VOICE OF EMMANUEL **SEEDS OF HOPE!**

On Sunday August 28th we had a blessing of the backpacks for the start of a new school year.

We had a wonderful turn out.

We had refreshments and fellowship after the service.

I hope this school year is full of wonder and excitement for all!

























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Mission Statement:

As the body of Christ, fed and nourished through worship, we are called to serve all people, through the use of our gifts to proclaim God's justice, mercy and love.

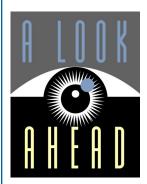
Our Vision: Striving to Thrive with Vitality!











September 4

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day:

Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

















After church one Sunday, little Suzy announced that she wanted to be a pastor. Pleased and surprised, her parents asked her why she came to that decision.

"Well," she explained, "I figured it would be more fun to stand in the pulpit and yell than sit in the pews and listen."



Here are six of the kings of Israel. Put them in chronological order.

- 1. Ahab
- 2. Baasha
- 3. Elah
- 4. Jehu
- 5. Jeroboam II
- 6. Pekah



Answer: 2, 3, 1, 4, 5, 6



Outreach started the school year with hearts and biscuits for teacher and snacks for the students!











Ministry in Action - September

	Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	September 25
Greeters	George Boyd Susan Boyd	Todd Lanier Vera Lanier	Ben Robinson Emily Robinson	Rudy Rudisill Paulette Rudisill
Lector	Beth Collins	Randy Zimtbaum	Ruth Murphy	John Cromer
Crucifer	Jennifer Little	Matthew Heavner	Nayshaun Holiday	Jennifer Little
Acolyte	Kate Leonhardt	Mary Ellen Bridges	Hannah Brooks	Quinlyn Cornwell
Communion Asst	Steve Lounsbury	Jennifer Little	David Bynum	Paula Turner
Videographer	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey	Shelly Caffey
Altar Flowers	Pat Hance	Available	Available	Lounsbury
	Monthly I	Outies Septeml	ber 2022	
Councilperson	Julie Leonhardt			
Altar Guild	Beth Collins	Cathy Lounsbury		
Ushers	Steve Lounsbury (Captain)	Rudy Rudisill Jody Rhyne	Randy Zimtbaum Ben Robinson	

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Faith5 Corner: by Pastor Mike 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Share: Share your highs and lows

Read: Luke 14:25-33

Talk: Slowly reflect on the reading. Did anything grab your attention as you read the passage? These are hard words, indeed. There are so many things that feel "wrong" about this passage, so what is Jesus telling those who are following him? Are we to really hate our family and even life itself? It is helpful to note here, that the word "hate" in this context is a Semitic expression meaning "to turn away from, to detach oneself from." It doesn't mean to despise, as is our common understanding. In that culture, one's identity was tied to one's family, one's blood relatives. So what is Jesus asking them to do?

What does it mean to carry the cross and follow Jesus? What is the cross that Jesus had to bear? What does it represent? Do you think that following Jesus is to be easy? Is it even truly possible? Matthew 19:26 says, "But Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible."

If the tower cannot be completed, should the project be started? Should a king wage war if he has insufficient soldiers with which to win? What do these images have to do with Jesus? Can we really give up our possessions? What is Jesus asking of you?

Pray: Lord of all that is what you want from us, our all. You didn't die for a portion of us; you died for the totality of who we are. Help us surrender to your will, to willingly give ourselves wholly to you. Use us as instruments of your grace. Amen

Bless: "_____, God is working through you for the kingdom."

















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Do you recall memorable moments from your youth spent as a member of a faith family-perhaps Christmas Caroling to shut-ins, participating in a retreat at Lutheridge, learning a lesson from a group building exercise, performing in a Live Nativity, or joining an extracurricular outing? Offering these types of inspiring events can provide excellent faith forming pathways for our youth today.

Faith building is a lifelong process that requires a solid foundation. Youth Ministry strives to encourage and inspire faith formation in all our youth - pre-K through college age. Best of all it should be fun for everyone!

Please prayerfully consider if God might be calling you to help re-kindle the fire in youth ministry as we emerge from Covid isolation. If you have interest or need more details, please contact a member of the congregational council nominating committee (John Cromer, Jennifer Huskey, Carole Lake, Edward Little) or Pastor Mike.











Quilting for Lutheran World Relief

Several years ago, I shared this video with our Quilting camp campers. I still find it inspiring. I believe it conveys the impact our ministry has on those who receive our quilts. It also expresses the fellowship shared and the commitments made by all who participate.

I hope you will watch this video to the end and then plan to join us Tuesday, September 13th at 9 am.

Two Women, Two Lives



Have a great day!

Carole Lake, Phyllis Scronce, Susan McConnell and Beth Collins

Please contact Carole Lake at 908-675-7290 or <u>gmaknits2017@gmail.com</u> for more information.



Monday September 5

In Observance of

Labor Day



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Brittany Doehling	9/02
Carole Robinson	9/03
Emily Robinson	9/04
Norah Gonzalez-Herrera	9/06
Diane Saine	9/07
Angie Byrd	9/08
Mary Kate Link	9/08
William Bynum II	9/10
Meredith Shuford	9/12
Brady Wise	9/13
Charlotte Zagorski	9/16
Guy Rudisill	9/17
Linda Yoder	9/20
Kennan Eaddy	9/23
Katherine Geerken	9/23
Suzette James	9/23
Dana Cline	9/24
Susan Boyd	9/25
William Cline	9/26
Sara Little	9/26
Margaret Christopher	9/27
Chase Lackey	9/28
Buzz Cherry	9/28
Rhonda Thompson	9/29



Lincoln County Covid-19 Case numbers

As of March 23 the State and County are no longer reporting numbers

Lincoln County Positivity Rate as of August 21- 28.18%

Lincoln County Positivity Rate as of August 29 - 24.33

Lincoln County current cases as of August 21 - 187

Lincoln County current cases as of August 29 - 166





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Sunday worship, study and fellowship opportunities

Traditional Worship Service 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Service is live streamed on Facebook at 10 am each Sunday and will be posted to YouTube.