

October 2022 Newsletter

Seeing the Way that Jesus Sees

by Peter J. Weller

This month's gospel verses provide another reminder, as if any were needed, that Jesus, as God's son, sees the world much differently than we do. The parables that he tells and the questions that he asks are designed to cause us to look at situations and circumstances in new ways. He says, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to the mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Luke 17:6) Do we see it that way? Or do we say, "If you had faith the size of a galaxy, then you could move a petunia"?

Jesus also said, “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ” (Luke 17:7-10)

Would employers in our time say these same kinds of things about their employees? About themselves? What would employees say about their bosses? Would we say to God that we just got by? that we have done enough? that we did more than our share? that all those slackers out there did not pull their weight, simply went along for the ride, and left all the work for us? that we did everything in our power that we knew how to do, and it still wasn't enough? Those few, who when commended for an act of bravery or heroism in the face of great danger, respond that they were just doing their job, or that others also participated in the action commended and helped to make it happen, are the ones to emulate. They risked everything to save someone else without expectation of return or reward.

Jesus told the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector to a group of listeners who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt. We all know the story: the Pharisee prayed, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I give a tenth of all my income.” But, the tax collector simply pleaded, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.” (Luke 18:9-14)

Sunday

10:15 am

Kelly in office

Tuesdays and

Thursdays

9 am - 1 pm

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YouTube- [luthwash](#) * Email us at luthwash@hotmail.com

Come visit us at 1226 East Washington Street, Washington, Iowa 52353

Church ~ 319.653.3950

Monthly Updates (Month to date)

Account balances as of 9-27-22

General Fund ~ \$21,605.49

Visions ~ \$4,002.77

Endowment ~ \$3,308.49

Community Assistance ~ \$3,770.70

Mortgage ~ \$50,945.60

For detailed finance information,
refer to the monthly Council minutes or
contact any member of Finance.

Attendance

Sunday, September 4
9 am ~ 38 Views ~ 44
Kinnick ~ 19

Sunday, September 11
9 am ~ 47 Views ~ 45
Kinnick ~ 20

Sunday, September 18
9 am ~ 45 Views ~ 46
Kinnick ~ 18

Sunday, September 25
9 am ~ 52 Views ~ 90



ENCORE EXPRESS

Heritage

Area Agency on Aging



Meals for seniors 60+!

Encore Express is **“your second call to enhance your health”**

This **NEW** and **INNOVATIVE** program features

Bi-monthly meals catered by Hy-Vee (coming soon!), Vouchers for meals at Hy-Vee

Suggested voluntary contribution of \$5.00 per meal, Evidence-Based Programs

(Chronic Disease Self-Management, Tai Chi, Stepping On and more), Nutrition Education & Counseling, and Opportunities to socialize

To pick up meal vouchers and for additional information call Immanuel

Lutheran Church at (319) 653-3950. Or stop in on Tuesdays and

Encore Express Meals for October:

Thursday, October 13th and Thursday, October 27th

**Serving at 11:30 a.m. Call with your reservations the
Tuesday before the meal.**

See you there!!



Birthdays for October

1- James Almelien
5- Linda Brown
6- Aaron Six
14- Doris Moore
15- Pam Johnston
16- Stan Jones
17- Emma Lueck
20- Ron Brown
21- John Harris
22- Charlane Tanner
23- Paige Woline
25- Linda Six
28- DeAnn Hakert
30- Ryan Woline



Anniversaries for October

5- Rich & Deidra Baker
7- Jason & Angela Taylor
24- Ron & Linda Brown

UPCOMING MEETINGS

To have your meetings listed,
please let Kelly know when they are held.

Council- Sunday, October 2 at 11:30 am

Worship & Music- Thursday, October 6 at 1 pm

HACAP

Your dollar buys more when HACAP orders food,

consider sending a few dollars to:

HACAP

2175 Lexington Blvd # 1

Washington, Iowa 52353

Help your local families during this difficult time.

Thank you, DeAnn

THANKS

Immanuel Lutheran Church:

“A special thank you to all who sent cards, memorials, emails, and texts over the last 8 months during the time my son, Rick Moen, was treated for anaplastic thyroid cancer which took his life on August 6, 2022. Your expressions of kindness and love have been very meaningful and helpful. Thank you, Lyle Moen & Nancy Rash.”

Thank you to those who helped with
Meals on Wheels.

October 2022 LSI Bulletin/Newsletter Article and Story

Leaving a Legacy Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) has responded to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service for more than 150 years. We have created a legacy of lifting up and empowering thousands of our Iowa neighbors, thanks to the generosity of our supporters. Through LSI, Iowans also have the opportunity to leave a legacy of their own. When you include LSI in your will or estate planning, you are making a lasting impact for years to come. By including LSI in your will or living trust, you are ensuring that we can continue our mission and ministry well into the future.

LSI is now offering seminars to those interested in learning more about legacy gifts, wills and final wishes. If you would like more information on how you can include LSI in your estate planning, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI Director of Philanthropy and Church Relations, at Deborah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563.676.2065. LSI is also available to provide a customized virtual shared ministry opportunity for your congregation. If you would like to share the message of LSI with your community, please visit LSIowa.org/church-relations or contact our Waverly office at 319.352.2630 to get started.

Making a Lasting Impact Phil has had a connection to LSI since his college years. While taking social work classes at Wartburg College, he was asked to tutor a student at LSI's Bremwood Residential Treatment Center in Waverly. Even years later, he and his wife, Phyllis, continued to support LSI programming by making a donation around Christmas each year.

When Phyllis passed away in 2012, Phil began looking at their investments and considering how he could make a positive impact long-term. While at a church event, he met an LSI staff member and learned about a charitable trust program. He decided to establish four benefactors – including LSI – in his planned giving. “LSI can use the money in a wise, caring way for people who are at risk or who really need help, and in a way that nobody else is doing,” Phil says. “Through planned giving, LSI and these other causes will be able to continue what they’re doing even when I’m gone.”

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A former pastor at Immanuel, Einar Fetterman, once preached a sermon on this text and asked the question, “How many of us, after hearing this story, would say, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like that Pharisee,’ ”? If we say this, are we not falling into the same trap that the Pharisee fell into? It is so easy to say, “I’m so good.” Or, “I’m so much better than others.” We all know that little ditty, “Lord, it’s so hard to be humble, when I’m perfect in every way.” But, Jesus reminds us that “all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.” (Luke 18:14)

Jesus told his listeners about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. In yet another parable, he told about a certain judge, who neither feared God nor had respect for people, yet granted a widow’s request for justice because of her persistence and his wish to be rid of her pestering. Jesus said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

This is the challenge then: to expand and to broaden our faith, to will ourselves to believe that we can say to the mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea.” The apostles said to Jesus, “Increase our faith.” (Luke 17:5) We must ask this, also. But, we must also believe that God will grant our request as often as we ask, and that our faith will become visceral. If God will grant justice to those who cry to him day and night, then, it must follow, that he will also work within us and strengthen our faith.



Sundays
Oct. 2nd
Oct. 30th
Nov. 13th

Saturday
Nov. 26th



Meet at Immanuel @ 7:45am or meet at Kinnick @ 8:30am, let someone know if you need a ride – all are welcome! Great fellowship and there will be donuts!!!

Contact Brad Kroll @ 641-781-0388 or Tricia Kroll @ 319-530-0415 with questions.



God's work our hands is postponed we'll keep you updated with our new date.



November 20th

we will be celebrating "The Arts in Worship" Sunday.
Asking all musicians, artists, writers, dancers to get involved.

Contact: mikejewell55@gmail.com
Or call Mike 319-461-4777 if interested



Thank you to these
volunteers for boxing
food at HACAP on
Wednesday,
September 14th.
You are THE BEST!!

These Faith Formation students assembled 101 school kits on Sunday,
September 18th. Thank you so much!!



WAY TO GO, KIDDOS!!



Centering Prayer: October 8th and October 22nd at 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Deacon Fran Victor will be leading an hour of contemplative prayer in Immanuel's sanctuary (practicing social caring and wearing masks) the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month; 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. The hour begins with Centering Prayer and then moving into Lectio Divina (using a verse of scripture as the basis for prayer). No experience is necessary in either prayer practice to participate. No reservations needed, just come and enjoy the hour of contemplation. If you would like to join this intimate group, but are new to this type of prayer, come at 8:15 a.m. for explanation.

“God's first word is silence.” – Thomas Keating

Looking ahead at the dates for upcoming Centering Prayer times

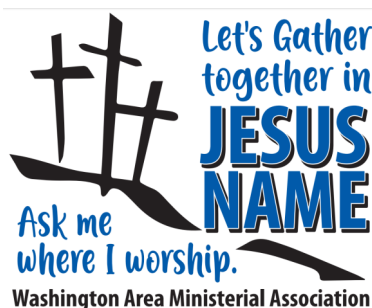
November 5th and 19th (Note this is a change to the 1st and 3rd weeks to avoid Thanksgiving weekend.)

December 3rd and 17th (Note this is a change to the 1st and 3rd weeks to avoid Christmas Eve.)

In January we return to the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.

Ecclesiastical (Church) Balloting

The church council has adopted a Holy Spirit led approach to raising up leaders for Immanuel Lutheran. We invite the congregation to enter into a time of prayer asking God to lead your thoughts to persons who have spiritual gifts in leadership and vision to serve as church council members for 2022-2024. We ask that you begin praying for God's wisdom on Sunday, September 4th concluding on **Sunday, October 2nd**. Please mail or deliver the names God has revealed to you no later than Sunday, October 16th to Steve Vetter, Nominating Committee Chair, 114 McCreedy DR., Washington, IA 52353. The nominating committee will then contact each viable person, to prayerfully consider serving on church council. At the Annual Meeting (November 20th), we will vote from the pool of candidates that have prayerfully accepted the nomination.





Service Date	Acolyte	Greeters	Reader	Ushers	Communion Set up/Clean up
October 2	Grace Taylor	Pam Johnston and DeAnn Hakert	Peg Harris	Jason Taylor and Steve Vetter	Beverly Bailey
October 9	Paige Woline	Aaron & April Six	Lee Buchholz	Avery Six, Aden Six, and Ajay Six	Tricia Kroll
October 16	Clayton Bartholomew	Michelle Bartholomew and Taylor Bartholomew	Taylor Bartholomew	Scott Bartholomew and Gary Fischer	Naomi Erickson
October 23	Thomas Lueck	Carrie Lueck and Emma Lueck	Brayden Zywiec	Brian Lueck and Carrie Lueck	NO Communion
October 30	Vivi Kroll	Sharol Kroll	Gary Fischer	Brad Kroll and Stan Kroll	Stan & Sharol Kroll

Guest Pastors:
 October 2 Pastor Bill Runaas
 October 9 Pastor Bill Runaas
 October 16 Pastor Bill Runaas
 October 23 Hymn Sing
 October 30 Pastor Bill Runaas

Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly PARTY

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 20, 2023

YOU READ THAT RIGHT—NEXT YEAR THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY WORK SESSIONS WILL BE ONLINE ONLY FOR THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES (MAY BE IN DES MOINES ON SATURDAY, MAY 15 AND 16) AND THE PARTY IS IN PERSON **FOR EVERYONE IN THE SYNOD** ON SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023 IN DES MOINES.

SAVE THE DATE! WE ARE ALL INVITED!