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Dear Friends,

Money is power. If I have money, I have power to get things done. I have the power to provide food and other necessities for my family. I have power to buy the latest electronic gadgets or travel to exotic locations. I have the power to do what I want when I want. Of course, I can use this power for good or for evil. If I have money, I am in a position to help someone who is starving or in need of a job or medical treatment and I can contribute to various causes to help improve the world. Or I can use my money to bribe government officials or to invest in businesses that take away people's jobs, break up families or destroy the environment. It is not the power itself that is good or evil: everything depends on *how* it is used.

And that is just the problem. Because our hearts are evil, we are tempted to love the power itself and not the good that we could do with it. In other words, we attach our hearts to money, depending on money's power to provide us with security in an uncertain world. We make money our god—and so fall into idolatry. As Luther said, "Those who have money and property feel secure, happy, and fearless, as if they were sitting in the midst of paradise. On the other hand, those who have nothing doubt and despair as if they knew of no God at all." (Large Catechism, Explanation of the First Commandment)

That is why money is at the bottom as a spiritual matter. It is perhaps the single most dangerous temptation that we face. As we read in 1 Timothy 6:9-10, "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."

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And Jesus made it very clear that those who succeed in amassing wealth make themselves all but immune to God's Word, so that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God. (Matthew 19:24)

Since by world standards most of us are rich, all of this is truly frightening. Ask yourself: How much does the love of money control you? Remember, the key thing is your heart. It is true that the poor can be just as much enthralled to money as the rich, but those of us who are rich are in much, much greater danger of trusting in our riches as our god. And the end of that road is "ruin and destruction."

So not only does money give us power, but money also has power *over us*. It is a potent force that draws us irresistibly into its clutches by promising us security and peace. The promise is ultimately a lie, of course, but in the short term it seems to be true. As a "god," money really does "work" much better than almost any other thing we could trust in to get us what we want and need.

Therefore, any time we get money, we are called to repentance. We cannot trust ourselves to handle such a potent "god." We are much too weak. If we trust in ourselves, we will immediately lose the battle and money will take control of our hearts. We need to confess our sin of idolatry before God, trusting in God's free forgiveness through Jesus Christ. At the same time, we need to hand over *all* of our money to him. Only the true God can transform money, so that instead of being a god that entices us to trust it, we know it for what it is: a power to do all sorts of good for those around us. If 100% of our money belongs to God, then we cannot hold onto any of it and trust in it. Then we are trusting in our dear heavenly Father, who knows what we need better than we do ourselves and is more ready to give us his good gifts than we are to ask for them.

And we become *stewards*. A steward is someone who takes care of something that belongs to another. If my money belongs to God, I am merely a steward of God's money, accountable to him for how I use every penny of it. What joy and freedom there is in being a steward! Unlike the love of money, the love of God does not lead to "ruin and destruction" but rather to contentment, joy, and peace. God the Father of our Lord Jesus really *is* God and his promises really can be trusted. Unlike money, he truly loves us and, since he did not withhold even his Son from us, we know that he will provide us with all the things we need. Whether we have a lot or little, we can be content because our God truly is God and is worthy of our trust.

Here is a discipline that can express a life in which we are not the slaves of our money, but honored and free stewards of *God's* money. I offer this, not as a law, but as an open door into freedom as a child of God. Try the following. *Give away* 10% of all your income. If this look impossible, figure out what percentage you are giving away now and increase that percentage by one percentage point. For example, if you give 2%, commit yourself before God to giving 3%. And if you already give 10%, try increasing your giving to 11% or even higher. In any case, don't let money rule you. You are called into the freedom of the children of God. As the free lord of the money entrusted to you by God, demonstrate your freedom to be part of God's generous love for the world by giving sacrificially.

I make no promises, as some preachers do, that you will have more money if you give 10% or more. You will, in all likelihood, have less money to spend. But you will have two incomparable blessings. First, you will know the great blessing of being an "imitator of God" (Ephesians 5:1), freely giving in order to be a blessing to others. And second, the money you keep will be blessed money, money with all its idolatrous power drained from it. It will be gift, a sign of God's love and care for you, that brings the blessings of this life to you and your family.

What a joy it is to be stewards for God! May you know this joy this summer and always.

In Christ,
Pastor Jon Sorum

Children's Message

Dutch Randall
Director of Youth Ministries

Don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time.
Galatians 6:9

One day a lady's car was stalled in the middle of a very busy street and as she was trying to restart her car the other drivers were becoming very impatient and angry with her for blocking traffic. Cars were honking at her as they sped past and some drivers even gave her dirty looks as they passed her.

When she realized that she wouldn't be able to start her car, she stepped out and began pushing the car to the side of the road, out of the way of traffic. Suddenly, she felt as if someone was helping her push the car, but she could not see anyone when she looked back. When she got the car to the curb, she walked around the back of her car and found a young man in a wheel chair that had begun helping her push the car to the curb.

I tell you this story because the young man did not get discouraged about helping someone in need. It is not easy to push a car if you are in a wheelchair, but this young man knew that it was the right thing to do, so he tried his best.

Many of you probably help out at home with things that need to be done. This is something that families do, they help each other when they need it. Did you know that our church is like a family too? It is, in fact every one in our church family has a job to do as well. Some of the jobs are easy, we know what the Pastor's job is, and we know what the job is of the person who answers the phone, but some of the other jobs are harder to figure out. We are all asked to help out whenever we can. Sometimes we may feel too tired to help, or maybe we think that we are too busy to help.

Jesus teaches us to help others both inside our family and outside our family. If you are feeling too tired to help others, remember what Jesus asks us to do, and remember that young man in the wheel chair who was ready to help in whatever way he could. I pray that we all be a little more like him, and be ready to help others for the sake of Jesus.



WE HAVE A WEBSITE!



CHECK US OUT AT:

www.emmanuel-tacoma.org

Contact Information

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Emmanuel's Web Site.....	www.emmanuel-tacoma.org
Southwest WA Synod Web Site.....	http://www.lutheranssw.org

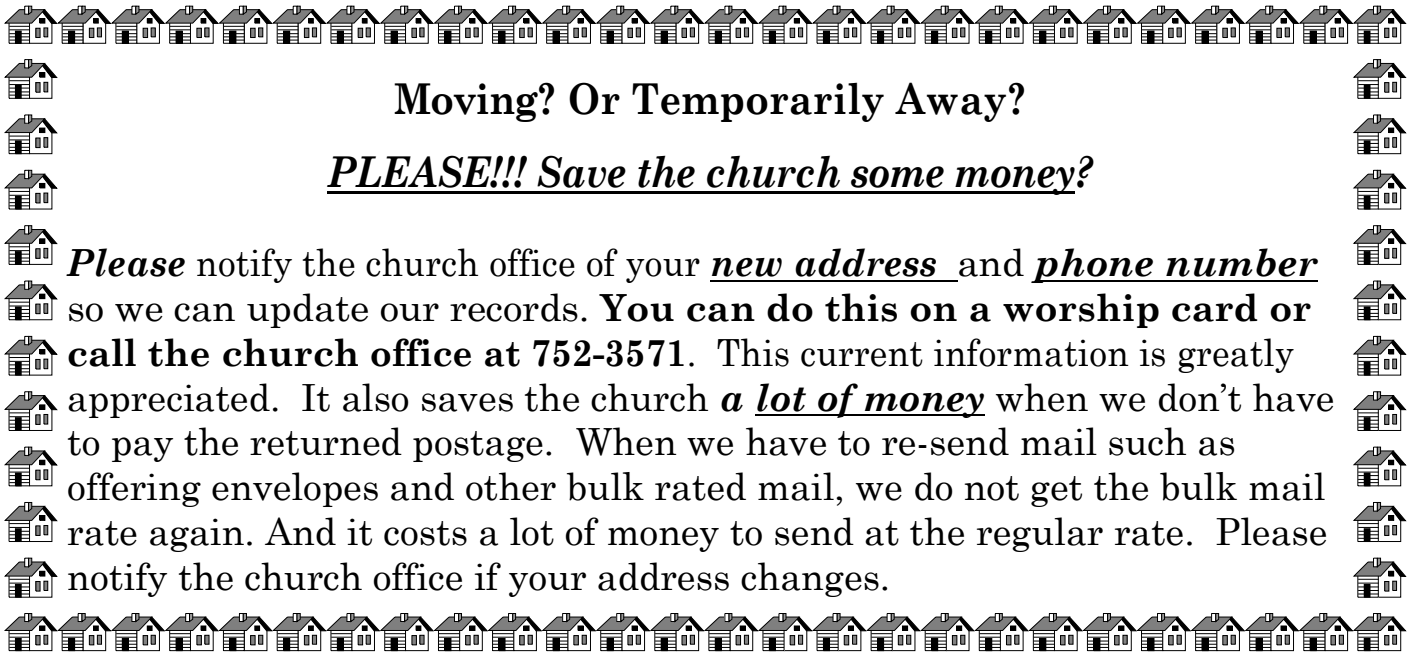
CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Church Council Meeting, June 27, 2007

President	Diane Wasalino
Vice President.....	Bob Mattson
Finance.....	Dave Andersen
Secretary.....	Angela McDougall
Education.....	Steve Seberson
Resource.....	Roger Ahrens
Outreach.....	Linda Dieckhoff
Worship & Music.....	Russ Holtz
Fellowship.....	Jim Neese



There were no Church Council Highlights available at the time of publication. Look for Church Council Highlights in the September issue.



Moving? Or Temporarily Away?

PLEASE!!! Save the church some money?

Please notify the church office of your new address and phone number so we can update our records. **You can do this on a worship card or call the church office at 752-3571.** This current information is greatly appreciated. It also saves the church a lot of money when we don't have to pay the returned postage. When we have to re-send mail such as offering envelopes and other bulk rated mail, we do not get the bulk mail rate again. And it costs a lot of money to send at the regular rate. Please notify the church office if your address changes.

ATTENTION!!! DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER ECHOES

3rd Monday of the month AUGUST 20TH

Please note:

All ECHOES articles are due in the church office on **Monday, August 20th** . If I do not receive your article by that time, it will **not** be published in the September issue. In order for members to receive the ECHOES by the first of each month, we must have all of your information by the due date. There will not be an Echoes mailed in July for August as the two months have been incorporated into one mailing.

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(all lower case)

253-752-3571

FYI....If you want to know the availability of a room or have an event scheduled on the calendar, or have some information to put in the ECHOES newsletter or the weekly bulletins, please call or e-mail **Judy Bebich** (progco@emmanuel-tacoma.org). If you want information on weddings or have financial questions, please call or e-mail **Mary Mobley** (office@emmanuel-tacoma.org). If they are not available please leave a message at the front desk and your call will be returned promptly.

CSV – China Connection July-August, 2007

A Special Invitation for YOU

China

“The Door is Opening”

A Celebration and Challenge

Benefit Dinner

6:00 PM

September 28, 2007

The Sand Memorial Center at

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

1315 North Stevens

Tacoma, WA

R.S.V.P. to Emmanuel Lutheran Church

253-752-3571

For further information contact Cathy Mattson

253-564-2101

We are also seeking people to help us with the dinner. Please call if you would like to help. Thank you, Cathy Mattson 564-2101

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100 Words from China Service Ventures

Teaching Chinese English Teachers

Provincial and city Education Departments all over China are in need of long-term (one-year or longer) English Teachers. With entrance into the World Trade Organization, China has embarked on bringing the English language to schools nationwide.

For the Education Department of Xinyang City, southern Henan Province, the need for long-term English teachers is no different. Most Chinese English teachers in China have never talked one-on-one with an English teacher with an American accent. Their English language oral skills are learned from tapes and DVD's.

Perhaps you are looking for a challenge and have the skills to help Chinese English teachers and us. Are you retired, single or couple, just graduated from university, or in between jobs and discerning future direction? Would you like to serve as an English teacher in China? Perhaps this is where God is calling you to serve! For more information on our long-term program, please contact us.

Grace and Peace,

Steven Ray, Director
China Service Ventures
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www.CSVentures.org



Recognition of students for LEAF Scholarships will be held on Sunday, August 19, 2007 at the 10:00 a.m. service. This will be an opportunity for the congregation to recognize their achievements. Those receiving the awards will be:

Megan Anstine	University of Redlands
Sally Dale	Tacoma Community College
Kelsey Frank	Whitworth
Jeanne Gallinatti	Washington State University
Heather Hazard	Tacoma Community College
Amanda Hudak	University of Washington
Melissa McDougall	University of Puget Sound
Andrew Olson	Tacoma Community College
Erik Olson	Tacoma Community College
Courtney Taylor	Pacific Lutheran University
Matthew Taylor	Tacoma Community College

Our Search Continues...

We were so close. The call committee had a unanimous consensus for recommendation to the church council on a pastor from Minnesota. To the best of our evaluation, he had the references, experience, theological fit to our congregation, technologically savvy, diverse yet complementary skill set to Pastor Sorum, and a youthful passion for ministry. With regrets, I accepted his withdrawal from our call process. After his careful reflection, thought, and prayer he felt his calling was to remain with his current congregations. After our experience with meeting this candidate, we could do nothing but respect his decision.

So we move forward in our process. We will continue to solicit church nominations, accept mobility papers from the synod, and investigate other and all avenues for associate pastoral candidates. Your help in growing this pool of candidates is appreciated and this will be our objective over the summer. I continue to thank our current call committee members at Emmanuel and the previous call committee for their guidance.

Rick Remmert
Call Committee Chairman

MONDAY MEN IN MISSION

Every Monday morning, we meet at 9:00 A.M. in the Sand Memorial Center, to enter the week fed with *God's good Word* and a hearty breakfast prepared by Linda O'Hara and her sister Catherine.



WordAlone Network News!

There will be a meeting at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Monday, July 16th at 7:00 P.M. Responses to the latest sexuality study must be made by November 1st. We will be planning an event in mid-October and hope to have Jim Nestingen as the featured speaker. We appreciate any input, participation, or just come and hear at the July 16th meeting.

For more information please call Bea Christophersen at 759-8096.

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

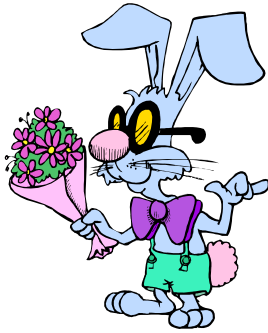
Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M.



We will meet in Room 200 for an informal Bible study each Wednesday for the month of July. Pastor Al Gerstmann will lead the class. Come join us at anytime. All are welcome.

IN THE HOSPITAL IN JUNE

LUCIE GRISWORLD



*With
Sympathy*

Emmanuel Lutheran extends its Christian sympathy to:

Gregg & Jill Baughman & family on the recent loss of a son on July 17th.

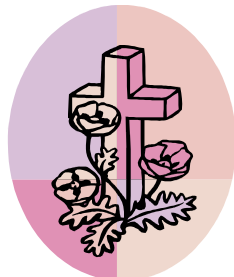
Paul & Cindy Morris on the death of Cindy's father.

PARISH RECORDS

Funerals

05/26/07 Robert Reed Hoff

06/09/07 Marilyn Ruth Nelson



TO:

DORIS ANDERSON, ELAINE BERG, GLORIAN DELORME, JOYCE FARMER, LINDA FUSON, JO GIMSE, MARGE GUTHRIE, MARY ELLEN GLOCKNER, ANITA IDE, VERNA JONES, GLORIA LINDSTROM, NORMA LYSLO, SHARON MARTIN, JO NICHOLS, TORUN PARKER, JUDY RUCKER, MYRNA SPARKS, MARGE STORMO, CAROL SWANSON and JAN WALTIER, for all of their wonderful help in the church office.

VERDA JACOBSON, for all the work she does with all the church mailings.

ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS, who help with extra projects in the church office.

EMMA ARCHER, ELAINE BERG, LINDA FUSON, BOB HENDERSON, JUM NEESE, ANITA IDE, JAN WALTIER and anyone else we might have forgotten, for bringing treats and flowers into the church office last month.

MARNA CLARK and THE COUNTERS, for all their dedicated service.

ELIZABETH ALTAR GUILD, FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE AND ALL OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEES, your continued and dedicated service is very much appreciated.

ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO SERVE AS LAY LEADERS, LAY READERS AND WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, you are very much appreciated.

VOLUNTEER VAN DRIVERS, who make it possible for ones that cannot drive to come to worship services.

EMMANUEL'S MUSIC STAFF, for all the beautiful music they provide for our worship services.



CONGRATULATIONS TO 2007 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

SALLY DALE	Stadium High School
RYAN HANSON	Wilson High School
MELISSA MCDOUGALL	Stadium High School
JENS MOREN	Wilson High School
ERIK OLSON	Wilson High School

THANK YOU EMMANUEL FOR YOUR HELP!

The following have sent letters of thank you for Emmanuel's donations and support:

ASSOCIATED MINISTRIES	— \$ 750.00
GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN	— \$1,500.00
GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITIES	— \$ 500.00
GUADALUPE HOUSE	— \$ 500.00
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	— \$ 500.00
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF	— \$ 250.00
MOUNT RAINIER LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL	— \$ 500.00
PEACE COMMUNITY CENTER	— \$ 500.00
SHARED HOUSING SERVICES	— \$ 200.00
TACOMA LUTHERAN HOME FOUNDATION	— \$ 500.00
THE COMPASS CENTER	— \$1,500.00
TONE TRANSITIONAL CENTER	— School Supplies

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

June 9, 2007

Silent Heroes

Jan Elmer

Lamar Hughes

Sheila Hughes

Sandy King

Stan Larson

Tim Luhring

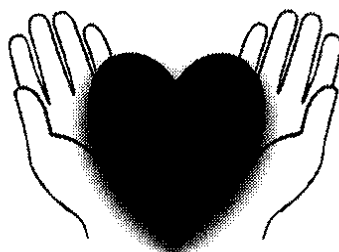
Bob Mattson

Kathy Poole

Nancy Savage

Kerry Storsett

Joel Stumph



**CASCADE REGIONAL
BLOOD SERVICES**

Thank you for helping save lives!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



**The next blood drive will be
on August 11, 2007.**

**BE A SILENT HERO
AND DONATE!**

LOOKING FOR QUALITY CHILD CARE?



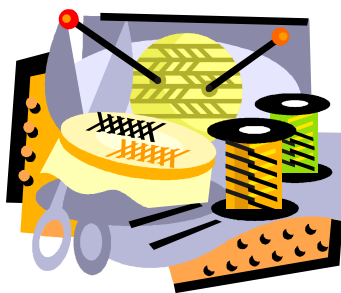
We have openings at *Emmanuel Lutheran Child-care Center*. We are now enrolling children 6 weeks to 5 years of age for full-time care. Call now for information regarding our preschool program. If you have any questions, please call Wendy in the daycare office at 752-1195.

Knit Wits

We meet in the Fireside Room Mondays - 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

If you would like to work on a portable craft, or would like to learn a portable craft, Knit Wits is for you! Instruction is always available on many types of crafts. Everyone, including youth, is welcome to join us anytime!

Any questions call:
Elvine Carman at 752-3875.



FLOWERS



There's still some open dates for sign-up. If you would like to provide flowers for our worship services in the Sanctuary and Sand Memorial Center, please pick a date and sign up on the flower chart available in the narthex. An Altar Guild member will call you for the information to be put in the bulletin. The price to donate flowers is \$28.00.

NOTE:

Please mark checks and envelopes "Elizabeth Altar Guild" before putting them in the offering plate.

Thank you,
The Elizabeth Altar Guild

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Sunday School year so successful. We have had a great year!

Mark your calendars for **Rally Sunday** - September 9th.

This year the Youth Education Committee is trying something new: **Family Summer Fellowship**. Please join us August 13-16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will start with a dinner and a time of fellowship. This is sure to be a great event for the whole family. The Family Summer Fellowship is in place of VBS this year.

Please ~~please~~ consider volunteering in the Sunday School next year. We currently need confirmation teachers, Sunday School co-teachers and people willing to help as substitutes. The children need YOU!

If you have questions or comments over the summer please email Kelly at SundaySchool@Emmanuel-Tacoma.org.



Emmanuel Lutheran Child Care Center

Summer Newsletter

We seem to be running right through this year. It is hard to believe that July is here. My, where has the time gone? Several families have been referred to us by the congregation. We are very lucky to have the support of you behind us.

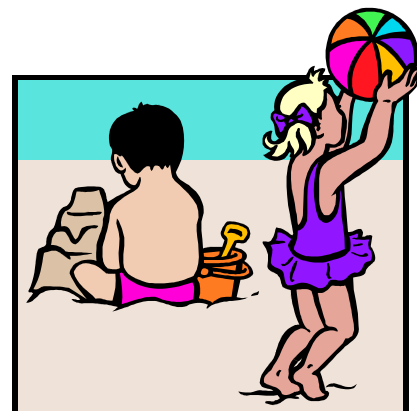
Most child care centers do lose some of their enrollment during the summer month, so please if you know anyone who has a child, give them our number. We would be glad to give them a tour, and take care of their loved one.

We are waiting for the final paperwork to come back from Olympia, so that we may start the food program. We are so very excited to get this up and running. The menus are completed and most of the cookware has been purchased. We will be using Costco and Sysco as our supplier.

The theme the children will be learning about is summer. The children will be learning about water, beaches, baseball, and our country's independence.

The Tacoma Fire Department gave us a visit on June 21, 2007. It was a huge success. Thank you to the parents who volunteered for this event. The children really enjoyed the truck. Please stop by and view the pictures in the hall.

Teacher Patty, who has been with us since 1999, will be taking a leave of absence. Her husband, Tom, of 36 years is not doing so well. With the recommendation of hospice she plans on staying with Tom, at this difficult time. Please keep Patty, Tom and the rest of her family in your prayers.



An Emmanuel Lutheran Summer Service Project:

"PAINT TACOMA PIERCE BEAUTIFUL" -painting homes for the elderly-disabled with all volunteer workers and donated paints by Parker Paints of Tacoma.

Work Days for volunteering:

Wednesday July 11, morning til night - scraping, caulking, priming, rolling.

Thursday July 12, morning til mid afternoon - scraping, priming and rolling.

Wednesday July 18, morning till night - scraping, priming & rolling.

Friday July 20, morning til late afternoon - priming & rolling.

Wednesday July 25, morning till night - Painting, ladder work and ground level.

Wednesday Aug. 1, morning til night, Painting & rolling. some ladder work and ground level.

SATURDAY AUG 4 BIG PAINT DAY... "get the job done day" morning til night.

Wednesday Aug 8th- touch-up and wrap-up day. Morning til night.

Volunteers need not know how to paint or prep... full training is provided!

Volunteers can be from ages 8-9 to 16 and they MUST be accompanied by a parent. Adult volunteers are welcome. All volunteers must register ahead of work time.

Volunteer should come prepared to stay at LEAST 4 hours of work time.

Volunteer should wear shoes, not sandals or open toed footwear or footwear that cannot have paint splatters on them.

Volunteer should wear appropriate clothing to kneel, climb or stand for an extended time.

Volunteer should bring with them: sunscreen, a hat, paint shirt, WATER BOTTLE, some snack food or lunch.

Volunteer should NOT bring: Ipods, Gameboys, hand-held amusement devices or radios.

The house is located in North Tacoma near Vassualt Park. It is on the bus route and we need non-paint volunteers for many tasks.

Volunteers can bring some paint supplies but arrangements MUST be made for your time and talents before hand. Please call Bill Farmer at 495-2104 between noon & 1 pm daily to register or inquire about this project.

Thank you for your consideration, Bill Farmer





The time is now !

Back to school sales are coming and we need to fill
school bags-200 to be exact.

Here is what we need . . .

Bags	need	175
Notebooks	need	600 <i>(70 page notebooks 3 in a bag)</i>
Pencils	need	1134 <i>(6 in each bag)</i>
Pencil Sharpeners	need	190
Erasers	need	198
Colored Paper	need	1200 <i>(12 sheets per bag)</i>
Crayons	need	153 <i>(Box of 8, 16 or 24 are okay)</i>
Rulers	need	200 <i>(12 inch length)</i>
Scissors	need	150 <i>(Children's blunt scissors)</i>

Watch for the ads for the best prices OR if you want us to shop for you. . . .

Please put cash or check donations in the offering plate,

just make sure it is marked for **LWR School Kits**

If you would like to help, please call Joyce Farmer at 752-2200 or

Cathy Mattson at 564-2101.

Thank you to all who attended last Saturday . . . and

Thank you to all of you in advance for helping children worldwide.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR...

A WEEK-END OF FUN! AUGUST 18th & 19th, 2007

Annual Golf Tournament
Saturday, August 18th at 8:30 am.

18 holes played in a team scramble format. You can sign up as a team or individually and we will put you on a team.

Caddies available for a donation to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church youth.

Cost is \$25.00 per player
(includes golf, prizes and food)

(Sign-up sheets are available in the church Narthex and church office.)

Please have your registration and the \$25.00 registration fee in the church office no later than August 10th.



Church & Childcare Picnic!

Bring the family and join the fun! Sunday, August 19th at 12:00 PM at Jefferson Park near the softball field. Festivities will include a softball game and lots of family games. Sign-up sheets for the picnic will be available soon in the church narthex as well as for the softball game, watermelon and salads.

Volunteers are needed:

We are in need of members who can volunteer their gas grills for the church picnic as well as volunteers to flip burgers. Carmen Lampman @ 627-5020 if you can help.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JULY & AUGUST 2007**Lay Readers July**

Sunday	1st	8:30 A.M.	Susan Alexander
		10:00 A.M.	Bea Christophersen
Saturday	7th	5:00 P.M.	Shirl Fickert
Sunday	8th	8:30 A.M.	Debbie Olson
		10:00 A.M.	Sally Tetlow
Saturday	14th	5:00 P.M.	Linda Leuthauser
Sunday	15th	8:30 A.M.	Carlene Garner
		10:00 A.M.	Bob Henderson
Saturday	21st	5:00 P.M.	Shirl Fickert
Sunday	22nd	8:30 A.M.	Susan Alexander
		10:00 A.M.	Don King
Saturday	28th	5:00 P.M.	Elaine Berg
Sunday	29th	8:30 A.M.	Noreen Tobiason
		10:00 A.M.	Bea Christophersen

Lay Readers August

Saturday	4th	5:00 P.M.	Linda Leuthauser
Sunday	5th	8:30 A.M.	Nancy Lampman
		10:00 A.M.	Sally Tetlow
Saturday	11th	5:00 P.M.	Nancy Purdy
Sunday	12th	8:30 A.M.	Dr. Mike Gage
		10:00 A.M.	Bea Christophersen
Saturday	18th	5:00 P.M.	Linda Leuthauser
Sunday	19th	8:30 A.M.	Noreen Tobiason
		10:00 A.M.	Bob Henderson
Saturday	25th	5:00 P.M.	Elaine Berg
Sunday	26th	8:30 A.M.	Carlene Garner
		10:00 A.M.	Bea Christophersen



PRAYER VENTURES

JULY 2007



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1 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Gracious God, look with favor upon the churches in Ghana and Nigeria, that, in the midst of great challenges of witnessing to your mercy, they may find strength and nourishment in your Word.

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Pray for A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, which recruits seminarians, college students and retirees to lead Bible studies and serve as worship leaders in the national parks by special agreement with the National Park Service. Pray that campers and workers in the National Parks will respond to the invitation to worship and be open to hearing the Good News of God's love for them.

3 - Thomas, Apostle

Ask God to bless Elijah, a young man from Sudan, who escaped on foot after the deaths of his parents and spent seven years in a refugee camp in Kenya. With the help of Lutheran service organizations, Elijah settled in the United States and is now finishing an engineering degree. Pray for all refugees from strife and injustice, and for those who assist them in finding safe places to create new lives.

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Give thanks for Lori and Todd Byerly, who are serving in administration and operations at a hospital in the Pare Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

5 - 100th anniversary of campus ministry

Give thanks for the mission and witness of ELCA Campus Ministry over the past 100 years of expanding minds, deepening faith and inspiring service. This ministry of the church on public university campuses invites thousands of students, faculty and staff into Christian community. A large number of leaders in church and society have been nurtured by campus ministry. Pray for students and scholars from other countries and cultures who are also included in intentional outreach on campuses.

6

Give thanks for everyone concluding service through Young Adults in Global Mission, the ELCA global mission program for young people ages 19-30. Today we lift up those who have served in Mexico, especially Rachel Bennett, Alli Condra, Luke Fairbairn, and David Krebs.

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Pray for Mary Beth and Bayo Oyejade, for their service with the HIV/AIDS ministry, the Mashiah Foundation, and other ministries of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria.

08 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

We give you thanks, O God, for the re-emerging churches in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, which are being strengthened by the ELCA and other churches within the Lutheran communion.

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Pray for African national leaders who are planting new and vital African national churches across the ELCA, and for healthy and respectful relationships between host congregations and the nesting immigrant churches. Thank God for the rapid expansion and growth of the African national work nationwide.

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Pray for the Rev. Tim and Mari McKenzie, who serve with the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. Tim teaches church history at the Japan Lutheran College and Seminary, and Mari assists with orientation for new ELCA personnel teaching English at Lutheran schools in Japan. We give thanks for their dedication and witness.

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Pray for the ministry of the Rev. Charles Fredrickson and Elizabeth Borstad, who serve the English-speaking Meita ministry of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nagoya, Japan, and for Meita's congregational and outreach programs.

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Give thanks for Abundant Life Arabic Lutheran Ministry, the only Arab-speaking Christian congregation in Dearborn, Mich., the heart of the Metro Detroit Middle Eastern community. Ask God to continue to bless its work.

13

Ask God to protect those living in hurricane-vulnerable areas as yet another storm season is upon them. Pray that the summer will bring calm to those who have already suffered so much in previous disasters.

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Ask God to continue to energize the people of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Turbotville, Pa., as they live out God's purpose for their congregation as a strong witness to Christ's saving grace in their community.

15 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

We lift up to you, merciful God, the members of the emerging Christian communities in Myanmar and Thailand, that they may expand their holistic ministries in their countries.

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Pray for Russell, a 16-year-old with cerebral palsy, who, despite severely limited mobility, attends school, visits elderly church members in nursing

homes and enjoys time with his friends. Pray for his parents, for the caregivers in his group home and for lawmakers, who make decisions about benefits programs such as Medicaid provided to those who are disabled.

17 Thank God for the Rev. Ingebjorg Laugeland, who serves as children and youth pastor at Hjelmeland Lutheran Parish in Norway.

18 Ask God to continue to bless the members and team leaders of Euclid Lutheran Church in Euclid, Trinity, Lakewood, and Trinity, Canton, in Ohio as they embark on transformational ministry.

19 Praise God for the dedication of young adults serving around the world through the ELCA, especially Beth Hendrickson, Sarah Ronnevik, and Sara White, who are concluding a year of service in the Philippines.

20 Please pray for those who worship at Nueva Pueblo, a developing ELCA ministry, and those in the surrounding community of Eagle Pass, Texas. Strong winds, hail the size of golf balls, and then a tornado occurred on April 26, destroying many homes, trees, and a school. While their were no deaths among members of the ministry, there were several fatalities in the larger community.

21 Pray for the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and the ELCA Nebraska and Northeastern Pennsylvania Synods, for growth in their common witness to the people they serve.

22 - **Mary Magdalene, Apostle**
We give you thanks, God of the ages, for the long history of the church in Moldova, Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus. Grant wisdom, strength, and grace to the continued witness of the churches and to the people of Belarus, struggling with a government marked by political repression and corrupt leadership. Please continue to guide the companion relationships among the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States and the ELCA Central States and Northwest Washington Synods.

23 Pray that the Lord will bless the new ministry of the Rev. Seth Bridger and Abundant Life Lutheran Church of Pooler, Ga., which held its first worship service on April 1, 2007.

24 Pray for the HIV/AIDS education program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia. Pray for all who are affected by this disease, and for the people who are touched by the program and its leaders.

25 - **James, Apostle**
Pray for the ministry of summer camp counselors and support staff serving in ELCA outdoor ministries this summer. Give thanks for their

willingness to serve and to be role models for the children and youth in their care. Pray that they will remain healthy and safe and that they will experience joy in serving others.

26 Pray for the Rev. Bradn and Natalja Buerkle. Bradn teaches at the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States in St. Petersburg, Russia.

27 Pray for the people of Word of Life Deaf Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Neffsville, Pa. Word of Life is starting a new home and partnership with St. Peter's and together they are opening additional possibilities for Ministry with deaf and hard-of-hearing people in the Lower Susquehanna Synod and surrounding areas.

28 Pray for young disciples as they seek to be "little Christs" (Luther) to the neighbor, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth, in summer journeys for serving and witnessing to the good news. Pray that youth, youth ministries and congregations will be renewed and challenged for year-round servant living, and for entering into the deepest needs of neighbors in their own communities. Pray especially for all those still rising up from Hurricane Katrina, and all those who will serve in the Gulf coast this month.

29 - **9th Sunday after Pentecost**
God of grace, look with favor on the people and churches of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania as they face new challenges and hope. We thank you for the links in faith and witness that emerge in the companion relationship between the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the ELCA Delaware-Maryland Synod and for the mission zeal that emerges from the strong companion relationship between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lithuania and the ELCA Grand Canyon Synod.

30 Pray for 13-year-old Stephanie and her adoptive family, with whom she has lived for the last two years after shuffling from foster care home to foster care home for seven years. Give thanks for Lutheran Family Services and all Lutheran social ministries that provide loving care to children who are abandoned, traumatized or emotionally shattered.

31 Please pray that God will bless the new ministry of the Rev. Scott Seeke and The River Lutheran Church, Alpharetta, Ga., which opened its doors for its first worship service on April 8, 2007.

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AUGUST 2007



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- 1 Pray for those who are seeking rest and relaxation during their well-earned vacation time, that the Holy Spirit fill them with love and re-energize them. May they find rest and renewal during this time.
- 2 Pray for Lutheran Men in Mission, the ELCA men's ministry, as it builds a dynamic ministry to address the needs of men of all ages as they gather in Chicago August 3-5 to learn more about what it means to enhance their relationship to Jesus Christ, to build families, men's ministries and congregations.
- 3 As hundreds of worship leaders (pastors, musicians, educators) gather to worship, celebrate and learn with one another at the ELCA Worship Jubilee 2007, give thanks for the richness and diversity of leadership in the ELCA, and in its newest core resource, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.
- 4 Thank God for the vital ministry Dale Linder provides as an ESL (English as a second language) teacher with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon. He teaches at the College Protestant in Ngaoundere.
- 5 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost
We pray for the people of Canada and the United States of America: for the young and old; for women and men; for the hungry, the poor, the broken and unloved, and for those who live with plenty; for those hurting and those who heal; for those who live without hope and those who bring meaning to life; we ask that your mercy and loving-kindness may abound.
- 6 Give thanks to God for the 2,000 voting members, staff and visitors who will review and set directions for ministries of the ELCA in its 10th Churchwide Assembly, August 6-11 in Chicago. Ask that the Holy Spirit will guide their deliberations and grant them safe journeys.
- 7 Pray for all students at ELCA colleges who will be studying abroad this year and encountering new perspectives on the world.

- 8 Give thanks for the 77 young adult voting members to the churchwide assembly as they came together for a pre-assembly gathering and continue to meet during the assembly. Praise God for all people who serve in the world and in the church, and ask that the Holy Spirit guide these young adults as they connect with each other in service to the life and mission of this church.
- 9 On this International Day of the World's Indigenous People, pray for churches around the world that serve indigenous people, including the Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church, whose members are Aymara and Quechua. Give thanks for the new president, Cristóbal Alejo, and for the new board's first women members.
- 10 Pray for the Rev. Heidi Torgerson, who facilitates immersion experiences for ELCA members at the Lutheran Center in Mexico City and coordinates the Young Adults in Global Mission program. May she continue to open the hearts and minds of participants to the faith, strength, dignity, and culture Mexicans offer with ELCA churches.
- 11 Summer is the season when continuing education for pastors was invented, in the form of the summer clergy conference. Today summer continuing education conferences for pastors are part of a wide array of year-round lifelong learning opportunities for all leaders in this church offered by ELCA seminaries, colleges and universities, synods, and other lifelong learning programs. Many of these collaborate as ELCA Lifelong Learning Partners. Pray that all leaders will grow in wisdom and knowledge through engaging in lifelong learning in the faith.
- 12 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost
God of creation, we thank you for the awesome beauty of the land and sea in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, for the rich diversity of peoples, and for your sons and daughters who seek to live your will.
- 13 Pray for the many individuals who got a job, found a place to live, addressed an addiction, or received a first driver's license after much encouragement and many hours of counseling through a Lutheran social ministry organization. Pray that men, women and youth may find the support they need through Lutheran social ministries to live full, productive lives.
- 14 ELCA theologians who teach at our seminaries and colleges, universities or at other institutions of higher education share a vocation to lead this church in theological reflection and understanding. Pray for those theologians who served as advisers to this year's churchwide assembly and who gather August 12-14 at Lenoir-Rhyne College for their association's convocation on the theme of "Theological Foundations in an Age of Biological Intervention."

15 - Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Pray for Maria, who spent 13 years learning to read and earning her GED through Lutheran Settlement House while living in an abusive marriage. Maria has found the resources and strength to leave the violence behind. Continue to pray for her and for all women, men and children who suffer from domestic violence.

16 Pray for the Lutheran Church in Great Britain and its companion synod relationship with the ELCA Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod.

17 Give thanks for Jean Wahlstrom and Marv Kananen, who serve in Tanzania. Jean is a Christian education developer and pastoral counselor at the Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School and Marv teaches at Moringe Sokoine Secondary School in Monduli.

18 Pray for the staff of Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing in Liberia, including administrator John Lunn. Give thanks for all the revitalization of health care ministries that has been made possible through European and North American church partners, contributions and volunteer efforts.

19 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

We thank you, O God, for the people of the Pacific Island nations and Papua New Guinea, whose vibrant faith gives reason to celebrate your goodness. We thank you for the many gifts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea and its historic relationship with the ELCA.

20 Pray for the Rev. Devin Strong and Abundant Life Lutheran Church in Braselton, Ga., that the Lord will bless this young ministry and help it grow.

21 Pray for Elizabeth, the full-time caregiver for her husband who has Alzheimer's. Through Legacy Corps volunteers at her Lutheran social ministry organization, Elizabeth gets a weekly break of a few hours. Pray for her, for all caregivers, and for the volunteers who lift spirits and brighten lives through their service.

22 Ask God to bless the leaders and members of Faith Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, an inner city congregation responding to the needs of their neighborhood. They fill over 100 backpacks with school supplies and invite families of children attending schools in the neighborhood to attend a "fun for all" event where each school-age child receives a book bag filled with new school supplies.

23 Give thanks for the teaching ministry of Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelein at Senior Flierl Seminary near Finschhafen, Papua New Guinea. Sister Ruth engages students and teaching colleagues in Bible study and prayer. Pray also for the students and faculty as they learn and witness God's love together.

24 - Bartholomew, Apostle

Pray for the new mission personnel who are being deployed this summer to many corners of the world. Give thanks for their service to Christ's Church and their devotion to mission in God's world.

25 Thank God for the more than 100 years of relationship between ELCA congregations in South Carolina and the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church, and for the continued companion synod relationship that unites them.

26 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

We praise you, God of the islands, for the warm welcome and hospitality experienced by visitors to the Indian Ocean island nations of Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Madagascar, whose Lutheran Church is engaged in outreach on Comoros and Reunion Islands.

27 Ask God to bless the Rev. Martin Pauschke and the people of Savior Divine Lutheran Church, Palos Hills, Ill., as they seek to deepen their presence and relationships to the wider community, using their greatest strength -- their prayer and healing ministry.

28 Give thanks for the impact on everyday ministry of the relationship between the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod and the Mahajanga Synod of the Malagasy Lutheran Church in Madagascar.


29 On this anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, pray for guidance for elected officials as they address issues of justice raised by natural disasters. Pray that local leaders may be sensitive to the frustration born of the fact that disasters so often unequally affect those who are living in hunger and poverty.

30 Pray for Kirsten and the Rev. Stephan Kienberger, who serve the American Lutheran Church (ALC) in Oslo, Norway, and for the ALC's ministry to English speakers and internationals.

31 Pray for the companion relationship between the 60 congregations of the Tolagnaro/Ambovombe Synod of the Malagasy Lutheran Church and the 158 congregations of the ELCA Central/Southern Illinois Synod, that the connections between the synods and their ministries might deepen and flourish.

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July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 A.M. Communion Worship 10:00 A.M. Communion Worship	2 9:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 TOPS 7:00 Knit Wits	3	4  Independence Day Church Office Closed Childcare Closed	5 6:30 Cub Scouts	6	7 3:45 Luther Theology Group 5:00 Worship Service
8 8:30 A.M. Worship Service 10:00 A.M. Worship Service (Commissioning Service to China for Emmanuel's Youth)	9 9:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 TOPS 12:00 Prayer Vigil 7:00 Support & Assistance 7:00 Knit Wits	10 6:00 Resource Committee	11 Emmanuel's Youth leave for mission trip to China 10:00 Bible Study	12 6:30 Cub Scouts	13	14 3:45 Luther Theology Group 5:00 Communion Worship
15 8:30/10:00 A.M. Communion Worship 12:00 Youth Ed Committee	16 9:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 TOPS 6:30 Child Care Board 7:00 WordAlone Meeting 7:00 Knit Wits	17	18 10:00 Bible Study	19 6:30 Cub Scouts	20	21 3:45 Luther Theology Group 5:00 Worship Service
22 8:30 A.M. Worship Service 10:00 A.M. Worship Service Baptism of Bryan John Stratton	23 9:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 TOPS 6:00 Finance Committee 7:00 Knit Wits	24 6:00 Church Council 6:30 Endowment Committee	25 Youth returns from China 8:30 Suzuki Violin Camp 10:00 Bible Study	26 8:30 Suzuki Violin Camp 6:30 Cub Scouts	27 8:30 Suzuki Violin Camp	28 3:45 Luther Theology Group 5:00 Worship Service
29 8:30/10:00 A.M. Worship Service	30 9:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 TOPS 7:00 Knit Wits	31				

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Middle School Retreat in Bellingham 8:30/10:00 A.M. Communion Worship	6 9:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 TOPS 7:00 Knit Wits 7:00 Boy Scouts	7	8 10:00 Bible Study	9	10 Middle School Retreat in Bellingham	11 3:45 Luther Theology Group 5:00 Worship Service
12 8:30/10:00 A.M. Worship Service	13 9:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 TOPS 12:00 Prayer Vigil 6:00 Family Summer Fellowship 7:00 Support & Assistance 7:00 Knit Wits	14 6:00 Family Summer Fellowship 6:00 Resource Committee	15 10:00 Bible Study 6:00 Family Summer Fellowship	16 6:00 Family Summer Fellowship	17	18 8:30 Annual Golf Tournament 3:45 Luther Theology Group 5:00 Communion Worship
19 8:30/10:00 A.M. Communion Worship <i>LEAF Scholarship Awards</i> 12:00 Church/Childcare Picnic at Jefferson	20 9:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 TOPS 6:30 Child Care Board 7:00 Knit Wits	21	22 10:00 Bible Study	23	24 Confirmation Retreat at Ocean Shores	25 Confirmation Retreat at Ocean Shores 3:45 Luther Theology Group 5:00 Worship Service
26 Confirmation Retreat at Ocean Shores 8:30/10:00 A.M. Worship Service 11:00 S.S. Teachers Meeting & Lunch	27 9:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 TOPS 6:30 Finance Committee 7:00 Knit Wits	28 6:00 Church Council	29 10:00 Bible Study High School Youth Mystery Day	30	31	

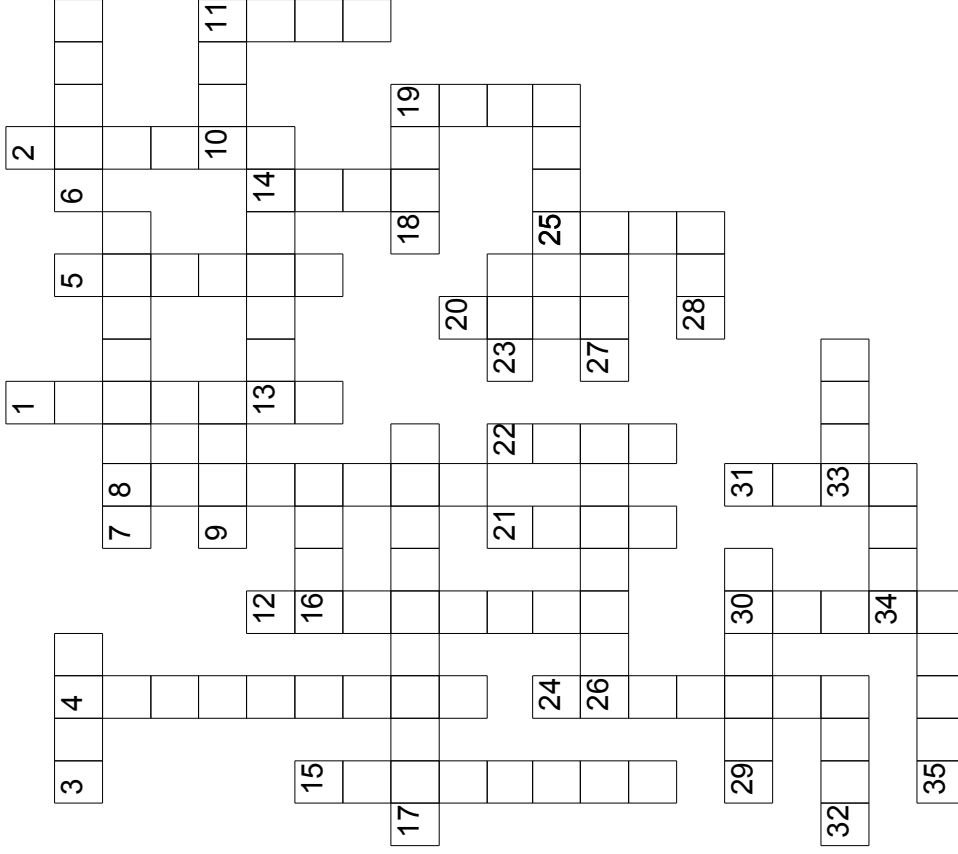
Luke, Chapter 10, Puzzle 1

Across

3. dirt
6. pity
7. arachnid with a stinger at the tail
9. beverage from grapes
10. injure
13. worn on the feet
16. master
17. unfocused
18. close to
23. sack
25. launch
26. never-ending
27. examine
28. delight
29. beast of burden
32. intelligence
33. settlement
34. sister of Martha
35. anxious about

Down

1. crop
2. lowest part
4. rough clothing made of hair
5. injuries
8. kids
11. relocate
12. enjoyment
14. be devoted to
15. fellow citizen
19. pathway
20. salary
21. monarch
22. carnivorous mammal
24. scholarly
25. wait
30. hostile force
31. compassion



WORD LIST

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| bag | enemy | learned | move | sackcloth | town |
| children | eternal | Lord | near | sandals | wage |
| depths | harm | love | neighbor | scorpion | wine |
| distracted | harvest | Mary | pity | send | wolf |
| donkey | joy | mercy | pleasure | stay | worry |
| dust | king | mind | road | test | wounds |

*“Through Christ’s friendship and love
we seek to become richer in faith
and to share with others.”*

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SATURDAYS — 5:00 P.M. — Contemporary Worship

SUNDAYS 8:30 and 10:00 A.M. — Traditional Worship

No Education Hour

CHILD CARE NURSERY

(Infants - 3 year olds)

Available: All Sundays

(8:15 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.)

No Child Care provided on Saturday evenings