



## Our God is...Faithful

The headline read: "Faithful guard dog unfaithful." The story provided the details. A store owner was robbed. The wily thief tested the guard dog's faithfulness with a juicy steak, and the dog failed the test.

Faithfulness is questionable in pets and humans. "Dog bites child." "Spouse deserts partner." "Employee accepts rival company offer." "Cat destroys owner's furniture."

Is anyone trustworthy? Is anyone ever completely faithful to his word?

The Bible says, "God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9).

God's faithfulness can be seen in his daily preservation of the world. He makes grass grow and trees bud. He sends sunshine and rain. He provides plants and animals as food to keep us alive. He even does all this without our asking.

God is faithful to his promise: "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (Genesis 8:22).

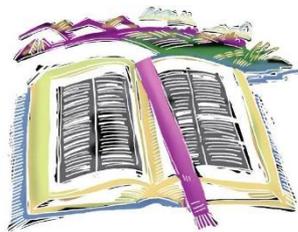
God's faithfulness is what comforts us when we are feeling guilty. He promises that he forgives us because of what Jesus did to rescue us from our sins.

God's faithfulness is what comforts us when we are afraid of death. He promises us eternal life because Jesus defeated death when he rose from the grave.

Whatever you are facing or afraid of, you can take comfort in God's promises because he is always faithful.

## New Session of BIC

A new session of Bible Information Class will be starting **July 7** at 7:00 pm. The lesson plan is called *Growing in Hope*. Bible Information Class is for everyone! A chance for long time members to refresh previous knowledge and learn something new, and for anyone interested in membership to learn what we believe and why. You are strongly encouraged to invite a friend!



## Worship in the Park



We are looking for some volunteers willing to help organize this year's Worship in the Park. This mainly involves planning for the meal, organizing volunteers, and possibly planning for games or activities. Please speak to Pastor, Dale, or Carla if you would like to help out. Thank you!

## Wood Available

The wood left from cutting down the tree at the south end of the parking lot is being offered to our members. First come, first serve. Cut and haul at your own risk.

## Meeting Notes Available

The minutes from June's church council meeting are now out on the shelf in the main hallway. Please pick up a copy if you would like to see what was discussed and what decisions were made at the meeting.

## Praise & Proclaim at Immanuel

Praise & Proclaim is a WELS organization whose ministry is to train congregations in personal evangelism. Immanuel's church council has approved engaging this group to assist our congregation with our mission to spread the gospel in the community of Johnson Creek. Praise & Proclaim will be at Immanuel **August 27** for a teaching/information session and on **August 28** to train and assist us with canvassing Johnson Creek with invitations to our Worship in the Park.

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## **Ladies Aid 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

The congregation of Immanuel is invited to share in the celebration of the Ladies Aid 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on **August 4** at Lindberg's by the River in Watertown. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. The meal will consist of pork loin with stuffing and chicken with all the trimmings. Price of the meal will be \$25 for adults and \$12 for children 10 and under. Starting July 4, tickets for the meal can be purchased in person each Sunday between services, after each Thursday evening service, or by calling Karen (920-285-83660, Sue (920-650-5428), or Vicki (920-253-5466). The last day of ticket sales will be July 25.

## **Food Donations Needed for Canvass**

Our morning canvass on **August 28** will be a "grocery canvass" where we will visit some of the lower-income areas of town with a bag of groceries and an invitation to our Worship in the Park. Food items we need are: dry spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, dry breadsticks, cookies, and microwave popcorn. For more details see the poster on the bulletin board. Please place donations in the designated box in the church hallway under the coat rack. Thank you!

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

The Red Cross will again be holding a blood drive at Immanuel on **July 6** from 9 am to 2 pm. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) if you would like to save time and pre-register. Please consider donating blood the supply is low and need for donors is critical at this time. Thank you!



## **LES Tuition Assistance Forms**

In March, families with grade school age children were sent a copy of our tuition policy and a form to fill out if they are applying for Immanuel's tuition assistance. Just a reminder that these forms are to be filled out **every year** (even for continuing LES students) so please get them in by the deadline of **July 1, 2021**. Thank you! If you need another copy of the form, you may request one by sending an email to [immanuelinfarmington@gmail.com](mailto:immanuelinfarmington@gmail.com). If you have any questions about Lutheran Elementary Schools or Immanuel's tuition policy, contact Larry Morris-Robinson at 262-370-7984 or Dennis Brown at 262-622-2028.

## **COVID Measures – Next Phase**

Taking into consideration the declining positive case numbers and the COVID vaccine being available to a greater portion of the community, the church council has again reviewed the safety measures we are taking and have made a few changes. Pew spacing will return to normal, we will keep two services on Sunday so the sanctuary will not become overcrowded. Masks are encouraged out of Christian love but will not be required. Hymnals will be available from a cart near the entrance to the sanctuary. There will be a shelf designated for Sunday 8:00 & Thursday 6:30 service; and a shelf for the 10:00 service, please take and return hymnals to the appropriate cart shelf after the service. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!

## **Semi-Annual Meeting**

This is a reminder that we will be having a semi-annual voters' meeting on Sunday, **July 25**, right after the second service. We would like to encourage all members to participate in discussions at this meeting. Everyone is invited, male and female, young and wise. We will have some important and exciting items on our agenda, like: Praise & Proclaim outreach campaign, new hymnal resources, technology grant award, etc.

## **OWLS**

It's time to restart meetings of our ROCK RIVER AREA OWLS! The start-up meeting is planned for 1:30 pm September 21st at St John's in Waterloo. We will assemble in the new fellowship hall for a presentation on "Renewed Fellowship and Fun Activities."

Refreshments served by St John members. Officer reports given by President Jim Lillo, VP Dave Plocher, Secretary JoAnn Lillo and Treasurer Naomi Plocher. Future plans are to be discussed. OWLS is an acronym for Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors who are retired and/or 50 years plus and like to enjoy interesting activities.

Our Chapter 64 includes members from a dozen WELS and ELS congregations along the winding Rock River as it flows from Hustisford in the north, southward to Fort Atkinson. St John Lutheran Church and School is at 413 E. Madison St on HWYs 19 and 89 in Waterloo. You are invited!



## Genesis Study

This group studying Genesis meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Meeting options are in person at Institutional Ministries, 1833 Executive Drive, Suite 101B in Oconomowoc or online via ZOOM. Please respond with your intent to take the class by emailing Pastor Phil at Philip.Henselin@IM.Life or by a text to his cell phone, 815-505-0198. Please tell him if you will be in person or online.



## Celebration of Life Walk/Ice Cream Social

The Tri County Chapter of Christian Life Resources is looking for volunteers to assist with the Celebration of Life Walk/Ice Cream Social, which will take place at Lakeside Lutheran High School on Saturday, **July 17** from 9am to 1pm. We need helpers for the kid's games, serving ice cream, set up and manning of the various service tables. We also need to borrow about a half dozen 10x10 ft pop ups for the day. Planning meetings for the event are taking place at the Alpha Resource Center, 313 E Main St in Watertown from 4:30 to 5:30 on Tuesday, June 22 and Tuesday, June 29. If you can volunteer any of your time or pop ups, simply come to a meeting or call the Alpha Resource Center at 920-261-9207 and let us know. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and needed to ensure a successful event.

## Twice is Nice

Did you know? Twice Is Nice has been posting almost daily on its Facebook page with sales and photos of inventory, from furniture to sporting goods, holiday items to vintage collectables. Check it out, like, follow, and share at @TINresale.

Donate: Looking to clean out this summer? Twice is Nice is pleased to accept your donations of resalable items. Look for the sign and ring the doorbell at the back of the building from 10-3:30 PM Mon-Sat.

Shop: Did you know that in addition to fabulous everyday prices, TiN runs 50% off sales at the end of every month? What color will the 50% off tags be in July? Shop and find out! We're easy-to-find next to Piggly Wiggly in Jefferson. Open Monday - Saturday from 10-4.

Volunteer: Catch the fever of a Twice is Nice volunteer—whether it once a month or once a week, whether it's taking care of a department, fixing items or clerking, we have a fun, productive opportunity for you to make a real difference.

## College Students

WELS Campus Ministry, a ministry of WELS Home Missions, provides resources, support, and encouragement to WELS congregations that serve college students around the United States and Canada. Go to the Campus Ministry section of the WELS website to learn more and to sign up for faith-building materials for your college students.

## Don't Forget!

Friendship Registers serve as the place to register for communion and as our guest book where our visitors can share their information. We usually fill these out during the offering, but with COVID, we no longer pass the plate. So please, find a new time to fill it out, noting which service you attended, and make it part of your new routine!

## Offerings vs. Budget as of 5/31/2021

Offerings: \$147,262.04 Budget: \$140,246.67 Difference: \$7,015.37

### July 2021 Usher Teams

7/1	Thurs	6:30 pm	Jim & Barb Buglass
7/4	Sun	8:00 am	Naatz Family
7/4	Sun	10:00 am	Gordon & Rhonda Butzine
7/8	Thurs	6:30 pm	Joey & Mary Schultz
7/11	Sun	8:00 am	Baum Family
7/11	Sun	10:00 am	Mike & Gail Maron
7/15	Thurs	6:30 pm	Lee & Toni Braatz
7/18	Sun	8:00 am	DeMoe Family
7/18	Sun	10:00 am	Morris-Robinson Family
7/22	Thurs	6:30 pm	Jody & Monica Gehrke
7/25	Sun	8:00 am	John & Vicki Morris
7/25	Sun	10:00 am	Klausch Family
7/29	Thurs	6:30 pm	Jerry & Kay Schultz



# JULY

## Birthdays

Larry Christian, 7/2  
Gary Gunderson, 7/2  
Patrick Kleinstreiber, 7/2  
Edward Stoltenburg, 7/2  
Donald Jr Schroeder, 7/4  
    Jody Shuppe, 7/4  
    Nate Baum, 7/6  
    Ashlyn Jones, 7/6  
    Angie Lemke, 7/6  
    Daryl Melcher, 7/6  
    Grace Trudell, 7/6  
Leland Altreuter, 7/7  
    Laben Reichert, 7/7  
    Ben Trudell, 7/7  
Gerald Grunewald, 7/8  
    Melissa Guld, 7/8  
    Laila Zehren, 7/8  
    Lynn Corrie, 7/9  
    Thomas Naatz, 7/9  
    Karli Weller, 7/12  
Barbara Buglass, 7/13  
Shelly Draeger, 7/13  
    Bette Streich, 7/13  
Doris Draeger, 7/14  
Ashley Maron, 7/15  
Michael J. Maron, 7/15  
Brooke Joseph, 7/16  
Hillary Ware, 7/16  
    Greg Buxa, 7/17  
Connolly DeBlare, 7/17  
Carla Morris-Robinson, 7/18  
    Conrad Genz, 7/20  
    Elisabeth Guld, 7/20  
James Sr. Freson, 7/22  
Jeffrey Klausch, 7/24  
    Amy Hartwig, 7/25  
Marilyn Schultz, 7/25  
Debbie Altreuter, 7/26  
    Bonnie Fenner, 7/26  
    Haden Hartwig, 7/26  
    Troy Heald, 7/26  
    Phoebe Level, 7/27  
    Randy Fischer, 7/28  
    Esdon Lemke, 7/28  
Carl Zimmerman, 7/30  
    Becky Draeger, 7/31



Couple	Years	Date
Herbert & Virginia Vogel	67	7/24
James & Gale Will	46	7/19
Mark & Rita Bartsch	44	7/2
Mark & Ruth Guenterberg	41	7/19
Phil & Sue Henselin	39	7/31
Brad & JoAnn Meinel	21	7/22
Daryl & Kathleen Crawford	15	7/7
Chris & Amber Kruesel	14	7/28
Brad & Jill Pitzner	5	7/9
Jody Gehrke & Monica Latsch	5	7/22
Seth & Taylor Schumacher	2	7/20



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