



**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN, ROCKWELL CITY, IOWA
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TRINITY LUTHERAN, KNIERIM, IOWA

CONGREGATIONS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

“CHURCHES IN THE COUNTRY”

**“UNITED TOGETHER WITH CHRIST IN THE
LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH AND HIS RESURRECTION.”
[ROMANS 6:5]**

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From Pastor Chadric A. Dietrich

Martin Luther says, “When Christians are baptized they give ear to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, ascended and coming again, they read the Holy Scriptures, they go to Holy Communion and they love their neighbor as themselves.”

Loving our neighbor as ourselves is seen in our threefold emphasis of WITNESS, MERCY, LIFE TOGETHER. Our fundamental purpose toward our neighbor is to bear witness to Jesus Christ – to make known His Gospel in all of its facets. We are to witness Jesus Christ to a sinful and dying world and this is done not only by what we believe, teach and confess but also by how we live our life together, how we show mercy. The Christian Church is concerned for the people in both body and soul, so that no one suffers want. The Lord calls us into His Church to live lives of mercy toward our neighbor. Our service to Jesus does not entail running away from the people in our families, communities or church; we are called to evangelize and love them. It is through our vocation as father and mother, husband and wife, employer and employee and neighbor that our heavenly Father richly and daily provides us with all that we need to support this body and life. Our heavenly Father uses us, his dear children, to show His mercy to all people.

This being said, back in June a group of ladies, from our two churches, and myself went to Beacon of Hope Ministry, a newly established homeless shelter for men in Ft. Dodge to have a tour and see firsthand what they do. Below I will share a little bit about them. Their mission is to reach out to men who are homeless, hungry and/or in need of hope by demonstrating the Grace of Christ through food, shelter, clothing and the Word of God. This is what it means to show MERCY to our neighbor.

I took the following from their web page. I thought it might be helpful in showing you what is taking place at the Beacon of Hope Shelter.

The question is asked, who are the homeless? The definition of homelessness is defined as “a person lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.” Obviously, people who are homeless need shelter, food, warmth and personal goods, and distributing these items is a part of the meaningful ministry Beacon of Hope is providing. It’s a way of sharing the love of Christ in a tangible way. However, we must look beyond the symptoms of homelessness and address the real causes and needs, for if we don’t, we will do little to help make a lasting difference.

Who ARE the homeless? They are as varied a population as any community is. They are:

- **those who have lost their jobs, can’t afford health insurance, need help finding employment and paying medical and other bills – they need a sense of security.**

- those in family crisis (death, divorce, estrangement) who need counsel, comfort, and practical assistance — they need a sense of perspective.
- those with substance abuse problems who need help in overcoming their addictions — they need a sense of victory.
- those released from prison needing help getting back into society, gaining employment, etc. — they need a sense of forgiveness
- those from a foster care background who need to know they matter to someone, to have someone they can trust, and find help in establishing roots — they need a sense of belonging.
- those who are victims of natural disasters who need help rebuilding their lives, maybe their homes — they need a sense of hope.

We, as Christians, need to be able to provide people with that sense of security, perspective, victory, forgiveness, belonging, and hope. We must be willing to help, one person at a time. Every individual matters. I believe that we all have been homeless at one time, at least in our hearts. Everyone has a story and Beacon of Hope Shelter gives us all an opportunity to be a part of someone else's story.

At the end of our tour the ladies asked what we as congregations from Knierim and Rockwell City could do to help. Steve Roe, the director and founder of Beacon of Hope said, we are in need of groups to come in to the shelter and provide the evening meal for the men. So we are. As "Churches In The Country" we have signed up for four dates, one a month, between now and the end of the year to serve meals at Beacon of Hope Shelter. After talking with the staff at Beacon of Hope, the committee of Deb Zemke, Judy Egli, Eileen Ludwig and myself have established the menu and the dates we will serve. The first date is Thursday, September 22. The second date is Thursday, October 27. The third date is Thursday, November 22. And the fourth date is Thursday, December 22. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church for you to sign up to help. We have also determined that we want families and couples and individuals, young and old, to help. We want to have members from both congregations to help on each date. Yes, you have to work together; it's okay, it will be good for you. ☺ The sign-up sheet allows for four family units from each congregation on each date. We will need to arrive around 4pm and be ready to serve by 5:30pm. We will be done with clean-up by 7pm.

This is just one opportunity for us as "Churches In The Country" to show MERCY to our neighbors. If you see other opportunities in Barnum, Knierim, Rockwell City, Somers Pomeroy, etc. where we can help and show the compassion and love of Christ to our neighbor let me know.

A hymn composed for the WITNES, MERCY, LIFE TOGETHER emphasis sings, "We are charged to feed the hungry, clothe the poor in every place, tend the lonely, sick, imprisoned, there we see the Savior's face; ever in our ears the echo of His words of mystery: "As you do for these my brothers, you have also done for Me." May it be so among us also. To God alone be the glory.

AUGUST 2011 CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 3

9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study at Immanuel

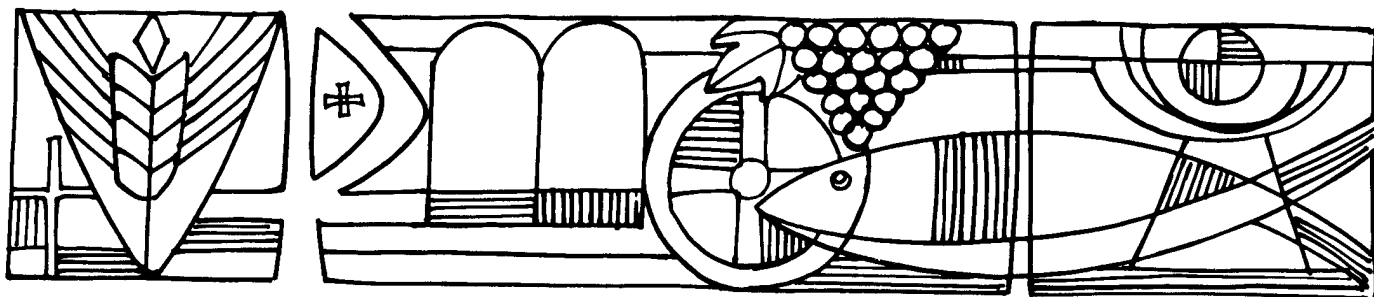
Thursday, August 4

12:30 p.m. Trinity's Ladies Aid at Pizza Ranch in Manson

6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting at Immanuel

7:30 p.m. Council Meeting at Immanuel

<u>Saturday, August 6</u>	5:00 p.m. Evening Service at Immanuel
<u>Sunday, August 7</u>	9:00 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity
<u>Monday, August 8</u>	6:30 p.m. Working Women's Group at Immanuel
<u>Wednesday, August 10</u>	9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study at Immanuel
<u>Sunday, August 14</u>	9:00 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity
<u>Wednesday – August 17</u>	9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study at Immanuel
<u>Sunday – August 21</u>	9:00 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity
<u>Wednesday – August 24</u>	9:00 a.m. Bible Study at Immanuel ✕ Start of Confirmation Instruction ✕ 6:00 p.m. 5 th & 6 th grade at Immanuel 7:00 p.m. 7 th & 8 th grade at Immanuel
<u>Thursday, August 25</u>	Immanuel's LWML Day Out
<u>Sunday – August 28</u>	9:00 a.m. Worship / Holy Communion at Trinity
<u>Wednesday – August 31</u>	9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study at Immanuel 6:00 p.m. 5 th & 6 th grade Confirmation Instruction 7:00 p.m. 7 th & 8 th grade Confirmation Instruction



OFFICIAL ACTS

Makayla Ranae Shaver – Baptized – June 5, 2011 - I
Calvin Thomas Hiler – Baptized – July 31, 2011 - I



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR AUGUST

1 – 1 Samuel 26:1-25	17 – 1 Chron. 22:1-19
2 – 1 Samuel 28:3-25	18 – 1 Chron. 28:1-21
3 – 1 Samuel 31:1-13	19 – 2 Chron. 29:1-23
4 – 2 Samuel 1:1-27	20 – 2 Chron. 1:1-13
5 – 2 Samuel 5:1-25	
6 – 2 Samuel 6:1-23	22 – 1 Kings 3:16-28
	23 – 1 Kings 4:22-34
8 – 1 Chron. 16:1-43	24 – 1 Kings 5:1-18
9 – 2 Samuel 7:1-29	25 – 1 Chron. 3:1-17
10 – 2 Samuel 12:1-23	26 – 1 Kings 8:1-66
11 – 2 Samuel 15:1-15	27 – 1 Kings 7:1-12
12 – 2 Samuel 16:5-35	
13 – 2 Samuel 18:1-13	29 – 1 Kings 9:1-28
	30 – 1 Kings 10:1-29
15 – 2 Samuel 19:1-23	31 – 1 Kings 11:1-43
16 – 1 Chron. 21:1-30	

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

4 – Sarah Daisy	15 – Linda Olsen
5 – Joyce Vosberg	21 – Tami Swank
8 – Lynn Ramthun	22 – Jayne Gleason
8 – Colten Morenz	24 – Delores Busse
8 – LeAnn Daisy	26 – Robert Lowry
11 – Linda Ramthun	27 Charles Ballstadt
12 – Christine Fistler	27 – Joni Hepp
12 – Shanda Patterson	28 – Andrea Grady
14 – Donald Rasmuson	28 – Kevin Gleason
14 – Juanita Schofield	29 – Tanner Fistler
15 – Abby Heilman	29 – Iola Zimbeck
15 – Thomas Melohn	30 – Linda Martin

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

2 – Richard and Debra Bahls
4 – Neal and Karen Blaas
13 – Donald and Mary Rasmuson
15 – Kent and Brenda Strutzenberg
18 – Brian and Katie Norine
18 – David and Kathy Weiss
27 – Leonard and Doris Burmeister
27 – Bruce and Marilyn Strutzenberg
27 – Jason and Michelle Shaver
31 – David and Rosemary Schuur