lorenz at 252-1795, ext. 135.

Simply Giving. If you would like your tithes and/or offerings to be given through "direct deposit," please see Jerry or Fran McMahan, our Financial Secretaries. This program, made possible by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, enables us to keep our Lord's gifts as our first gifts.

Groups

Helping Hands for August are Marta Keller and Clea McCall. 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.

Monday Night Bible Study meets on Mondays at 7:00 pm in room 104. For more information, please contact Marge Hansel at 670-8975. This group will break for the summer and resume on Monday, September 12.

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: Sunday, August 7 at 6:30 pm at the Women’s Correctional Center in Black Mountain (carpoolers meet at 6:00); and Sunday, August 28 at Beystone rehab at 2:30 (carpoolers meet at 2:00).

Women’s Bible Study group led by Deb DeBerry meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 am in room 104. All women are welcome! This group will break for the summer and resume in the fall.

Pastor’s Small Group Meetings are on Mondays and Wednesdays at 12:45 pm in room 104. For more information, please contact Pastor McFarland at pastormcfarland@elcsmail.org. Note: This group will NOT meet the first two weeks of August.

Nordmeyer Small Group Study meets at 6:30 pm on Mondays 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). This group will break for the summer and resume in the fall.

Schallhorn Small Group Study meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at their home (call 667-4112 for directions). This group will break for the summer and resume in the fall.

Kaeding Small Group Study meets on Mondays at 7:00 pm at their home (call 687-7821 for directions). This group will break for the summer and resume again in the fall.

Genesis II meets at 10:30 am in room 104 every second Monday of the month. For more info, contact Jean Stiemke at 299-1534.

Cub Scouts meet on different days/times of the week depending on the age group. For more info, 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 info, please contact Elaine Schallhorn at 667-4112.

Shelter Meals: On the first, second, 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. This group will break during the summer and resume on Wednesday, August 31.

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. This group will break during the summer and resume on Wednesday, August 31.

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.

Junior Youth

Friday, September 9—OPEN GYM—We will play a game of “Moonball” and have Bible study. Time: 6:00-8:00 pm. Place: ELS Gym.

Sunday, September 11—YOUTH SUNDAY—We will help out at all three services.

Ways You Can Offer Comfort, Hope and God's Grace

GET INVOLVED IN EMMANUEL'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM! Sunday School Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 11th. Words can not describe the life-long impact of planting the depth of God's Word in the soul of another human being. Isaiah tells us, "so shall [God's] word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (Isa. 55) Teachers are needed to support the richness of our Catechesis Program, Sunday School Classes for our children, youth, and adults. May God use you to convey the Gospel of Jesus Christ to another in a way that impacts them for eternity!!!

Small Group Ministry Leaders help give adults the opportunity to mutually encourage, pray for and apply God's Word to the challenges of daily adult life. Tremendous Christian care and support find depth in small group settings as members pray for one another, walk along side one another in the midst of life's challenges and the joy of God's abundant mercy and grace one with another. Emmanuel is preparing its 2011-12 Small Group Offerings. On Saturday, 27 August we will hold Small Group Ministry Training for 9 to 1 at Lutheridge. Contact Rich Baldwin if you are interested in this ministry of care, compassion, and mutual support in Christ Jesus.

STEPPING STONES FOR OUR FAMILIES! When the Small Catechism was written, Luther intended that the focus of spiritual nurture be the home rooted in the family unit. This Fall, Emmanuel will offer a wonderful training for families enabling them to convey the Blessings of God to their children. On three consecutive Tuesday evenings (Sept. 13, 20, 27) beginning at 530 p.m. we will host **Stepping Stones. Faith Stepping Stones is a family ministry system that pulls parents into the role of primary faith mentors for their own children every night in every home.** Faith incubation doesn't happen in a vacuum. It doesn't happen overnight. It must be nurtured over time. Faith Stepping Stones is a process that bonds parents and children into the body of Christ at eight crucial moments in parenting and leads them to incubate faith every night in every home. It provides faith-based parenting education from cradle to graduation through a series of eight short-courses. Each course brings parents and children together for fun and learning, and ends at the altar with a special blessing service. Through this process, parents and children develop nightly faith practices that includes blessing, prayer, scripture reading, sharing of Highs & Lows, faith dialogue, and a nightly "I'm sorry" before turning out the lights on the day. This "every night in every home" ritual blesses the child, gifts the family, and calls parents to their promise while incubating faith.

Blessing of Our Children: As we prepare for the 2011-2012 academic year, Emmanuel believes in the importance of Blessing our Children and praying for our teachers (both in public school and Christian school settings). At all three services on Sunday, August 28, we will invite the children and teachers to come forward for prayer and a blessing. We want Almighty God to bless our teachers as they live out their vocations of service and we want God's Almighty blessing to reside upon our precious children. Plan to attend this special day which will also include the DEDICATION OF OUR PLAYGROUND and a wonderful Church/School Luncheon to follow! Please mark your calendars now for this important day in our church year.

Birthdays

August 1	Evan Hensley Kerry Koon	Bryan Berliner Casey Parker	August 22	Tammera Freeman Kelly Koon	
August 2	Bob Balance Shannon Black	August 13	August 23	Alexander Arldt	
	Steve Slocumb	Jill Arldt	August 24	Patrick James Harold Neuenkirchen	
August 3	John Wilson	Joel Helms		McKinley Schmitz	
August 4	Judy Clark	Christi Lorenz	August 25	Shirley Parker	
	June Groh	August 14	August 26	Kimberly Greene Ian McCarthy	
	Jones Rich	August 16		August 27	Landon Hensley
August 5	Bernard Smith	August 17	August 29	Mike Fastenau	
August 7	Jay Keller	August 18	August 30	Joshua Wilson	
August 10	Ellie McCormac	August 19	August 31	Melanie Gillan Donny Luke	
	Lee Poppy			Mitchell McCall	
August 11	Ronald Brock Matthius Neuenkirchen	August 21			
	Christelle Nordmeyer				
August 12	Andre Benson				

School News

“I Would Plant an Apple Tree”

Martin Luther was once asked what he would do if he knew that the world was coming to an end tomorrow, and he said: “I would plant an apple tree.” In other words, Luther, trusting in God’s gracious, unmerited mercy would live life just as he had been living it. When John Wesley was asked the same thing, being an obsessive-compulsive type, he said that he would arise at 4:00 AM, preach at 5:00 visit the sick at 7:00, go to communion at 8:00...etc., until the questioner realized that that was exactly what Wesley had planned to do tomorrow anyway!

We can dare to live in faith and hope and love now; trusting God for whatever the future holds, because we believe that God holds the future, and that God’s Name and God’s Nature are love. Even when much uncertainty surrounds us, we are anchored in the certainty that we are children of God, that He loves us, and that we will be taken care of. God has a plan. What peace!

Update on the Playground

The new playground is in the final stages of construction. A work day to lay sod, paint, etc. will be scheduled for a Saturday in August. A commissioning ceremony for Kids Kingdom 2 is scheduled for August 28. We plan to celebrate the re-opening after the services. Watch for more details soon.

Upcoming Events

August

- 1-5 Musical Journey Camp (closed-full); Outdoor Adventure Camp (closed-full); Wizard of Oz
- 6 & 7 Performances of Wizard of Oz at the Asheville Contemporary Dance Theatre
- 8-12 Gymnastic Camp; Fieldtrip Extravaganza Camp (closed-full)
- 12 Summer Rocks ends
- 15 Teachers report back
- 22 Forms & Fees Day for K-8 families (11:00-7:00); first day for ECE
- 24 First Day for K-8 Students (11:00 dismissal; Extended Care Open)
- 28 Kid’s Kingdom 2 commissioning/Teacher Dedication /Children’s Blessing/Luncheon after late services

Did You Know?

According to LCMS statistics, over the past decade at Emmanuel Lutheran School, the number of children baptized as a direct result of contact with the school is 38. The number of adult baptisms or confirmations as a direct result of the school is 23. Praise God for the impact the school has on our community!

Also, Principal Luke Schmelzle has written several pieces that will be featured in the upcoming *2011-12 LCMS School Chapel Talks*.

Anniversaries

August 1	Brian and Jill Arldt	August 14	David and Kathe Ruche
August 4	Glenn and Shannon Black	August 17	Roy and Sue Morrison
	Doug and Linda Hemmingsen	August 21	Robert and Lucy Schell
	William and Gail Schmidt		Stuart and Kay Throp
August 7	Michael and Jennifer Ausbrooks	August 22	Daniel and Anitta Charlson
	Mark and Nancy Jankowski	August 27	Fred and Helen Cline
August 10	George and Carol Bergholz		Charles and Karyn Staicar
	David and Helen Jankisko	August 31	Albert and Sharon Riegal
	Sam Park and Jin Hee Kang		Melvin and Helen Walsh
August 13	Richard and Lisa Baldwin		

Emmanuel Lutheran School's summerROCKS!

Production Of



The Wizard of Oz

by Frank Baum

Two Great Performances!

Saturday, August 6th at 7:00 PM

Sunday, August 7th, at 2:00 PM

at Asheville Contemporary Dance Theatre

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Tickets are \$10.00 adults & \$5.00 ages 3 - 12

Tickets may be purchased at the door.

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Sunday School teachers serve in a position of honor!

You have been called – chosen – and with the materials we have, you're equipped and ready to teach!

HELP WANTED

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers

Be part of a team!

We are currently recruiting for Sunday School teachers and teacher helpers in Sunday School classes for preschoolers through grade 5 for this coming school year. No experience is necessary. If you have the love of Jesus down in your heart, you can teach the little children about Jesus.

All lesson materials, including teacher guides are provided. Additional resources are available in the Sunday School file cabinet.

We would like to have a "team teacher" approach to each class so no one person is expected to teach every Sunday for an entire school year. If you think you might be interested in leading a class or being an extra set of hands in a classroom, consider "shadowing" a teacher for a week or two. We can provide you with the materials for the lessons so you can see how the teacher uses the curriculum and the materials.

If you're not ready to commit to being a team teacher, please consider being a substitute teacher, filling in when someone is out of town.

Need more information? See Kay Thorp or call her at 298-7640.

Want to help but still hesitant? See Deuteronomy 31:6.

Teachers for adult classes are also needed. Do you find adults more engaging? We have opportunities for adult Sunday School teachers too!

August Server List

SERVICE TIMES	ACOLYTES	COMMUNION SERVERS	LECTORS	GREETERS	CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Sunday August 7 8:30 HC 11:00 Worship	TBA Rob McCormac	Lary Schulhof Karl Koon — P&W Jerry McMahan	Lary Schulhof Phillip Leyva	Don and June Groh Steve and Cyndi Slocumb P&W Shirley Wilson and Don Baker	Luke Schmelzle
Sunday August 14 8:30 Worship <i>The Prodigals Sing</i> 11:00 HC	Karel Koon Luke McFarland	— Ray Bailey Gerry Hardesty P&W Don Baker	Marta Keller Ray Bailey	Claude and Sue Harris Lucy Schell and Teenie Smathers P&W Rich and Lisa Baldwin	Elaine Schallhorn Jim Reaves
Sunday August 21 8:30 HC 11:00 Worship	Reed Schmelzle Bailey Strum	Jim Lawson Stuart Thorp — P&W Rich Baldwin	Jim Lawson Nicholas Black	Minnie Hollar and Ilse Miller Bruce and Julie Strum P&W Janet Bennett and Gloria Connell	Kay Thorp
Sunday August 28 8:30 Worship <i>Blessing of Children/ Playground / Teacher Dedication</i> 11:00 Worship	Jessica Kearley Bryan Carpenter	— — P&W Jerry McMahan	Marjorie Locke Deb DeBerry	Ken and Barb Schmitz Carole Williams and Ken Bailey P&W James and Tracey Carpenter	Christine Smith Kim Noel
Usher Schedule			Altar Guild		
Sunday 8:30: Team 3 - Bernard Smith, Jim Mitchell, George Banjak			Sunday 8:30: Carol Bergholtz		
Sunday 11:00: Team 12 - Donny Luke, Ed DeBerry, James and Phillip Leyva, Patrick Ridgeway			Sunday 11:00: Irene Kaeding / P&W Martha G., Fran M., Sherry R.		
Sunday P&W: Pete & Sherry Rauschenplat					
Helping Hands: Marta Keller and Cleta McCall			Counters: Landon and Melanie Hensley		

August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Shelter Lunch 12:45p Pastor's Small Group 7:00p Nordmeyer Bible</p>	<p>2 11:00a Staff Meeting 3:30p Volleyball Practice 5:30p LWML 5:30p BBshop Quartet 7:00p Barbershop Chorus</p>	<p>3 Noon Service 3:30p Volleyball Practice</p>	<p>4 6:30p Parish Admin Mtg 7:00p Worship Team</p>	<p>5 5:30p Softball Practice</p>	<p>6 7:00p ELS Drama Camp Performs "Wizard of Oz" At A'ville Contemp Theatre</p>
<p>7 8:30a Church Service 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Church Services 2:00p ELS Drama Camp Performs "Wizard of Oz" At A'ville Contemp Theatre 6:30p Outreach Singers</p>	<p>8 Shelter Lunch 10:30a Genesis II 12:45p Pastor's Small Group 3:00p Soccer Practice 6:30p BOD Mtg 7:00p Nordmeyer Bible</p>	<p>9 11:00a Staff Meeting 1:30p Linus Blankets 3:00p Soccer Practice 5:30p BBshop Quartet 7:00p Barbershop Chorus</p>	<p>10 Noon Service</p>	<p>11 7:00p Worship Team</p>	<p>12 <u>SUMMER ROCKS ENDS</u> 5:30p Softball Practice</p>	<p>13 </p>
<p>14 <u>THE PRODIGALS SING</u> 8:30a Church Service 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Church Services</p>	<p>15 <u>ELS TEACHERS RETURN ECE CLOSED FOR THE WEEK</u> Shelter Lunch 12:45p Pastor's Small Group 3:00p Soccer Practice 7:00p Nordmeyer Bible</p>	<p>16 <u>STAFF PHOTOS</u> 10:30a Leisurites 11:00a Staff Meeting 3:00p Soccer Practice 3:30p Volleyball Practice 5:30p BBshop Quartet 7:00p Barbershop Chorus</p>	<p>17 <u>STAFF CPR TRAINING</u> Noon Service 12:45p Pastor's Small Grp 3:30p Tennis Practice</p>	<p>18 3:30p Tennis Practice 7:00p Worship Team</p>	<p>19 3:30p Tennis Practice 5:30p Softball Practice</p>	<p>20 8:00a Bushwhackers</p>
<p>21 <u>NEW MEMBER SUNDAY</u> 8:30a Church Service 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Church Services</p>	<p>22 <u>FIRST DAY ECE OPEN ELS FORMS & FEE DAY</u> 11a-7p 12:45p Pastor's Small Group 5:30p New ELS Family Mtg 7:00p Nordmeyer Bible</p>	<p>23 11:00a Staff Meeting 3:30p Soccer Practice 3:30p Volleyball Practice 5:30p BBshop Quartet 7:00p Barbershop Chorus</p>	<p>24 <u>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL ELS K-3</u> (early dismiss at 11:00a) Noon Service 12:45p Pastor's Small Grp 3:30p Volleyball Practice 3:30p Soccer Practice 3:30p Cross Country</p>	<p>25 3:30p Soccer Practice 3:30p Volleyball Practice 7:00p Worship Team</p>	<p>26 3:30p Cross Country 3:30p Tennis Practice 5:30p Softball Practice</p>	<p>27 9a-1p Small Group Leader RETREAT at Lutheridge BOD Mtg at Lutheridge in the afternoon</p>
<p>28 <u>BLESSING OF CHILDREN PLAYGROUND / TEACHER DEDICATIONS</u> 8:30a Church Service 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Church Services 12:30p Luncheon 2:30p Outreach Singers</p>	<p>29 Shelter Lunch 12:45p Pastor's Small Group 3:30p Volleyball Practice 7:00p Nordmeyer Bible</p>	<p>30 11:00a Staff Meeting 3:30p Soccer Practice 3:30p Volleyball Practice 5:30p BBshop Quartet 7:00p Barbershop Chorus</p>	<p>31 8:10/10a ELS Chapel Noon Service 12:45p Pastor's Small Grp 3:30p Tennis Practice 3:30p Cross Country 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir</p>			

Caregiver Corner—For those who provide care for a loved one

TRUST

Dear God, circumstances are out of control and so am I. Help!

I am frustrated! The agency has now sent out three different people to assess her care. One says she needs therapy to strengthen her leg, while the next one disagrees. The third said she'll get back to me. I'm still waiting! Whom can I trust?

I am worried. She always did her own shots before. Now she's putting her trust in me.

I am embarrassed. The neighbors say it is not a bother to stay while I make another quick trip to get something she needs, but I just can't ask them any more. Her personality is changing, and it makes them uncomfortable. I just don't know what to do!

My son doesn't have time to mow the yard. The grandchildren have called again begging me to come to their musical. There's so much going on in my life. Changes. Challenges. Choices. Right now life looks hopeless. Help!

GOD'S WORD

"For those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you." Psalm 9:10

Beloved Caregiver, David killed the G-I-A-N-T with a single stone. While others thought the situation was hopeless and the giant was too big to hit, David thought the giant was too big to miss! To see your circumstances with human eyes is to see a hopeless end. But to look at your Goliath-sized obstacles through the grace-filled eyes of My Son, Jesus, you will find endless hope. I promise!

My promises do not mean that if you trust in Me, you will escape the disappointments, discouragement, and doubts that are all a part of your caregiving journey. They do, however, guarantee that *I will never leave you*, no matter what you face! Trust in My faithfulness. Focus on those who trusted Me, such as Daniel in the lion's den, and Noah, who built the ark when he had not seen rain. (Read Daniel 6:1–28 and Genesis 6:9–9:17).

Read My Word and you will see my faithfulness everywhere, and your heart will be elevated from daily distractions to lasting confidence. Look to Me for strength and I will always be there for you.

(Excerpted from **JOY-spirations for Caregivers** by Dellinger and Boerger)

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases, adults—continue learning despite the hardships they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. We'll be creating School Kits in August for shipment to Lutheran World Relief. Your donations of any of the following items during July and August will be gratefully received:

- 70-sheet NOTEBOOKS of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8x10½" (no loose-leaf paper)
- 30-centimeter RULERS, or ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- PENCIL SHARPENERS (small, handheld)
- Blunt SCISSORS (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Unsharpened #2 PENCILS with erasers
- BALLPOINT PENS (no gel ink)
- Box of 16 or 24 CRAYONS
- ERASERS approx. 2½" long

If you would like to sew the backpacks, please see easy-sew directions at: http://www.lwr.org/beinvolved/docs/School_Kit_drawstring_backpack_pattern_condensed_0511.pdf

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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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