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Who We Are PASTOR'S *Note*

“WHO AM I?”

Where do I find my identity? What gives a person his or her identity? On what foundation am I building my sense of self – solid rock or sinking sand? Our answers to these questions, whether true or false, define our lives.

Moving to the Midwest has caused Rachel and I to think about these questions. Who are we now that we are not living in Niagara Falls? Who are we now that we are not doing ministry in the Buffalo region? Who are we now that our immediate families are a plane ride away? Settling into a new life in a new place causes much intentionality regarding big picture questions.

In our culture today, so many people are starving for meaning. As a response, we manufacture for ourselves identities and put them on display for the rest of the world to see. Living as fallen people in a sin-sick world, wrong ways of defining ourselves arise naturally from our hearts. Moreover, the world around us preaches and models many false identities.

What are some of the ways men and women get their identities wrong? Some people define themselves by their accomplishments, trophies, and resumes. Others puff themselves up on their ethnicity, heritage, employment history, academic degrees, marital status, or parental role. In our highly polarized culture, many define themselves by their political leanings or sexual orientation. Often those in and near the church define themselves by their sins or their good works. This list could go on and on and on! But in each case, a person's sense of identity comes unglued from the God who actually defines us.

While launching Barefoot Christian Community as a church plant in the Niagara Falls region, I came across a book by pastor Jeff Cloeter entitled, *Loved & Sent*. In it, he lays out how these two words define who we are and why we matter. In Jesus Christ, we are loved more than we can imagine. In our baptism, we have been claimed by our Heavenly Father through the redemptive work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Additionally, in Jesus Christ, we are sent out into the world as everyday missionaries with more purpose than we thought – to love our neighbor, serve with humility, and proclaim the gospel.

An identity that is founded upon Jesus Christ is like a house that has its foundation built on solid rock. An identity that is founded on anything else is merely sinking sand. As the people of God, we are LOVED and SENT. These two words should guide everything that we believe, think, and do.

Who am I?

I am loved by God in Jesus Christ. I am sent by God into the world.

Blessings,

Pastor Jonathan



Pastor Jonathan Haseley

WHAT WE Believe

As we move through the Apostles Creed, we learned last month that having created us and come to us in Christ, God sends His Spirit to guide us on our faith journey. This journey walks us along the path to become holy—a holy people where the Holy Spirit is our guide. And the Spirit is doing it through the Word it speaks in “the Holy Christian Church,” which is “the communion of saints.” The Spirit’s workshop is the church. As the Spirit works in and through the church with the tools of Word and sacrament, the church is made the “communion of saints” and we are made holy.

If you were to pick out a word to describe yourself, it probably wouldn’t be holy. You probably wouldn’t call yourself a “saint,” either. Whether out of fear of seeming too proud or out of your own shortcomings, we usually don’t use these words to speak of ourselves or others. It doesn’t take much to see that the church isn’t perfect either, far from it. The church has all the faults and problems of the people who belong to it. It can be boring and routine. It can be cliquey and downright nasty at times. The church has pretenders in it who think they’re going to get into heaven by being more religious than others. And it has plenty of people who say one thing on Sunday morning and do something far different during the week. If it depended on people, on what we say and do, to make the church what it is, it would never be holy, Christian or a communion of the saints.

But with all of our shortcomings and failings, Christ has promised that the Spirit will speak to us. *“When the Advocate comes,” Jesus said, “whom I will send to you from the Father...he will testify on my behalf”* (John 15:26). It is the Spirit’s speaking, making Christ known to us, that makes the church what it is—the people of God gathered together to hear the Word. The Spirit calls us again and again through the word of Christ saying, “you are mine.” And as the Spirit calls us, It never leaves us alone. The Spirit keeps putting us in the company of other people.

The Spirit calls and gathers throughout the world and wherever it goes, It sets apart people for the gospel and brings them together with others. Though there are many different kinds of church communities, there is one Church. It is called the Christian or universal church because it is made up of all people the Spirit has called and gathered throughout the world—Lutherans and Roman Catholics, Presbyterians and Methodists, Christians of every shape, size and color. Wherever the Spirit goes, God’s Word is spoken. And wherever God’s word is spoken, the Spirit is at work in it. That’s why the church is called holy and the communion of the saints. It’s not because the building is any different or that the people within it are so much better than others. The church is holy because the Spirit is holy and makes the church.

You are called both holy and a saint because the word the Spirit speaks to you in the church is Christ’s word of forgiveness. The Spirit goes even further. It not only tells you what Christ has done about your past, forgiving you all your sins, but tells you what Christ is doing about your future—that Jesus is going to raise you from the dead. Hearing these promises, you can believe and be sure that God will do just what God says. That’s what the Spirit is making you—a believer. The Spirit is making holy people, believers that are laughing, loving, singing, praising, grateful people who are what God has made us to be.



Pastor H. John Lewis

A NEW Perspective

At the Rescue Mission in Salt Lake City, there is a banner that covers the north wall in the sanctuary. It reads, "If any man is in Christ, he is a new creation!" Most of us would recognize that verse from 2 Corinthians 5:17. The banner serves as a constant reminder to the men in the room, often burdened and hardened by their circumstances, that there is indeed, new life to be found in Christ. This new life in Christ is accompanied by a new way of looking at the world as well.

Richard Hays points out that if we dig deeper into that verse, some important details emerge. To paraphrase: While our modern translations couch the verse in terms of a personal conversion experience ("He is a new creation," or "he is a new creature") the Greek sentence of Paul's letter illuminates an important aspect in Paul's line of thinking and theology. The Greek puts in more succinctly: "If anyone is in Christ-new creation!" In other words, life in Christ is much more than a private matter of faith and forgiveness (although it is most certainly that), it's also now the perspective by which we are now called to see entirety of God's cosmos. (For further reading, see Hays, 'The Moral Vision of the New Testament).

In other words, in proclaiming the Gospel message of Jesus, we are telling the story of the one who has overcome, defeated, canceled, nullified (you get the idea) a world marked by sin and death and has ushered in a new creation of which He is the first-fruit. Christians, then, are called now to live into this new reality, and in doing so, compelled to adjust their vision of the world to now see it missionally as God does. One only needs to continue to read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 to see what Paul has in mind.

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Even though we once regarded Christ in this way, we regard Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, new creation!

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

There are other themes to explore here, ones that will be for another time. But for Paul, these verses are couched in an understanding that the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus was indeed, the seminal moment in God's salvation history that began the new work of the restoration of all things. The church then, exists to serve God's world until Christ's return, when the last enemy to remain, death, will be defeated once and for all. Don't worry, even after that, we will still serve with Christ in a new heavens and new earth as well.

What does all this have to do with our identity? Everything, in my humble opinion. How we see ourselves (and as a result, others), determines what or whom we allow to shape (disciple) us as people. It will also inform how we influence (disciple) others. It may even define who we believe is worth discipling in the first place. Can we, as people called out by God in the waters of baptism, remember that we have died to the old nature and share now in Christ's? In doing so, we allow the Holy Spirit to move in and through us, so we can see, live and love like Jesus did. Reconciliation is a good, but hard and often messy ministry. Yet, it's what we are called to. We live in a world where people are spiritually famished. Who will go to them and compel them to know the Father's love? It's us.

This means we will be called to love those with whom we often disagree with, with those who look, speak and yes, even vote differently. It means we have to take an honest look inwardly, and live vulnerable and transparent lives, as we confess our sins and move forward together into this new life. Our new identity and our new perspective are the result of living in the abiding love of God in Christ. As we sojourn together, we will start looking at ways in which God is calling us to see the world around us through the reality and promise of new creation.



Pastor Mario Alejandre

What We Do **ALLELUIA!** *Preschool-Kindergarten*

"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7

Monday, August 20th, we will welcome 5 children and their families to Alleluia! Kindergarten. Our open house is August 16th. We will be starting off our year with ABC Bootcamp! We need to learn our letters and sounds to make sure we can learn to read.

Alleluia! Kindergarten is blessed to welcome Dani Heidzig as our teacher. She is a familiar face to Alleluia! Preschool! Two of her children have attended Alleluia! Preschool and she helped Mondays and Fridays last year in Preschool.

Our Kindergarten teacher - Dani Heidzig

"The important thing is to not stop questioning"
- Albert Einstein

All my life I have been a curious person, obtaining knowledge and wisdom wherever it can be found. This is the joy of teaching! I truly learn more as I teach more and as I pass on that same love of learning. After completing my teaching degree, I went on to get my Master's Degree in Education and even an endorsement in Mathematics, a subject I struggled with most of my early life. I desire to pass on that same tenacious attitude to students! I spent seven years teaching in public schools and I loved my job! However, after marrying my knight and best friend, we had three beautiful children and I felt it was most important for me to stay home with them during their young years. After ten years of being a substitute teacher and Stay-at-Home-Mom, my youngest is now a kindergartner herself and I am anxious to get back into the classroom!

Preschool Registration:

Praise God! We have 46 preschool children registered for 2018-2019!

We have 6 children registered for our East Campus Program.

We have 27 children registered in our 3-day and 5-day AM classes at West campus.

We have 13 children registered in our 2-day AM class at West Campus.

Our morning classes at West Campus will be full soon! We are still receiving calls. We are making a wait list. We would love to add an afternoon class for this year. We would need another teacher if this is God's plan for our Preschool. Will you put this on your prayer list?

We are hiring!

Do you know someone who loves children and has a current Nebraska teaching certificate and would love to teach part-time at Alleluia! Preschool? Please visit our church website under the Alleluia! School tab for an application and job description or email me at debbie.lubker@lcm.church for more information.





HELPING KIDS FIND THEIR IDENTITY IN CHRIST

So many influences speak into our children's hearts, telling them who they are and what they should be. As parents, we have such an important role in leading them and speaking Truth into their hearts. We can help them filter through all the voices they hear by helping them understand that God loves them because of His gift in Christ. When our children read, watch or hear from the world what they should be, or are told who they are based on what they look like or how they act, we need to tell them otherwise. While they might be good at certain things, it does not define who they are. Likewise, they may struggle or fail at certain things, but it also does not define who they are. We need to show them their identity is who they are as a child of God. We need to help our kids understand the importance of placing their identity in the only One who never changes.

What parents can teach kids about their identity:

1. God created them on purpose in His image.
2. God's love does not fail and does not change towards them.
3. God genuinely cares about the details of their lives.
4. God created them with a purpose.

When our kids' identity comes from God, they learn that no matter what happens in life, God does not change the way He sees or feels about them. When our kids know that God created them in His own image, it makes a difference in how they perceive themselves. Having a God who cares about all the details of their lives gives them value. They learn that placing their identity in Christ gives them hope and a confidence that they were chosen by God and are special to Him. They also learn that they are never alone and are part of God's family forever. And as their relationship with Him strengthens, their plan and purpose in life becomes clearer.

Identity helps define the type of person we're going to be and how we will treat people, so it's important for us to give attention to it as our kids are growing. The world will have our children searching to find out who they are, but God wants them to find who He's created them to be.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Every new school year we have a wonderful tradition at LCM, it's the Blessing of the Backpacks! Each August we stop to take time to give students and educators a special blessing for their upcoming school year! All age students and teachers are invited to bring their school backpacks or briefcases to worship on August 11th or 12th. During all service times students and educators will be invited forward for a special 2018-19 school year blessing. Mark your calendar and don't forget your backpacks! A special backpack tag will be presented to students and teachers!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL RESTART

It's been great having many families coming to Sunday School during the summer! Sunday School is always year-round, but starting Sunday September 9th at 10:30am, your kids will move ahead to their new grade in school. We ask you to REGISTER YOUR KIDS ONLINE FOR THE FALL RESTART. Go to the website at lcm.church/lcmkids and find the link for Sunday School Registration. We would like to update our records with current information, so we ask that you take the time to do this. Please contact us if you have any questions about the Fall Restart.



LOOKING AHEAD TO WEDNESDAYS THIS FALL

It's time to look ahead to our fall Wednesday schedule. We would love for everyone to be involved on Wednesday nights as there is something for everyone. Let us know if you have questions or want to know how you can fit in.

West Campus:

5:30-6pm: Community Dinner
6-7pm: Preschool to 5th Grades- LCM Kids:
Wednesday Bible Study
Grades 6 to 8- Confirmation
Adults- Adult Bible Study
Nursery- 6 months - 3-yr olds of parents
attending Bible Study

East Campus:

5:30-6pm: Community Dinner
6-7pm: Preschool to 5th Grades- LCM Kids:
Wednesday Bible Study
Grades 6 to 8- Confirmation
Adults- Pastor Tyler Bible Study
Nursery available for parents attending Bible
Study (contact Tracy Schmidt to arrange)

CALENDAR

- **Aug 4** | East Campus Block Party 6-8pm
- **Aug 5** | LCM Kids: Sunday School 10:30am
- **Aug 11/12** | Blessing of the Backpacks at All Services; LCM Kids: Sunday School 10:30am
- **Aug 19** | LCM Kids: Sunday School 10:30am
- **Aug 22** | LCM Kids: Sunday School 10:30pm
- **Aug 26** | LCM Kids: Sunday School 10:30am
- **Sept 5** | LCM Kids: Wednesday Night Resumes
6-7pm
- **Sept 9** | Sunday School Fall Restart 10:30am
- **Oct 3** | Vala's Family Night

QUESTIONS? Find us at:

lcm.church/lcmkids
Facebook: @lcmkids

Kellie Webb- West Campus LCM Kids
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402.213.1893

or

Tracy Schmidt- East Campus LCM Kids
tracy.schmidt@lcm.church
402.213.7585

AMPED VBS MEAL & MISSION THANK YOU

VBS is a great place where kids feel loved and learn the truth about Jesus. Youth came and helped prepare for VBS. Not all of them have a church home so this was a fun and safe time to be in the church. On the last day we packed 10,000 meals with Global Hunger Network. These meals will be sent to Wombley, SD to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The meals will go a long way in combating food insecurity. This meal is so nutritionally packed, one meal is all that is required to get the nutrition for the day. What a great way to celebrate and provide for our neighbors. Thank you to all who supported us with monetary donations as well.

We had 152 kids participate and many volunteers from both the congregation and the community come be a part of the week. Praise and thanks to God for all the volunteers, young and old, those who helped with tasks small and large, those who prepared months in advance, those who gave monetary donations and of course those of you who were around during the week. Thank you does not even begin to express the gratitude to all of you.



YOUTH MINISTRY *Kickoff!*

EAST CAMPUS

September

- 5th | 5:45-7pm | Parents & Confirmands invited to supper to learn about the upcoming year
- 5th | 7-8:30pm | EpiCenter
- 9th | 9:15am | Sunday School Kickoff during service
- 9th | TBD | AfterShock (More details to come)

WEST CAMPUS

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- 12th | 6-7pm | Adult Study w/ Pastor Mario Alejandro



PUERTO RICO *Mission Trip*

We started off our summer mission trips by flying to Puerto Rico. We had a two hour bus ride from San Juan to our destination of Ponce. Ponce is on the coast in the South Central part of the territory. When Hurricane Maria came through the estimated winds were over 200 miles per hour causing some severe damage in Ponce, however there were other parts of Puerto Rico that were hit even harder.

The first day we spent time in church at the First Baptist Church of Ponce and attended a worship service led by Pastor Magda. Everyone on the trip was overwhelmed by the love that this church had for Jesus and for each congregante. During a time of prayer, Pastor Magda, prayed for numerous individuals and knew exactly what was going on in the life of each one of them. In tears, she thanked God for a miracle of a young woman in the church who was able to raise enough money to attend the Mayo Clinic in the states and receive medical care for a form of cancer. We were able to spend the remaining part of the day learning about the section of town we were in and the history of Ponce.

The next three days our team was split in two groups. One group would assist the church in their Vacation Bible School, meanwhile, the other team would work on projects aiding the church in some much needed updating and general maintenance.

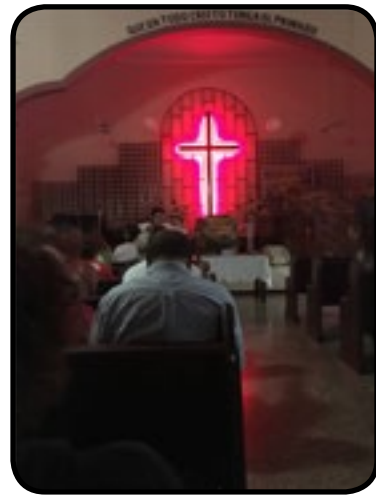
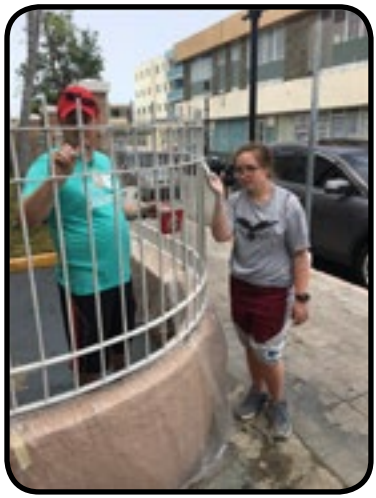
The VBS team was able to create relationships with young people who were leading and participating in the activities the church had for the young ones that came. The maintenance team would work on updating the church fence which had been well weathered and need a fresh coat or two of paint, power-washing and resealing the church roof, and installing some air conditioning units in the classrooms that are attached to the church.

There were numerous takeaways from this trip. One young woman made the decision to pray in front of our whole group which was a huge step in her faith life. On the work projects, numerous individuals were able to grow in relationship with other church members they had never met before. The church was so thankful, grateful, and excited to have us there and how we helped out in numerous ways – they even threw a send off party for us which included a Puerto Rico bag and notebook, crafts made by the kids during VBS, and a Puerto Rico flag to remember this. We were the first missionaries that had ever visited their church.

REMEMBER! MISSION SHARE DINNER

Sunday, August 26 | 6-7:30pm
Lutheran Church of the Master | East Campus
Tickets: \$10

More information in the July Newsletter



PINE RIDGE *Mission Trip*

Chanku Wasté Ranch

For our second trip, we spent time in two places on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. One group spent time serving in Wanblee, SD at the Families Working Together Building and the other team spent time in Porcupine, SD at the Chanku Wasté Ranch.

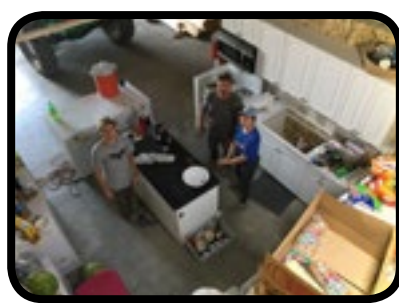
Wanblee

We began our week by unloading a truck of donations and goods for the week that would be eventually distributed out to the community. We sincerely THANK YOU for helping out with all of the generous donations. Bob and Mary Epps, who run the Families Working Together nonprofit had numerous projects to keep us busy, so that they can unveil the grand opening of the building on September 3. This will become a distribution hub for donations coming in and out, for job opportunities, and for evangelistic opportunities. We ask that you pray for Bob and Mary, for the organization, and most importantly that Jesus will be made known to those in Wanblee.

We worked on projects ranging from building shelves for the dorms and closets, installing sinks, updating a kitchen to be used for the community, installing a tin ceiling, putting insulation above the ceiling, building picnic tables, a painted movie screen made, and much more. All of these things are central to the grand opening and community use of the Families Working Together Building.

This was our fourth year loving people on the Chanku Wasté Ranch in the northwestern corner of Pine Ridge; our third year helping with their day camp. Chanku Wasté is a place where young people ages 4-18 can go all summer long to have fun and learn about God. Each morning at 7:30am the buses drive up to 45 minutes out and 45 minutes back to pick up over 80 young people. Upon arriving at the ranch, campers are given breakfast, engaged in worship, led in games and crafts, fed a hot lunch, and at 3pm they are sent home with a sack dinner. This year was a great year for our team for a couple reasons: 1) We started to notice the benefit of returning to each year as we are now seen as friends by many of the young people that come to camp. 2) Our team really was a team. We worked well together and we served each other well.

We are really hopeful that we will be able to continue our partnership with the year round ministry team on the Chanku Wasté Ranch, and we hope that next year you might be able to join us!



YOU *called my name* AND I RAN OUT OF *that Grave*



This was our last trip for the summer. The CIY (Christ In Youth) Move Conference. We stayed on campus at the University of Central Missouri from July 16-21. Move invests in small groups and presenting the gospel message in a very dynamic and impactful way.

This year, MOVE used the theme of Contrast to really hit home the message of what Jesus offers each and every one of us – LIFE. Without Jesus, there is no LIFE; there is simply darkness and hopelessness. They did this by looking at the words of 1 John.

This letter that John wrote has many contrasts and uses those contrasts to make a point. For instance, look at what 1 John 1:5-7 says, *"This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: GOD IS LIGHT; in Him there is no darkness. If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one*

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

1 John 1:5-7

another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin."

These are just some of the contrasts in the first chapter. The second chapter follows with the contrasts between love and hate. The third follows suit with love and hate. The fourth chapter talks about God's love and our love and the contrasts that are there. And the final chapter, talks about having faith in the Son of God. This has no doubt been an impactful week.

We encourage you to do 2 things:

1. Read the book of 1 John and see what contrasting language you see there.
2. Talk about these contrasts with the young people you see around you in church and engage them in discussion.

SENIOR *Ministry*

We meet the second Wednesday of the month, usually at 10am, in the Fellowship Hall at East Campus. It is a time for retirees to get together for food, entertainment, and fellowship. Some luncheons are catered and some are pot-lucks.

There is a sign up two weeks before the meeting.

Come and meet some new people!

HORIZONS

AUG. 8 @ 10AM

East Campus

Program: Craig Kruse,
Singer of Hymns & Big Band

Meal: Breakfast Casserole with muffins
and salad or fruit

Cost: \$7.50 (incl. dues)

SEPT. 12 @ 10AM

East Campus

Program: Mason Hangen & all His
Strings

Meal: Tailgate Party - Brats, Baked Beans,
Potato Salad & Dessert by Gary Anderson

Cost: \$7 (incl. dues)

MUSIC *Ministry*

Bells In Very Early Christian Worship

Contact: Diane Madsen / diane.madsen@lcm.church

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal."
1 Corinthians 13:1

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, according to records, Africa is where a form of handbell was first used in conjunction with Christianity by the early Christian desert fathers. Between 200 and 350 A.D., St. Anthony, the Egyptian hermit who founded Christian asceticism, dedicated his handbell to Christ and used the power of its sound to ward off the demons that plagued him.

An example of the type of bell used by these early Christian missionaries, The Bell of St. Patrick's Will, resides today in the National Museum of Ireland. Made from two plates of sheet iron, bent and fastened with iron rivets and coated with bronze, it has a handle and was rung by hand. The Irish people believed that it had magic powers capable of driving out both reptiles and evil spirits. Its sound is not at all pleasing or joyful. Eric Hatch in his book *The Little Book of Bells* (1964), comments, "As its sound must have been frightful, this may have been St. Patrick's secret weapon. No snake, if it were at all like the oriental snakes addicted to sweet music, would have remained in Ireland and listened to the racket St. Patrick must have made when he rang his "Clog-an-eadhacta."*

The Master Ringers at LCM ring out of love for Christ, love for the congregation, and love for the instrument and the music it creates. If you have any questions about LCM's handbell choir or would like to add to the current handbell set please contact Diane Madsen.

*Adapted from *Handbells from Earliest Times*, Percival Price in *Overtones*, May-June, 1973.

LCM Choir

Contact: Anne Miller/anne.miller@lcm.church // Galen Greer / galen.greer@lcm.church

"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to us that we should proclaim the Word of God through music."

- Martin Luther

Musicians: Please consider offering Summer special music at LCM East. Summer Services have started and will continue through Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 1 & 2). You are encouraged to participate in Saturday evening and Sunday morning services. Your offering is very much appreciated by all!

Choir rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 6th at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary at the East Campus and we will begin offering music for the 9:15 Service on Sunday, Sept. 9th. As always, we welcome new members!

CANCER – Now What?

Kenneth C. Haugk, the founder of Stephen Ministries has released a book that can be a tremendous resource for those that are diagnosed with cancer and for the family around them. He wrote this book while walking alongside his wife in her battle with cancer. This book, "Cancer – Now What?" is a comprehensive how-to guide that helps cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges of cancer. This book provides short, but impactful chapters that can help wherever you are in the battle against cancer. It is not necessarily a cover-to-cover read, instead just pick up and read whatever topic you are interested in.

This book is available to you and is located in the church office. Inside each book is information regarding the Stephen Ministry program at Lutheran Church of the Master. If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister contact you, please contact the church office or pastors.

"Cancer-Now What?" Stephen Ministries. Accessed May 23, 2017. <https://www.stephenministries.org/cancernowwhat/default.cfm/1618?mnbcnw=1>.

Medical

- Asking the right questions at the right time
- Finding reliable information
- Tracking medical information simply and effectively
- Helping your medical team help you

Emotional

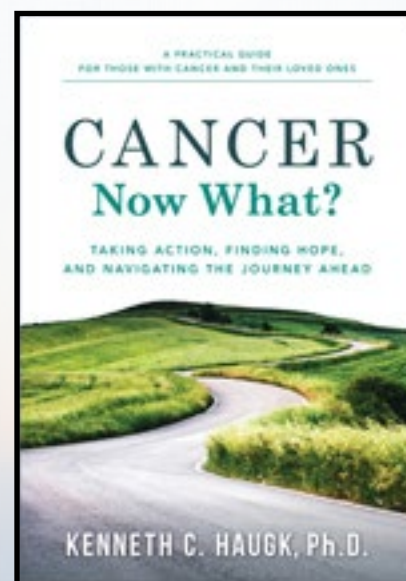
- Coping with the emotional aftershocks
- Finding ways to express difficult feeling
- Not letting cancer define you
- Caring for yourself

Relational

- Getting the support you need
- Updating others without wearing yourself out
- Creating a safe place within your family
- Connecting with those who have faced cancer

Spiritual

- Finding spiritual support
- Weathering spiritual storms
- Being totally honest with God
- Asking hard questions without feeling guilty



LET US *Pray*

August Prayer Focus

Teachers & Students

Prayers for church members in skilled or assisted living

Arline Bagaason	Lorine Maaske
Marian Bohlmeier	Helen Madsen
Dorothy Brei	Roland Mariucci
Harlan Brei	Louise Nelson
Veljean Brown	Jean Pospichal
Esther Christensen	Dean Reimer
Bruce Donelson	Norma Schlegel
Elizabeth Donelson	Irma Senteney
Don Eitzmann	Dorothy Weston
Jean Hill	
Velda Giebelhaus	
Ray Goodwin	
Esther Holmes	
Karen Kerns	
Darrell Lower	

Prayers for those who have lost loved ones

Yvonne Westphal
James Wickstrom

Prayers for loved ones in the military

Garrett Bachorski - <i>USMC</i>	Airman Adam Nielsen - <i>USAF</i>
Capt. Megan (Beaty) John - <i>USMC</i>	Joel Knox
Capt. Travis Benne - <i>USAF</i>	Michael Koba
Vincent Bevilacqua - <i>Navy</i>	Tim Pecoraro - <i>USMC</i>
Travis Bland	Lt. Cmdr. Keland Regan
Anthony Blum	Medic Cody Stickman - <i>Army</i>
Maj. Jim Chester	Lt. Col. Douglas Zadow - <i>Army</i>
Carl Edwardson - <i>Navy</i>	
Andrew Enholm - <i>Navy</i>	
Daniel Day	
Dustin Funk - <i>Navy</i>	
Ryan Hansen	
Major Aaron Jackson	
Samuel Jacobson - <i>USMC</i>	

MINISTRY *Focus*

The Puerto Rico Mission Team arrived home safe and sound after an action-packed week serving the community in Ponce, Puerto Rico. Thank you for going out and sharing the love of Christ!



Puerto Rico



Our youth spent time in two places on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. One group spent time serving in Wanblee, SD at the Families Working Together Building and the other team spent time in Porcupine, SD at the Chanku Wasté Ranch.

Pine Ridge



THANK *You!*

"Thank you, dear friends of LCM, for being such a faithful partner in ministry. We just want you to know that your generous gifts make a big difference, in very practical ways, in the lives of the children served here at the Oaks Indian Mission, expanding opportunities for their nurture in Christ and preparation for adulthood."

Pr. Don Marshall,
Executive Director
Oaks Indian Mission

"Thank you for all you did to make the Longest Day of Prayer successful."

Denise McCown

"Thanks to all that helped prepare our menu items for the June Stephen Center meal. We served over 160 men, women and children. We completely ran out of food but thankfully had back-up from the Stephen Center. This way everyone was able to have a good meal. There are always many smiles and thank you's going around."

Thank you, also, to those of you who donated pillows and clothing; it was much appreciated."

- Marilyn Stamm
Stephen Center

Dear Church Family,

"Thank you for all your prayers and healing thoughts, the visits from Pastor John Lewis and his daughter were very special. The conversation and closing prayer were very comforting. I'm home and recovering. Thank you all again."

Love,
Nancy Zimmerman

BOARD Report

Happy summer – hope you are all enjoying this toasty time of year. When I think of summer I think of a time to enjoy, take time off, read and relax. Summer for LCM is anything but quiet – our church community is hopping! We’ve had Vacation Bible School at both campuses, and mission trips to Puerto Rico and Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. We have our block party on August 4th for our members and community. And we’ve also welcomed new pastors to our leadership team. We say “Welcome – we’re glad you’re here!” to Pastor Alexandre and Pastor Haseley.

Progress continues to be made on our Faith Community tools. Our LCM App has been launched and puts things like our church calendar, past sermons and bulletins, and the ability to give right at your fingertips. We also continue to expand our Campus Guidebooks series, the first of which to become available is “First Step” which provides a guide for new people in their first 90 days at LCM. Watch for this series over the next several months.

Last month Dave Schilke mentioned maintenance and improvement projects coming in the near future. New sod was laid at our West Campus making our site more inviting. We’ve also started work on a badly needed new roof for our East Campus and should be done soon. Now baptisms will be performed at the baptismal font instead of in the narthex on rainy days. We are getting bids to repair and resurface the parking lot

at our West Campus and expect that work to be done in the September time frame. I bet you’ve never stopped to think about how much asphalt we have out west – I know I had never realized the size of our lots before!

With that said we ask you to carefully consider your giving. Thank you for your contributions to make possible the improvements we have going so far. Help us continue to make LCM a warm and inviting place to worship and serve God.

Go and Share the Love of Christ Today!

Deb Van Roy
LCM Church Board Member

INFORMATION

Sharing

Weekly Announcements

Contact: Nikki Kotchka / 402-333-4444 /
nikki.kotchka@lcm.church

Submissions for all versions of announcements (Videos, Slides, etc.) need to be submitted **two weeks in advance**. Please provide your submissions to the church office.

Newsletter Due Date

Contact: Tasha Morrison / 402-333-4444 /
tasha.morrison@lcm.church

All newsletter submissions are **due August 15th** for the September newsletter.

Baptisms

- **Maxwell Alexander Frazee**
Baptized July 1, 2018
- **Alexander Leroy Person**
Baptized July 5, 2018
- **Ella Rose Lalich**
Baptized July 21, 2018

July's Attendance

July 1 -- 763
July 8 -- 658
July 15 -- 665
July 22 -- 657

Financial Information

Lutheran Church of the Master Financial Summary

Actual: Jan. 1, 2018 - June 30, 2018

Total Income	\$803,748
Total Expense	\$883,902
Net Income	\$(80,154)
Building Fund	\$247,640

LCM's Financial Position

With the year half over it is a time for an update on our financial position thus far.

At the end of May we were about \$4,614 ahead of last year. At the end of June this has reversed as we are now \$36,745 below last year's net income. The reversal is due to June income being \$21,230 lower and expenses being \$20,130 higher. Our Building Fund balance is \$363,774 also you will begin to see the roof repairs and the parking lot upgrade very soon. At this time our Checking/Savings balance is \$576,689. Our Liabilities are \$602,511 but that includes accounts that are not necessarily due at any given time. But we do need to get this turned around.

Our pastoral compensation has increased, as we knew it would with salary and moving expenses. We hired a part time janitor for West campus instead of using a cleaning service and hired a connections coordinator to manage the database.

As you can see, we need to watch both our income and spending. God will provide, but we have to help Him. Summer typically experiences a slowdown in offerings as well as attendance. This is not meant to be a negative report but more of a "call to action". We can and will do better. With the coming of Fall I am confident we will be seeing an increase in attendance and offerings. But, perhaps, more importantly, we will see an increase in service to our neighbors, our youth and our other outreach plans.

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From the Church Board

Dave Schilke
V.P./Treas.

How To Get Involved

SMALL GROUP *Listing*

TITLE	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	FACILITATOR
Monday Bible Study Group	Every Monday	9:30am	E21	-
Quilt Tying	1st & 3rd Monday	9:30am	E Fellowship Hall	Shirley Falcone
Gab & Grow	Every Monday	12:00pm	W10/11	Shari Bevilacqua
Prayer Shawl	Every Monday	1:00pm	E21	Clara Tsai
Men's Breakfast	Every Tuesday	6:30am	W Narthex	Pastor John Lewis
Stephen Ministry	Tue. Aug. 7	7:00pm	E21	Carolyn Scheer
Mary Elizabeth Circle	Tue. Aug. 7	9:15am	E Fellowship Hall	Carolyn Scheer
Horizons	Wed. Aug. 8	10:00am	E Fellowship Hall	Don Schuler
Game Day	Wed. Aug. 22	10:00am	E Fellowship Hall	-
*Wed. Women's Connection	Resume Sept. 5	6:00pm	E8/9	Michelle Kalin
TGOW	Resumes Aug. 22	9:15am	West Campus	Kellie Webb
*Pr. Tyler's Bible Study	Every Wednesday	6:00pm	E Fellowship Hall	Pastor Kip Tyler
Pr. Tyler's Bible Study	Every Thursday	9:30am	E Fellowship Hall	Pastor Kip Tyler
Pr. Tyler's Bible Study Lunch	Every Thursday	11:45am	E Fellowship Hall	Pastor Kip Tyler
*Co-ed Connections Bible Study	Every Thursday	6:30pm	W5	Allison Tiller
Hurting Parents	First Thursday	7:00pm	W10/11	Lora
Stephen Ministry	Thur. Aug. 16	1:30pm	E21	Carolyn Scheer
*Faith Full Moms	2nd & 4th Fridays	9:15am	W5	Jen Johnson
Friday Morning Bible Study	Every Friday	9:30am	E21	Chris Andersen
Christian Book Club	Every Friday	12:00pm	W10/11	Pastor Kip Tyler
Panera Bible Study	Sat. Aug. 4 & 18	8:00am	130th & Center	Marcia Downs
*Morning Adult Study	Every Sunday	9:00am	E21	Pastor Robert Schaff
*Young Adult Study	Every Sunday	10:30am	W12	Jen Johnson
*Adult Bible Study	Every Sunday	10:30am	W Office	Dave Schilke
*"The Huddle"	Every Sunday	10:30am	East	Pastors

*** Nursery/Childcare Available**

If there are any groups that are not shown here or any changes that need to be made, please contact the church office. We would love to have the most up-to-date listing possible each month. Thank you!

2nd Annual
CRAZY DAYS OF *Summer*

Neighborhood Block Party

August 4 | 6-8pm | East Campus

Join us for:

Food Truck

**Bounce
Houses**

Yard Games **Sno-Cones**

Tons of Fun!

And it's all free!

LET'S GET Together

LCM Women's Retreat

Contact: Allison Tiller / 402-669-9518 /
allietiller2@gmail.com

September 21-22 | Peter Kiewit Lodge

Mahoney State Park | Ashland, NE

"Where Women Bask in God's Presence"

Register online: www.lcm.church/adult-ministries

Cost: (Per person)

\$95 - Not spending the night

\$125 - Three roommates

\$135 - Two roommates

\$145 - One roommate

\$185 - No roommate

GriefShare^(c)

Contact: Carl Johnson / 402-496-4408

13 Week Study | Starts Aug. 12 | East Campus

GriefShare is a network of 12,000+ churches worldwide who are equipped to offer grief support.

We meet weekly where you'll be greeting into a warm, caring environment as we go through your long journey through grief. There will be a video seminar, support group and a work group.

www.griefshare.org for more information.

Foyer Groups

Contact: Jan Krause / 402-334-6846

Aug. 19 | 5-7pm | 707 Crestridge Rd., Omaha

The summer is passing quickly, so we must get our foyer dinner grand finale scheduled. Last year was such a success and fun experience. Hopefully everyone met someone new or certainly enjoyed seeing everyone together. Hopefully through these gatherings we can get to know more people and be encouraged to tell others so we have more groups next year.

Our gathering will be at Larry & Jan Novicki's home on Sunday, August 19 for wine and hors d'oeuvre from approximately 5-7pm. So please mark your calendars. The address is 707 Crestridge Rd. You will be receiving a phone call as the date gets closer to answer any questions you may have.

Wednesday Women's Connection Bible Study Group

Contact: Michelle Kalin /

402-333-4444 / michelle.kalin@lcm.church

**Starts Sept. 5 | Every Wednesday | 6-7pm
East Campus**

"Embracing God's Design for Your Life"

by Sheila Walsh (Women of Faith series) is how we will kick off the year.

Please contact Michelle if you have questions or would like to join us so study guides can be ordered.

LET'S GET Together

NEW! Bible Study

Contact: Donna Holmquist / 402-895-7201 /
dholmqt@gmail.com

Aug. 28 - Oct. 30 | 10-11am

15318 Hillsdale Ave., Omaha (Holmquist's)

Registration Due: Aug. 24

Cost: \$8

Someone Like You - The Life of Elijah and What it Means to You, by Dr. David Jeremiah & Turning Point

Come for coffee/tea/pop and round table discussions. Does God have a special plan for your life as He did for Elijah? You might be surprised at all He wants you to do with His help during your lifetime. Discussions will be led by Retired Pastor Dennis Maaske.

"Elijah really defines what it means to be prophetic in terms of call, expectations and fulfillment within the "human drama, dilemma and dynamic". In many ways the Word is always measured by the spirit of Elijah. All of God's promises are evident in the manifestation of Elijah He continues to carry the torch of messianic hope. Faith is authenticated by the coming of Elijah. He is always the prophet for the time. He draws us into a dimension that is bigger than ourselves." Pastor Dennis Maaske.

Gab and Grow

Contact: Shari Bevilacqua / 402-333-4444

Mondays | 12-1:30pm | West Campus

Gather together for some good fellowship and an even better Bible Study. We're going through the "Amazing Collection", which is a video series - no homework. Summer attendance usually means we can drop in and out whenever we are able. Join us September 10th for our study *Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven* by Dr. David Jeremiah. \$10 each.

Prayer Shawl

Contact: Clara Tsai / 402-630-5583

Mondays | 1-3pm | East Campus

If you are interested in learning or already know how to knit or crochet, come join the Prayer Shawl Ministry! We meet every Monday, 1-3 pm, at the East Campus, in the room across from the office. Supplies are provided unless you prefer your own yarn, needles and/or hooks.

Faith Full Moms

Contact: Jen Johnson /
jen.lathrop.johnson@gmail.com

Faith Full Moms is a group of mothers raising young children. We encourage each other in faith and motherhood, as well as serve our community together. Faith Full Moms will begin the fall semester on August 24 to discuss *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado. Faith Full Mom's meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month from 9:15-11:15am at the West Campus. Child care is provided.

**TGOW: Thanking God on Wednesdays
Women's Bible Study - West Campus
Fall 2018 Registration**

Aug 22 - Nov 14, 2018 | 9:15 am - 11:00 am

The Amazing Collection: The Bible Book by Book Sets 5 & 6 (Isaiah – Micah) \$30 (\$25 Study Guide/\$5 Program Cost)

The Amazing Collection is a DVD Bible study taught sequentially book by book. We will be covering sets 5 and 6. Set 5 teaches the Major Prophets from Isaiah to Daniel which covers a significant time span and presents a wide array of messages. Isaiah spoke to the nation of Judah about 150 years before the exile into Babylonia and called them to be faithful to God. Jeremiah cried out to those same people on the brink of that exile and pleaded for their repentance. Lamentations, written by Jeremiah, presents a lament as Judah went into exile. Ezekiel and Daniel, spoke and wrote to the people in exile, encouraging them to remember that God was still in control. Set 6 teaches the Early Minor Prophets, Hosea to Micah, whose messages were anything but minor. Chronologically, these books span more than 4 centuries from about 848 to 425 BC. Hosea's picture of God's love for his adulterous people symbolized by the prophet's love for his adulterous wife; Jonah's portrayal of himself as disobedient, runaway prophet pursued by a patient God; Amos' colorful vision of God's judgment that would come because of his continued disobedience; Obadiah's classic portrait of pride; and so much more.

Agents of Babylon by David Jeremiah \$15 (\$10 Study Guide/\$5 Program Cost)

Dr. Jeremiah examines prophecy through the eyes of the characters in the book of Daniel, explains what the prophecies mean, and helps us understand how these prophetic visions and dreams apply to our lives today. Agents of Babylon is not only an in-depth exploration of the characters and prophecies contained in the book of Daniel but also a dramatic retelling of Scripture that is sure to bring ancient prophecy to light like never before.

*Free Childcare
available for ages 6
months through Pre-K*
Contact Kellie for
more information

Fill out registration form, include payment, and return to:
Lutheran Church of the Master West Campus
1200 N 181st Court | Elkhorn, NE 68022 | 402-333-4444

Complete Registration and Payment Online at:
lcm.church/thanking-god-wednesdays/

Questions? Please contact Kellie Webb |
kellie.webb@lcm.church | 402-213-1893

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact # _____

Please check:

Amazing Collection

Agents of Babylon

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Do NOT need book

WANT TO *Help?*

Meal Ministry

Contact: Michelle Kalin /
402-333-4444 /
michelle.kalin@lcm.church

We are currently gauging interest in a new ministry need. We are in need of a volunteer coordinator and still need volunteers to donate meals to those in need within our congregation.

Altar Flowers

Contact: EAST - Nancy Cooke /
402-391-1965 // WEST -
JoAnn Kratky / 402-333-4080

Please select a date and write in your name and phone number. You will be contacted for your bulletin information during the month before your chosen date. The cost is \$30 for each bouquet and the flowers can be picked up after the last service on Sunday.

Lutheran World Relief

Contact: Jane McGowan /
402-333-6630

If you have been blessed with the gift of sewing, Lutheran World Relief could use your set of skills in putting together easily assembled backpacks for their ongoing project.

Please call Jane McGowan to set up a time and place to pick up materials.

Social Concerns

God Will Ministry Needs:

Contact: Anthony Yates /
402-932-5297

2 full sized beds, dining room table & chairs and sofa sets- all in good working condition. TV Program at 9pm on Sunday's on Channel 22.

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Contact: Clara Tsai / 402-630-5583

Do you know someone ill or someone dealing with loss or trauma? Give them a prayer shawl, or learn to make one at a Monday knitting/crochet session from 1-3pm at the East Campus.

Project Hope: Please donate soup, cereal and crackers.

Senior Care Ministry:

Contact: Char Repp /
402-234-5010

Share your God-given-talents.

South Lutheran Pantry/Iglesia

Cristiana: In need of peanut butter, macaroni and cheese and non-sweet cereal, and rice, brown beans, TP, soap & toothpaste

Stephen Center: There is an **urgent** need for clean pillows, new or used as well as pillow cases. Please bring them to either campus.

Funeral Committee

Contact: Church Office /
402-333-4444

We are updating our list of willing members who would like to provide cookies and/or bars for funeral luncheons. Those offering will be on a rotation and will be called when a need arises. If you wish to serve others in this way, please call the church office or sign up in the narthex.

Kitchen Helpers

Contact: Joan Welsh via the
Church Office / 402-333-4444

We are in great need of volunteers to stay and clean up the coffee and kitchen after Sunday Worship. Rotating with others is an option. Please notify Joan Welsh by calling the office if you would be able to assist in this manner. Thank you!

Quilt Square Cutters

Contact: Elsie Burklund /
402-619-0408

We are in desperate need of people willing to cut fabric scraps into squares for our quilters. You may do this at home in your spare time. If you can help, please call Elsie Burklund for more information or instructions. Thanks!

WANT TO *Help?*

Senior Care Ministry

Contact: Char Repp /
402-639-3168

An hour of your time every week or month is greatly appreciated by residents in an assisted living environment. Senior Care Ministry visits those people and offers sing-alongs and a short devotion. Please consider donating your time and talent if you are a piano player or singer to lead the residents. All songs are very familiar and you do not have to be a professional musician to volunteer, just a willing spirit and love of people. If you are unsure of your availability, please consider being a substitute and volunteering when your schedule allows.

Quilt Tying

Contact: Shirley Falcone

Looking for an excuse to have some fun, gather together for some time of fellowship and the chance to meet new people? The Quilt Tyers are seeking volunteers to help tie quilts. It's a great reason to gather and work on this wonderfully beneficial project for a great cause. We look forward to meeting you.

Meet-up every 1st & 3rd Mondays each month from 9:30am - 12pm at the 114th & Center Location.

Project Hope - School Clothes

Contact: Bob or Mary Lykke /
402-330-6762

Are you clearing the closet and drawers of out grown clothes for school age kids? Project Hope serves families who would love to have those hand-me-downs, worn but not worn out. They are in need of pants, jeans, skirts, dresses, slacks, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, and tennis shoes. These items will be collected at church (East & West) from August 31st through September 10th. We will get them to Project Hope. Thank you for participating in this.

Altar Guild

Contact: Nancy Tietsort /
402-330-0624 //
Dugan Haver / 402-895-3842

Our Altar Guild helps with many tasks each week such as changing banners, setting up for communion and baptisms, filling candles, and decorating for church holidays. We rotate volunteers monthly so this only requires a small amount of time every few months.

We would love to expand our list of volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact: Michelle Kalin /
402-333-4444 /
michelle.kalin@lcm.church

Please prayerfully consider helping with this ministries:

- Having a Meal Ministry has been a long-time vision and perhaps it is time to make this a reality at LCM. Would you be willing to provide a meal for an individual or family in need at LCM? We need a volunteer coordinator.

If you are feeling God's nudge to participate in this ministry (or any other), please contact Michelle Kalin.

WANT TO *Help?*

Lutheran World Relief - School Kits

Back to school is synonymous with Lutheran World relief School Kits. It's almost time for the new school year to begin and a new school year naturally means new school supplies and hygiene items. We know that August and September are the perfect months to stock up on those much needed supplies as many stores have their Back to School sales. When you are out and about shopping or standing in line at the grocery store please consider purchasing some supplies for a needy child. Many children worldwide are in need of basic school supplies to help them in their quest for education, and we know that education is the key to success and the key to breaking the poverty cycle that so many families are caught in. Listed below are the supplies needed to fill both a school kit and a health kit. Note: we are especially in need of children's scissors, rulers, & pens.

LWR School Kits

- 70 pg. Spiral Notebooks (4 ea.)
- Ballpoint Pens (5 ea.)
- Pencils (5 ea.)
- Pencil Sharpener
- Large Eraser
- Ruler
- Crayons (Box of 24)
- Children's Scissors

Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child Christmas in a Shoebox

It's never too early to start thinking about filling a Christmas Shoebox. We have already started to fill boxes for this years coming shoebox drive. Please consider purchasing extra supplies at those Back to School sales. School supplies are always needed as well as any of the items listed below. If you have extra items after filling your own boxes, please bring them to either LCM location and we will use them in our packing events. Thank you so much for brightening the lives of children worldwide. Know that every child who receives a box will also receive a Bible in their native language as well as be given the opportunity to attend a 12 week Bible School class. What an opportunity to spread the love of Jesus!!

LWR School Kits

- Underwear - any size
- Socks - any size
- T-Shirts - any size
- Combs & Brushes
- Toothbrushes (ask dentist for donation)
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Watercolor Paint Sets
- Construction Paper
- Coloring Pages or Books
- Any Craft Supplies or Kits
- Wash Rags
- Bars of Soap (hotel size okay)
- Small Toys (balls, jump ropes, puzzles, card games, matchbox cars, dolls, etc.)

Questions: Call or Text - Pam Burklund at (402) 619-0405 OR Email: pamburklund@yahoo.com

WANT TO *Help?*

Lutheran World Relief Personal Health Care Kits

You may bring items to either campus at any time before

October 14, 2018

Place items in marked bins at East and bring into the office at West.
Items should be new and in good condition.

Personal Health Care Kits

- One bath sized towel (52" x 27"), dark color, medium weight
- 2 bath-sized bars of soap in original packaging
- 1 adult-sized toothbrush in original packaging. If you purchase a single package with multiple toothbrushes, please place each toothbrush into it's own envelope (no plastic bags or plastic wrap please)
- 1 sturdy comb
- 1 metal nail clippers (new)

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WE HAVE AN *App* FOR THAT

Thank you for Your Continued Generosity!

Lutheran Church of the Master has chosen to change our online giving solution to provide additional options for giving, save money on processing fees, simplify our church's finances, and provide a safer, better experience for you to give. With our new online giving system, there are multiple ways to give to LCM to make it as convenient for you as possible. If you still feel the most comfortable with the offering plate being passed during worship services, then please continue to use that as your mode of giving. You may also select more than one method of giving.

With any first-time donation via our new provider, Subsplash, a user account will need to be set up to allow your donations to be processed. This account only takes up to 2-3 minutes to set up. We at LCM place extreme emphasis on you and your family's privacy and security, so we have gone to great lengths to ensure that all information entered is secure. You will be prompted to create your account the first time you make a donation via any of the methods outlined below, so please follow these steps for whichever giving method(s) you prefer.

Contact: Rob Meredith Phone: 402-333-4444 or Email: rob.meredith@lcm.church if you should need help through this process.

In-App Giving

1. Download LCM's smartphone and tablet application by going to the App Store (Apple), the Google Play Store (Android), or any App Store and searching for lcm omaha
2. Once you've downloaded the application and have opened it on your device, look for the square on the welcome screen labeled "Tithes & Offerings"
3. Tap the zero next to the dollar sign to enter the amount you wish to give
4. Follow the prompts to set up your user account

Church Website

1. Go to www.lcm.church/give
2. Click the zero next to the dollar sign to enter the amount you wish to give
3. Select the frequency of your gift using the buttons to the right of where you entered your dollar amount
4. Follow the prompts to set up your user account

Setting Up A User Account

1. Enter an email address which will serve as your user name
2. Create a password for the account
3. Click on the Sign Up button and a confirmation email will be sent to your designated email address
4. Click on the confirmation link in the email, and you're all set! (You will not have to enter your email and password every time you sign in to donate)

Text-To-Give

1. Text the phrase `givelcm` to (206) 859-9405 (the phrase is not case sensitive)
2. You will receive a text message with a web link as a reply
3. Click the link which redirects to LCM's mobile giving website
4. Tap the zero next to the dollar sign to enter the amount you wish to give
5. Follow the prompts to set up your user account

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SUBSPASH®

From the Editor MUSINGS OF A *Monnison*

It was my birthday - I believe I was turning three or four and my family thought it would be a great idea to take me to Chuck-E-Cheese's. Now, as a child, I loved to play games and jump into the ball pit, but when those costumed clad individuals came around ... you'd find me under the table.

Today, 31-years-old, not much has changed in relation to my appreciation, or lack there of, in all things masks, puppets and costumes. I don't like things that hide where I cannot see the "whole picture"; the unknown makes me uneasy and very uncomfortable. I'd much rather live a life where I can fully see those around me. "Just Be Yourself". But how does one go about being "themselves"?

In my opinion, it starts with your identity in who you are. For Christians, we take it one step further ... Who are we in Christ? This question has caused many a "head scratching" over the years as it can be a confusing term, but one I hope to help clarify.

Who we are in Christ is defined by our lives and how we live them. *But, who are we?* We are the children of THE Creator of ALL things. We are the disciples chosen to spread the truth, the Word and the love of Christ. We are who we were made to be; each individual, each quirk, each talent, each flaw... we were made fearfully and wonderfully. We are Christ Followers ... followers of His actions, His beliefs, His teachings... We are God's!

Sometimes it can be frustrating to work with people who do not think the way we do, who don't do things the way we would do them or how we used to do them. It's annoying how something we are so passionate about does not seem to even matter to our neighbor. Yet, that's what is so amazing about humanity. We have different people with different passions and different talents and different flaws. We were made imperfect so that we would work together, so where we may lack, someone else could fill the gap. Like the cliché goes, we're a bunch of

puzzle pieces that need to find our matches so that we can unmask the beautiful creation that God placed us on this planet to reveal.

So who am I?

I am a Christ follower. I'm a creator, a designer, an artist, a singer; I love gardening/landscaping, art (creating and observing), music, writing and playing video games. I can be snarky but smile a lot. I'm not easily offended but extremely protective. I enjoy fashion and getting a rise out of people with some of my "hair choices". I'm sarcastic and not patient at all. I'm the perfect version of myself because I am who God made me to be.

I am a fearfully and wonderfully made ME.

And who are we?

We Are His!

Simple as that.



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*Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Matthew 28:19*

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