



**Immanuel Lutheran Church & School**  
**8231 Tanner Bridge Road**  
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**“What’s Happening”**



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*The mission of Immanuel Lutheran School is to partner with parents and Immanuel Lutheran Church in providing a quality education that nurtures life-long learners who are rooted in Christ, built in faith, and growing in love.*

Worship: Sunday 9:30 am

Deadline to submit newsletter articles: Wednesday at the end of the day

Tune in to 104.1 for drive-in worship service

## **May 12, 2023**

### **FROM THE DESK OF MR. KOPP**

We are one week from the end of school. Next Friday is our official last day of school. It seems as though we just started this year. We will have a few upcoming events next week.

Everyone is invited to our closing awards ceremony and chapel on Friday, May 19. We will start awards at 10:00 am in the church beginning with Kindergarten and move up through the grades. When we finish with awards we will move into our closing chapel. If you attend, your child or grandchild is welcome to sit with you. When chapel ends we will bring our school year to an end which could be before 11:30. If you can't attend, don't worry, we won't just turn your child loose, but we do ask to have them picked up by 11:30. There is no aftercare on this day.

Also, May 21 is graduation for both our 8th grade class and our preschool class. Graduation is part of our 9:30 worship service. Following worship, the preschoolers are having cookies and punch and something special for parents in the commons.

I would also like to remind parents that enrollment for next year was sent home. Please have the forms and registration fee turned into the office as soon as you can. It helps us plan better the earlier we know. If you are not returning to us next year we will miss you but please let the office know because it is also helpful for planning for next year.

### **PREPARING FOR CHURCH THIS SUNDAY**

As Jesus is preparing for His ascension, He promises His disciples that The Holy Spirit will come. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the 'Helper' which can also mean 'Advocate' or 'Counselor'. It is the Spirit who will come to guide, direct, and console us with God's presence as well as counsel us to follow God's Law. Jesus commands us to follow His commandments with the assurance that the Holy Spirit will be our guide.

Ascension Day is this Thursday. Many churches have services on Ascension Day. Jesus's ascension brings us comfort to know that He is in heaven preparing a place for us. His place is at the Right Hand of the Father - a place of high honor - and as He sits (resting from His work on earth being completed), He is still at work making intercession for us - pleading our case to the Father, and answering prayer as He alone lays our petitions before the Father.

### **2022-2023 YEARBOOK ORDERS**

Get your yearbook now! You can still send your order form and payment to the office.

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**2023-2024 POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

If interested, please contact the school office at 573-496-3766 or email Mr. Kopp at principal@midmoimmanuel.com.

**PART TIME 7/8 GRADE TEACHING POSITION**

We are looking for a part time teacher working about *15-20 hours per week*. They would be responsible for teaching English Language Arts and History, grading, and monitoring students. It would be an afternoon position, but that can be negotiated.

**PART TIME PRESCHOOL AIDE**

We are looking for a part time aide working about *25-30 hours per week*. They would work from 7am to 1pm Monday through Friday. Duties would involve helping students with playtime and supervising them. It includes working with students directly. Not required to plan lessons, just be able to follow lessons provided by the lead teacher. It would also involve some light sweeping, cleaning tables, and snack time clean up.

We are also looking for a part time aide working about *15-25 hours per week*. They would work from 1pm to 5pm Monday through Friday. Duties would involve helping students with playtime and supervising them. It would also involve some light sweeping, cleaning tables, and snack time clean up.

**PART TIME PE**

We are looking for a part time teacher about *4-8 hours a week* teaching PE for grades K-8. Teaching experience not required but preferred. It would involve planning and teaching PE to grade K-8.

**PART TIME COOK**

We are looking for a part time cook to prepare lunches for the preschool and school. The position is *two 6 hour days a week*. You would be responsible for preparing, cooking, and serving lunches for the students. There is someone who helps serve and cleans lunch trays. Limited experience is needed. You don't have to be a chef or head cook, just want to cook. Menus will be planned around your abilities.

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**THANK YOU!**

The kitchen staff wishes to thank each and every person who donated this year to see that our students had the best meals possible.

We asked for your help and the response was amazing! We could not have been more blessed!

Thank you so much! You are in our prayers of gratitude!

*I always thank my God as I remember  
you in my prayers.  
Philomena E. NY*



**PENDING CALL**

Mr. Kopp has a call to be principal of another school. Please keep the Kopp family in your prayers as he considers this call.

**GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

There are only 3 projects left on our list. If you would like to make a donation towards these projects, please let the office know. **Thank you so much to those who have already so generously donated.**

1. Fix/Install 3 Sanctuary dimmer switches *estimated cost \$750-\$1,000*
2. 4 overhead Microphones in sanctuary materials, mics, labor *estimated cost \$1,200.00*
3. Air Conditioner Unit (crane/labor/installation) for School - \$5,700.00

**LUNCH MENU** (All menus subject to change/milk served with all meals/peanut butter & jelly alternative daily)

**5/15** Chicken nuggets, tater tots, fresh veggies, fruit

**5/16** Sausage, pancake, cream cheese bagel, veggie, fruit

**5/17** Cheeseburger, fries, fresh veggies, fruit

**5/18** Special Pizza, grapes, popsicle, drink included

**5/19** EARLY DISMISSAL - NO LUNCH SERVED

Servants for the Lord					
Date	Acolytes	Ushers	Lector	Elders	Finance Team
May 14	Josh Dick Alec Sommerer	Craig Schulte Kaden Schulte Caleb Bernskoetter	Jason Sommerer	Danny Sommerer	Pat & Jane
May 21	Javon Engelbrecht Claire Koetting	Troy Bonnett Kelby Doerhoff	Scott Schulte	Troy Wolken Brad Engelbrecht	Deven, Jason, and Aaron
<b>May Altar Guild:</b> Mandy McDonald, Loretta Schulte, Carrie Wolken					

Date	Upcoming Events	Time
5/14	Adult Bible Study Mom's Bible Study Sunday School Worship Service/Children's Message Voter's Meeting after Service	8:15 am 8:15 am 8:15 am 9:30 am
5/16	Board of Education	5:30 pm
5/17	Grades 5 & 6 Field Trip Mid-week Bible Study/Book of Exodus - Ch. Basement Women's Bible Study - Youth Room	9:15 am 6:30 pm
5/18	Field Day Activities	
5/19	End of the Year Awards Ceremony Closing Chapel Service ( <i>Leader: Vicar Resner</i> ) Early Dismissal (K-8)	10:00 am After awards 11:30 am
5/21	Adult Bible Study Mom's Bible Study Sunday School Worship Service/8th grade and preschool Graduation/Communion	8:15 am 8:15 am 8:15 am 9:30 am



### Women's Bible Study

Our Women's Bible Study group has begun a new session. We are studying Psalm 46 through the book Be Still and Know: A Study of Rest and Refuge by Deb Burma. You don't have to have the book to join us. We would love to have you with us any time. **We meet each Wednesday in the youth room from 6:30-8:00pm.**

## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer. They will start up again on Monday, September 18, 2023, at Jason Propst's firehouse, 4501 Old Ridge Rd.

## Mid-Week Bible Study

The Mid-Week Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings, at 9:15am in the church basement. We are extremely blessed and thankful to have Pastor Brandt leading us through the book of Exodus. All are welcome.

## Children's Sunday School

All children ages 3-12th Grade are invited to join us each **Sunday at 8:15-9am** for Sunday School. We meet in the kindergarten classroom to begin with songs and then disperse into the various classrooms. **Our last Sunday School class before we break in the summer is May 21st.**

## Mom's Bible Study

Our Mom's Bible Study group meets each **Sunday from 8:15-9am in the youth room**. We are using the book entitled God Loves Moms by Christina Hergenrader as a guide. *We have a few sr. high youth who have graciously volunteered to babysit again for kids under the age of three in the preschool room, so please feel free to bring your littles along too.* **Our last Mom's Bible Study before we break in the summer is May 21st.**

## Jr. and Sr. High Youth Events



More detailed youth group information is shared in our Band App. Click here if you are not connected: [Immanuel Youth Band App](#)

Jr. High Youth: Bible Study and Summer Fun, June 4, meet in youth room, 3-5pm

Sr. High Youth: Mark your calendars for Heart of MO TEC, June 10-12, at Faith Lutheran Church ( More info below.)

We will need both Jr. and Sr. High Youth volunteers for VBS week on July 16-20th.

## SR. HIGH YOUTH - TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST, JUNE 10-12

**TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)** will be held on June 10-12, 2023, at Faith Lutheran Church, Jefferson City. TEC is a three-day weekend experience for youth who have finished at least their freshman year of high school to 20 years old, led by Lutheran laypersons and clergy, and by youth who have already attended a TEC weekend. Interested adults and youth leaders are also encouraged to attend the retreat. Its broad objective is to enable older youth, at a time when they are making life decisions, to encounter the presence of Christ in their lives and to commit themselves to life under HIM. If you want to find out more about this amazing opportunity to grow in your faith, please visit our website, [www.heartofmotec.com](http://www.heartofmotec.com). The website has all information and an online application. If you want more information you can call or text Sam Ziegelbein at 573-680-6887 or email TEC at [heartofmotec@gmail.com](mailto:heartofmotec@gmail.com).



Save the Date

VBS 2023

July 16-20

#### AREA NEWS

##### MRRL READING BUDDIES PROGRAM

Missouri River Regional Library is looking for students currently enrolled in K-2nd grade to participate in the Reading Buddies Program this summer. The Reading Buddies program is designed to give children extra reading practice one-on-one with a teen mentor and to make the reading experience fun! They will be celebrating reading by doing creative projects and programs, as well as providing some snacks and giving away prizes!

Contact Lydia Gallagher or Courtney Waters at (573) 634-2464 for more information and the application.

##### TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING AND BANQUET UPDATE

Due to the recent fire at Trinity Lutheran Church and School, the annual meeting for Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association will be postponed until the fall of 2023. Alumni members will be informed of the fall meeting information by August 15, 2023.

## CALVARY NEWS

### CALVARY INSIDER

What happened at Calvary in the past week?

- Congratulations to Maddie Homfeldt, Sydney Morris, Mikayla Yutzy & Maddy Sprengel for winning the 4 x 800m relay at the District Track meet! Sydney Morris won the district championship in Shot Put AND Discus. Maddie Homfeldt won the 3200m. They advanced to the Sectional track meet yesterday in these and other individual events. Additionally, Kyle Hagemeyer, Jaxson Jobe, Ben Kuhlman and Jack Schnitzler advanced to the Sectional track meet yesterday in the 4 x 800m and individual events.
- Last Monday, Micah Christman qualified for the State Golf Tournament to be held tomorrow and Tuesday in Columbia. Way to go, Micah!
- Senior Recognition Night was celebrated on Tuesday.
- Archery students competed Thursday through Saturday at the Eastern National NASP competition in Louisville, KY.
- Friday was our seniors' last class day. Blessings to the Class of 2023 as they finish out their Final Exams and wrap up their time at Calvary.

### CALVARY YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP

Incoming 5th through 8th graders are invited to join us from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on June 5th and 6th for Calvary's Youth Baseball Camp! Infield, outfield, hitting, pitching, and catching will all be covered. This event is free of charge. Please RSVP by calling the Calvary office at (573)638-0228 by Friday, May 26th.

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Calvary is seeking mission-minded, enthusiastic individuals to join the Calvary team. We are seeking a teacher for one period of College Biology. Candidates must have a masters degree with 18-hrs of graduate level classes in Life Sciences. We are also seeking candidates for a head archery coach for 2023-2024. Candidates should meet all requirements set forth by NASP. Resumes for both positions are to be submitted to Calvary Lutheran High School, 2525 Rte B, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Resumes will be accepted until the positions are filled.

### FORE! GET YOUR GOLF TEAM READY

Calvary's Annual Benefit Golf Tournament is set for Friday, June 3 at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton. Flights begin at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sponsorships are available and we would love to have you join us with a team! Contact 573-638-0228 to reserve your spot or register online at [calvarylhs.org/golftournament](http://calvarylhs.org/golftournament) today. Thank you for supporting students at Calvary Lutheran High School with a fun day of golf!


### SAVE THE DATE

May 27	Graduation, 10 AM
June 2	19th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament
June 10	Alumni Basketball Game

## **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

We pray that the Lord would move your heart to contribute to one of the following items. It would help the general fund account to stay current with regular bills. Thank You and God Bless!

1. Electric Costs per month..... 2,000.00
2. Building and Liability Insurance/per quarter..... 7,000.00
3. Concordia Plan Health Insurance..... 7,500.00
4. Waste Removal/per month..... 234.00
5. Propane Capital Energy/per week/winter..... 1,000.00

<b><u>STEWARDSHIP</u></b>	<b><u>5/7</u></b>		<b><u>Finance Team</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Adult Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>May</b>	Aaron, Jason & Devon Tim & Terry Heather & Rochelle Mary & John <b>Pat &amp; Jane</b>	May 21
Sunday School	<b>17</b>			May 28
Youth	<b>**</b>			June 04
Y'ALL	<b>**</b>			June 11
Mom's Bible Study	<b>5</b>			<b>May 14</b>
Wed. Bible Study	<b>18</b>			
Ladies Bible Study	<b>10</b>			
Men's Bible Study	<b>**</b>			
<b>Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>			<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b><u>Church Attendance</u></b>				
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Communion: 140</b>	<b>195</b>			
<b>Church Offering</b>				
Plate & Envelopes	<b>\$ 6,038.25</b>	<b>12-mo avg</b> \$8,924.00 per week		
Electronic	<b>\$ 3,198.89</b>			
<b>Total:</b> <i>Avg Offering Goal (as of 7/1/22)</i> <i>Weekly church/school expense total</i>	<b>9,237.14</b> \$9,550 \$14,000			
<b>DRC Offering</b>	<b>\$ 497.00</b>	<b>May</b> <b>497.00</b>		
<i>Monthly Building Loan Payment</i> <i>Bldg Loan Balance as of 4/21/23</i>	\$ 4,125 \$209,417	<b>12-mo avg</b> \$3,260.00 per month		

### **Offering Options Available**

We have several eGiving options if you would like to give a one-time or recurring offering electronically:

- 1) Set up an **online donation** from our website: <https://www.midmoimmanuel.com/online-giving>
- 2) Download the **Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement** app for your smart-phone and search for "Immanuel Lutheran Church and School" (several churches will display from just "Immanuel", so be sure to type in the full name - there are still at least three on the list that have the same name as us - be sure to select the one with our address - 8231 Tanner Bridge Road). Set up your profile and manage your offerings.
- 3) Text your offering through **Text Giving** by texting a whole number for the offering amount (i.e. "10" for a \$10 gift) to 1-573-267-5706. Follow the link that is replied back.
- 4) Contact Cody Morrow (573-680-2910 or cdymorrow@aol.com) or Jason Sommerer (573-338-2441 or summertime\_99@hotmail.com) for assistance and we can set up an **auto-draft from your bank** directly to Immanuel.
- 5) Vanco also offers to accept gifts **over the phone** for our congregation. Vanco's Client Services team will take donations if you call them at 800.675.7430

## **CHURCH IS HARD**

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.  
Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.  
Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.  
Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.  
Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.  
Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect.  
Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.  
Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.  
Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.  
Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.  
Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.  
Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.  
Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.  
Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.  
Church is hard for the sinners.  
Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

BUT, here is the **BEAUTY OF CHURCH**—

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.  
Church is a body.  
Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.  
Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.  
Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.  
Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.  
Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.  
Church is a lesson in faith and trust.  
Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.  
Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.  
Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the **HARD DAYS AT CHURCH**—

The days when I am at odds with a friend, when I've fought with my husband because we're late once again. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away.

I'll remember, **HE HAS NEVER FAILED TO MEET ME THERE.**

By Beverly Palmer



*If you have added people to our prayer list, please call the office with updates on their condition and let us know if we can put them on our "Praise God For Answered Prayers" list. Know that this does not mean they are not prayed for in our hearts. Thank You.*

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**At Home or Hospital:** Quinetta Rutledge, Brennan Schulte, John and Patti Trinklein, John Green, Jane Kesel, Brian Kempker, Konlee Kempker, Charlie Duenckel, Rebecca Eichelberger, Joni and Chloe Adamson, Theresa Schubert, Dana Simmons, Betty Hoecker, Terri Engelbrecht, Dwight and Rita Linhardt, Danny Goodman, Dane Steenburgen, Susie Case, Denny Schulte, Marilyn Smith, Gretchen Junkans, Kenny Braun, Ann Shipwash, Ronette Schulte, Megan Limbach, Trevor Burrows, Virgil Lackman and Cheryl Herzog.

**Praise God for answered Prayers:** Max McFadden is back home.

**Those Who Mourn:** Family and Friends of Leroy Sommerer, Corey Love and Billy Mueller.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Grant Jobe 5-14, Kristen Bax 5-14, LeAnne Bonnett 5-14 Kelsey Chrisman 5-14, Barrett Rowden 5-17, Alice Simmons 5-17, Allye Simmons 5-17, Paige Buechter 5-17, Caleb Bernskoetter 5-17, Michael Bax 5-17, Billy Blochberger 5-18, Ethan Sommerer 5-18, LaVerne Popp 5-18, Mackenzie Harms 5-19, Mari Vanderwert 5-19, Payton Cole 5-20, Jane Blochberger 5-20, Sophie Voss 5-20.

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:** Frank and Lisa Walker 5-19 34yrs., Nick and Amber Werdehausen 5-19 5yrs.

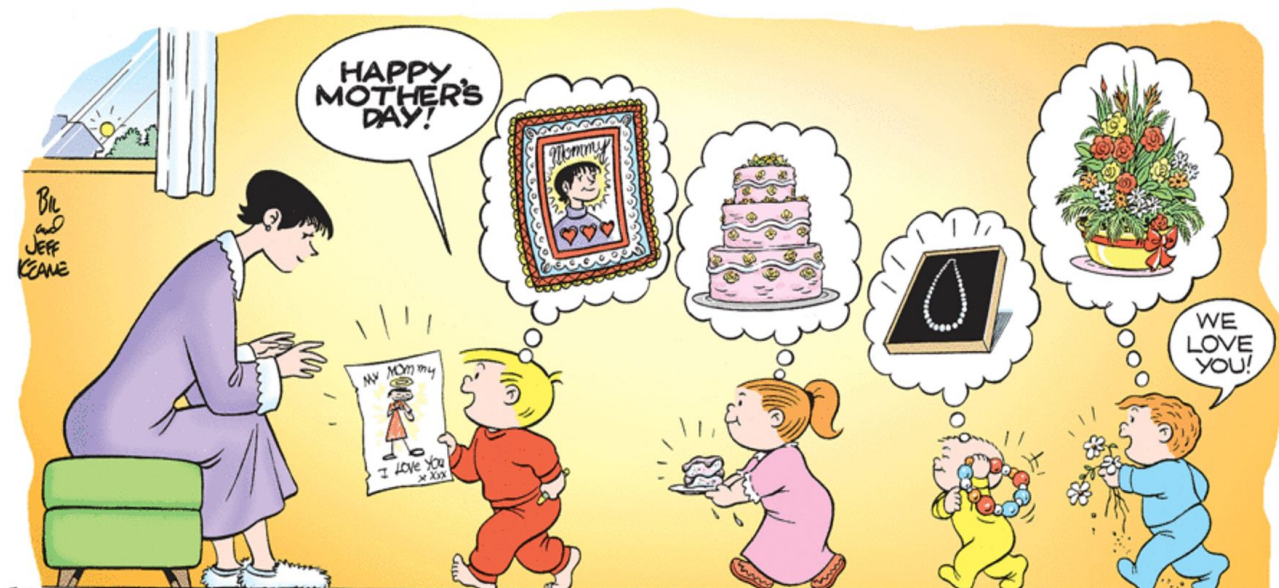
**Celebrating Baptism Anniversary (1-5 yrs)** Isla Allen 5-15-22 1yr., Oliver Morrow 5-16-21 2yrs.

**Marriage Blessings:** Congratulations to Cole Duenckel and Reagan Sullivan who were united in marriage Saturday, May 13th at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Honey Creek.

**Nursing Home Residents/Shut-Ins:** Virginia Meier-Heisinger Bluffs, and Tom Benne

**Military Personnel:** Jack Schmoeger, and Clare Hart

**Thought For The Day:** To the world a mother may just be that one person, but to that one person, she may be the world.



# The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

## LCMS Stewardship Ministry

May 2023

### Follow Him in Generosity

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job’s already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: [lcms.org/stewardship](https://lcms.org/stewardship)