



July—August 2025

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Caring For Our Community Through Christ

## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Beloved,

The website [www.Fatherly.com](http://www.Fatherly.com) has a series of articles called, "Twelve Questions to Ask Your Dad About..." Some are about your dad's childhood, or his career, or just about life in general.

With that as my springboard, I have come up with my own list of twelve questions. I share them with you to help start a conversation about faith with your dad or with your children! Make the conversation as formal or casual as you want. The goal is to talk about our lives of faith and pass that story on to our children. Take written notes, but I also suggest that you use a recorder of some kind so you also have your father's actual voice (or your voice) speaking the answers. If your kids are little, take the list and work through the questions yourself, leaving them a written journal or a voice recording of you answering the questions. Here they are:



- 1) Who do you remember first teaching you about Jesus? Was it a family member, Sunday school teacher, or pastor? Is there someone in particular who helped you grow in faith and understand, "Jesus loves me," isn't just a song?
- 2) When and where you were baptized and confirmed? Do you remember either? Talk about what you learned.
- 3) What family member, friend, or other individual best modeled God's grace to you when you were young, a teen, and as an adult?
- 4) Tell me about your prayer life. How do you pray? How often? What do you pray for? Do you have a favorite place for prayer?
- 5) Tell me about a time when you had to trust the promises of God.
- 6) Tell me about a time when it seemed God was silent, or when you felt distant from Him.
- 7) Tell about a time when God answered your prayers or a time when He did not answer your prayers like you had hoped.
- 8) What has been the greatest joy as a child of God? What has been the biggest challenge or struggle?
- 9) Has there ever been a moment where you thought your faith died? Has there been a moment when your faith grew?
- 10) Has there been a moment where you particularly felt God's love, grace, mercy, and compassion?
- 11) Finish the sentence: "I go to church because..."
- 12) Finish this sentence: "My prayer for you is..."
- 13) Bonus: What is your favorite Bible story and why?

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# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod

*Caring For Our Community Through Christ*

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There you have it dear friends. 13 things to ponder this month. I pray that you take time to answer them and if you do, feel free to let me know the conversation that took place. Also, if you enjoy articles like this, please let me know and I'll do more of them.

Have a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Celebrate and be safe and enjoy your summer. See you in church.

With a Shepherd's Love,

Pastor David



## **Summer Worship, Summer Joy**

Even in the relaxed pace of summer, God is at work! Our Sunday services continue to be a source of joy and encouragement.

Join us each week for inspiring worship and meaningful community.

## **SPECIAL FUNDS**

### Care & Compassion Fund

Caraballo Property Mgmt., LLC

### Memorial Fund—

In Memory of Floyd and Bobbie Duff

Duff Charitable Giving Fund





Last week, June 23-26, we were blessed to touch the lives of over 50 children attending our VBS program.

We had about 40 brave volunteers to feed them, teach them, sing with them, and lead them.

We chose CPH's program *Epic Australian Adventure* "An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus".

Our decorating team, Janice and Jennifer, got busy transforming our church to VBS mode. Check out the pictures! Each day, through bible stories and activities, our journey reminded us that "Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life"!

We started each night with our traditional VBS menu prepared by our dedicated kitchen staff, headed up by Karen and her team of chefs! We Opened and Closed each night in the sanctuary singing praise and introducing the Bible story and adventure for the evening led by Lynn, with her Music team Marilyn and Michelle and actors, Zoe and Alicia. Then, off to Story time with Marilyn and Carol engaging with the children and telling the Bible Story of the day. In Bible Exploration (science) the children learned more through experiments with Pastor David. In craft the children made binoculars, scrolls, and a catch me game with Julie, Chris, Jessie, Ashley and Raechl. At recreation, with Kalei and Joanna, they found creative games to play when it's too hot outside. Snacks and cold drinks on some very HOT nights were served up by Marsha and Kathy. Thank you to Sharon and Jean for keeping the registrations in order and making sure the children's backpacks were filled with provisions. The bravest of all are my Leaders who lead the children through out the night from station to station and kept them all safe: Desi, Michelle, Angel, Bailey, Marissa, Mikayla, Jennifer, Veronica, Catie and Alicia.

As always, we had a great group of about 50 kids with lots of energy and smiling faces!

We had an awesome group of about 40 volunteers from church and community that did an amazing job making it happen.

Thank you to all who just showed up to help wherever needed!

There are many more pictures from each night on our Facebook page, check them out!



Remember that "Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life" and have an adventurous summer!



Thank you, again, to EVERYONE who helped make VBS great this year!

Kitchen, Opening/Closing, Leaders, Music, Actors, Craft, Music, Story time, Science, Recreation, Snack, Decorating, Thrivent!



Rene Langwost  
Board of Education / VBS Director





# Immanuel Lutheran Nursery School



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## ATTENTION ILNS 2025-2026 School Year Parents:

- ⇒ Parent Orientation Meeting—Tuesday August 12th—6:30 PM
- ⇒ Meet & Greet—Thursday August 28th—6:30 PM
- ⇒ Classes Start 3's & 4's—Monday September 8th
- ⇒ Classes Start 2's—Monday September 15th



Wishing our Youth Group all the  
best as they travel to  
New Orleans, LA for the  
2025 LCMS Youth Gathering  
July 19—23!



ENDURE



## + Christian Symbols +

**ALTAR** — This central furnishing in a Christian worship space is usually large, with a solid front that may be decorated with symbols or words. The flat surface, often covered with a cloth, is where the Communion elements are prepared and placed, reminding us of Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb of God. In some churches, the altar looks more like a table, with open legwork. We remember that Jesus invites us into fellowship with God now and to the heavenly banquet for eternity. We place offerings on the altar to symbolize our sacrificial response to God's redeeming love.



**PELICAN** — In the Middle Ages, the pelican came to represent Jesus' sacrifice of his blood for the world. According to legend, a mother pelican, in times of famine, would pluck open her chest and feed her young with her own blood. An alternate myth was that she fed her dying young with her blood to revive them, losing her own life in the process. The depiction of a pelican with a drop of blood on her chest is called "the pelican in her piety."





# Albert “Tony” Anton Krupka



Tony Krupka, age 67, of Federalsburg, MD, fell asleep with the Lord on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025, surrounded by love.

Tony always had a passion for fast cars, holding a lifelong career as a diesel mechanic. While he was a strong mechanic, he had a loving and playful heart. If he couldn't fix something with his hands, he'd fix it with humor. When he wasn't working you could catch him playing drums, jamming with friends, or perfecting his craftsmanship. His favorite pastime was always spending time with his family, pets, and his friends – eating crabs was always a bonus. Tony, a devoted and loyal son, brought love and laughter everywhere he went. Though our world may be quieter without him, it is forever louder and more beautiful because he was here.

Tony is held in the hearts of his mother, Kitty Hefelfinger; his sister, Sheri Rodriquez; brother, Dean Krupka; son, Tony Krupka; daughter, Casey Bowman; grandchildren, Savannah Krupka and Benjamin Bowman; partner Beth Clement; stepdaughter, Liz Dennis; and many other loving friends and family members.

Tony's life was celebrated on 06/14/2025 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Preston, MD, at 11a with the viewing beginning at 10a and a luncheon afterwards. In lieu of flowers, we ask for donations to be made to Talbot Hospice Foundation.



“Time spent in prayer is never wasted.”

—François Fénelon

**BE** joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.  
Romans 12:12, NIV



Why Christian community is

Jesus' followers aren't meant to pursue faith by themselves. In fact, that's impossible! A *family* and *the body* signify plural members. It is among brothers and sisters in Christ that we:

- experience our Savior's presence, living and incarnate;
- unite in worship, confess our sins, hear the gospel and receive Communion;
- accept church discipline through the gentle guidance of others;
- learn — through other people's examples and experiences — what it means to live a life of discipleship;
- and lovingly serve together as Jesus' hands and feet.



Jennifer Flannigan	7/1	Darlene Wilson	7/9	Julie Farnell	7/18
Kathy Schmidt	7/4	Joan Gounraj	7/10	John Monroe	7/18
Laura Glessner	7/5	Carole Greenage	7/12	Zachary Braband	7/19
Crew Hopkins	7/6	Veronica Phillips	7/12	Chelsie Frase	7/20
Nikki Morris	7/7	Ronnie Tucker	7/12	Susan Scudder	7/20
Jonathon Nichols	7/7	Robert Beebe	7/14	Dee Lambert	7/21
Catie Casey-Motley	7/8	Luke Dutton	7/16	Mildred Quidas	7/21
Christa Delano	7/8	Caleb Erskine	7/16	Kyle Starken	7/21
John Northam	7/8	Jacob Erskine	7/16	Katie Taylor	7/21
Sheri Rodriquez	7/8	Samantha Fisher	7/16	Desi Casey-Motley	7/24
Destiny Scudder	7/8	Hunter Marshall	7/16	Linda Fairbanks	7/24

Dana Limpert	7/24
Grayson Dutton	7/25
Anthony Clark	7/26
Mary Lou Frase	7/26
Raiker Ann Sheldon	7/27
Emilee Shanken	7/29
Ronald Andrew	7/30



Dennis & Caron Janko	7/15
Joey & Sarah Durham	7/16
Paul & Jackie Nichols	7/20
Sheri & Tony Rodriguez	7/22
John & Karen Lyons	7/27



Kari Edwards	8/1	Jean Blake	8/11	Sarah Dienst	8/21
Christopher Headley	8/2	Charles Fry	8/11	Jessie Harding	8/22
Phineas Ayers	8/3	Kate Frase	8/14	Windsor Meyer Sr.	8/23
John Schmidt	8/3	Eric Karge	8/14	Shyann Gillis	8/24
Kelsey Limpert	8/4	Meredith Brooks	8/15	Austyn Ostermann	8/25
Thomas Starken	8/5	John Crampton	8/15	Barbara Wright	8/25
Ronda Jefferson	8/6	Zack Kirwan	8/17	Jack Collins	8/26
Shelby Rector	8/8	Joanne Smith	8/17	Journee Scudder	8/26
Ag Sturtz	8/8	Gary Wright	8/18	Ryan Andrew	8/29
Kimberly Jantz	8/9	Raechl Cannon	8/20	Allen Reichlin	8/30
Peggy Meyer	8/10	Keirsa Buckingham	8/21		


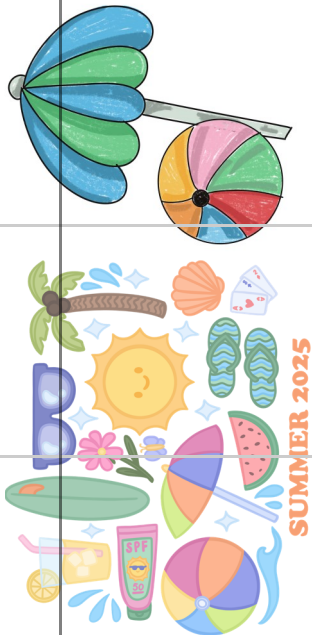


Larry & Shelly Kapitan	8/1
John & Gail Crampton	8/5
Charles & Laura Frase	8/5
Dufferin & Gina McConnell	8/22
Jeffrey & Debra Chambers	8/25
Bill & Helen Bennett	8/25
Anthony & Marissa Clark	8/28
John & Cheryl Hochmuth	8/30



# JULY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 	5
6 10:30a Divine Service 7:00pm AA Meeting	7	8	9	10	11	12 8:30a Men's Prayer Breakfast
13 10:30am Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:30a Divine Service 7:00 pm AA Meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:30am Worship 7:00pm AA Meeting	28	29	30	31 		

## THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL JULY 2025

Date	Ushers	Assisting Elder	Lay Reader	Acolyte	Sound System	Camera Operator	Kids Worship	Head Tellers
July 6	Todd Butler & Rex Rosebrock	Todd Butler	Dicky Wheatley	Grayson Jackson	David Schmidt	Janice Isenberg	Rene Langwost	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
July 13	Todd Butler & Rex Rosebrock		Ruth Thomas	Anthony Clark	David Schmidt	Jennifer Phillips	Rene Langwost	Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
July 20	Todd Butler & Rex Rosebrock	Hugh Smith	Kathy Schmidt	Shyann Gillis	Rex Rosebrock	Shelly Kapitan	Rene Langwost	Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Linda Jefferson
July 27	Todd Butler & Rex Rosebrock		Catie Casey-Motley	Mikayla Clark	Jim Harris	Ruth Thomas	Rene Langwost	David & Kathy Schmidt Julie Farnell





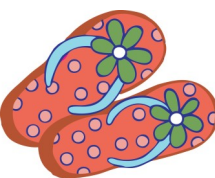
# AUGUST



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 8:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast	
3 10:30a Divine Service 7:00 pm AA Meeting	4 7:00p Board of Elders	5	6	7 7:00pm WinGS	8	9
10 10:30 Worship Church Council 7:00pm AA Meeting	11	12 6:30p ILNS Orientation	13	14	15	16
17 10:30a Divine Service 7:00 pm AA Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:30am Worship 7:00 pm AA Meeting	25	26	27	28 9a-12p ILNS Meet & Greet	29	30
31 10:30am Worship 7:00 pm AA Meeting						

# THOSE SERVING IMMANUEL AUGUST 2025

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August 3	Roland Limpert Dicky Wheatley	Mark Frase	Cathy Baker	Coltyn Bowman- Pinder	David Schmidt	Janice Isenberg	Rene Langwost	Janice Isenberg Shelly Kapitan John Crampton
August 10	Roland Limpert Dicky Wheatley		John Crampton	Anthony Clark	David Schmidt	Jennifer Phillips	Rene Langwost	Karen Lyons Jennifer Phillips
August 17	Roland Limpert Dicky Wheatley	Rick Clendaniel	Janice Isenberg	Grayson Jackson	Rex Rosebrock	Shelly Kapitan	Rene Langwost	Dee Lambert Glen Plutschak Linda Jefferson
August 24	Roland Limpert Dicky Wheatley		Chrissy Frase	Shyann Gillis	Jim Harris	Ruth Thomas	Rene Langwost	David & Kathy Schmidt Julie Farnell
August 31	Roland Limpert Dicky Wheatley		Carol Frase	Mikayla Clark	Jim Harris	Shelly Kapitan	Rene Langwost	Mark & Carol Frase



# Wedding



## IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

*Alden*



*Christina*

*Theuerl*



Alden & Chrissy were married on Saturday June 21, 2025 at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

It was an absolutely beautiful ceremony which included special music from Immanuel's Senior Choir.

Alden & Chrissy are both confirmed members at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Chrissy is the daughter of Mark & Carol Frase.

God's blessings to the marriage of Alden & Chrissy!

# Save the NEW Date

Saturday  
Sept 6, 2025



WinGS & Evangelism are having a rummage sale Saturday September 6!

You are welcome to start bringing items into church.

Please put them on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

We kindly ask for no electronics or large items that will not fit in a car. Thank you!!

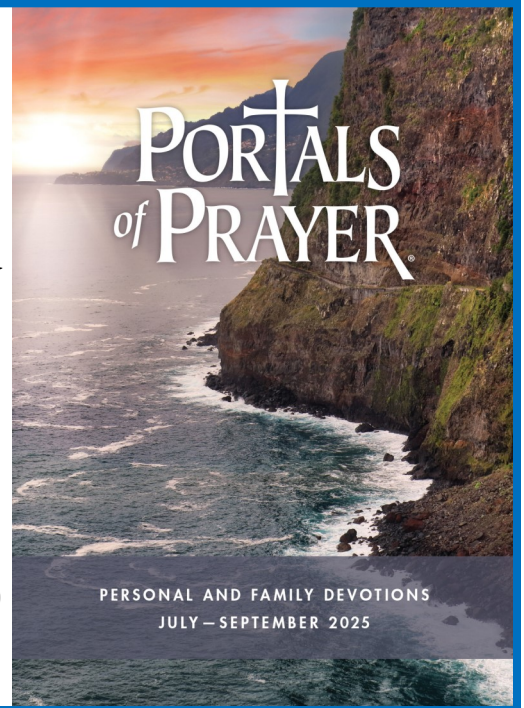




Don't drift away—  
Stay anchored in faith!

Join us every Sunday for  
worship and be refreshed  
by God's Word and your  
church family!

Grab your free copy of  
Portals of Prayer  
(available in the narthex)  
for daily devotions!



**BE LOVING IN  
EVERYTHING  
YOU DO!**

### *Complete Joy*

Because Jesus came to do such serious work, we often imagine him straight-faced. Yet Jesus also enjoyed fun times, such as the wedding celebration at Cana. When the wine ran out, Jesus miraculously produced more.

Jesus also warmly welcomed children. Picture him lifting an infant into the air or tickling a giggling youngster while another child, grinning, climbs on his back.

Summer usually allows more time for fun and play. So use these months to teach the kids in your life — and to remind yourself — that Jesus came so our “joy may be complete” (John 15:11). Laughing, playing, having fun, relaxing and enjoying life are part of living and loving as faithful disciples.



**MARYLAND  
FOOD BANK**

UNTIL HUNGER ENDS.

THE MOBILE MARKET  
WILL BE VISITING:

Bethlehem Wesleyan  
5330 Bethlehem Rd, Preston

Thursday July 24th

12pm—2pm