

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Ascension of Our Lord

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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☞ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts
of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

☞ Most merciful God,

☞ **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of
your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew
us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk
in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

☞ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us
and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and
ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**

*HYMN, “A Hymn of Glory” (vv. 1-4, 7)

LBW Hymn 157

1. A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia, alleluia!
And with his faithful followers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. To whom shining angels cry,
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“This is the Savior!” Thus they say,
“This is his glorious triumph day.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. “You see him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*GREETING

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

*KYRIE

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- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE, “*This Is the Feast*”

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- P** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are his.**
- This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**
- Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:**

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray together . . .
C **Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR, “*In Christ Alone*”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN, “*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*” (vv. 1 & 4) Hymn 130

1. “Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”
All on earth with angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav’ns; and earth, reply.

4. Lives again our glorious king!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?

— WORD —

FIRST READING, Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” *(NRSV)*

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 47

℣ Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

☩ **For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

℣ He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

☩ **He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

℣ God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

☩ **Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

℣ For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

☩ **God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

℣ The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.

☩ **For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.**

(NRSV)

SECOND READING, Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. *(NRSV)*

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN, “The Strife is O’er” (v. 1)**

LBW Hymn 135

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o’er the battle done;
Now is the victor’s triumph won!
Now be the songs of praise begun. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***GOSPEL, Luke 24:44-53**

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

📌 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

📖 Then Jesus said to *the eleven and those with them*, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God. *(NRSV)*

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

📌 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***HYMN, “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” (v. 5) Hymn 135**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, by the stripes which wounded you,
From death’s sting free your servants too,
That we may live and sing to you, Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON

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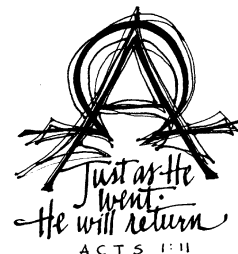
***HYMN, “Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels” Hymn 159**

1. Up through endless ranks of angels,
Cries of triumph in his ears,
To his heav’nly throne ascending,
Having vanquished all their fears,
Christ looks down upon his faithful,
Leaving them in happy tears.

2. Death-destroying, life-restoring,
Proven equal to our need,
Now for us before the Father
As our brother intercede;
Flesh that for our world was wounded,
Living, for the wounded plead!

3. To our lives of wanton wand’ring
Send your promised Spirit guide;
Through our lives of fear and failure
With your pow’r and love abide;
Welcome us, as you were welcomed,
To an endless Eastertide.

4. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Oh, to breath the Spirit’s grace!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Oh, to see the Father’s face!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Oh, to feel the Son’s embrace!



**☩ We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

— SACRAMENT —

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE, “*The Day of Resurrection*”** 495

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
The passover of gladness,
The passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
From sin’s dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over
With hymns of victory.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** **LBW Page 88**

- ☩** The Lord be with you.
- ☩** And also with you.
- ☩** Lift up your hearts.
- ☩** We lift them to the Lord.
- ☩** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ☩** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PROPER PREFACE FOR EASTER**

***SANCTUS** **LBW Page 89**

**☩ Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow’r and might:
Heav’n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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☐ In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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LAMB OF GOD

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☑ **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. All baptized Christians who share this confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray for those who are unable to receive wine for health reasons. During the distribution of Communion, the congregation sings:

LBW Page 92, "Lamb of God"

LBW Hymn 158, "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LBW Hymn 170, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

LBW Hymn 518, "Beautiful Savior"

HYMN, "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

LBW Hymn 158

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood."

2. Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?

3. Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.

5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.”

4. Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

HYMN, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LBW Hymn 170

1. Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now his brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

3. Crown him the Lord of love —
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes
At mysteries so bright.

5. Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

6. Crown him the Lord of years,
The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

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HYMN, “Beautiful Savior”

LBW Hymn 518

1. Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

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☞ The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his holy and precious blood strengthen and keep you in true faith unto life everlasting.

☞ **Amen.**

***CANTICLE, “Thank the Lord . . .”**

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☞ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
Tell everyone what he has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises
and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

☞ O God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Give us such an understanding of your mercy that, in receiving the gifts of Word and Sacrament now, we may learn to hope for all your gifts to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

— SENDING —

***BLESSING**

☞ The God of peace — who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant — make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

Hebrews 13:20-21

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

***DISMISSAL**

☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen!

☞ **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

☞ Go in peace. Share the good news.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN, “Look, the Sight Is Glorious”**

LBW Hymn 156

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

1. Look, oh, look, the sight is glorious,
See the man of sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious,
Ev’ry knee to him shall bow.
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
Crowns become the victor’s brow.
Crowns become the victor’s brow.

2. Crown the Savior! Angels crown him!
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
On the seat of pow’r enthrone him
While the vault of heaven rings.
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
Crown the Savior, King of kings.
Crown the Savior, King of kings.

3. Sinners in derision crowned him,
Mocking thus the Savior’s claim;
Saints and angels crowd around him,
Own his title, praise his name.
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
Spread abroad the victor’s fame!
Spread abroad the victor’s fame!

4. Hark! Those bursts of acclamation!
Hark! Those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station;
Oh, what joy the sight affords!
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
King of kings and Lord of lords!
King of kings and Lord of lords!

Gary Andersen	Renaë Besler
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Dallas Fox (friend of Jordan Smith)	
Cayel Holmgren (grandson of Dick and Linda Horak)	
Nancy Island (sister of Bev Karlson)	
Ike & Lanette Iverson (father and step-mother of Jon Iverson)	
Lewis Johnson (friend of Sharon Stores)	
Derrel Jorgenson (brother of John Jorgenson)	
Ky J. Karlson (son of Bev Karlson)	
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Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson)	
Tori Tetrault (young daughter of Tyler and Breynn Tetrault)	
Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)	
Robert Zuhr (brother in-law of Chris Burleson)	

POSTLUDE

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today 9:00 a.m. — Worship
10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. — Worship
10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship
10:25 a.m. — Adult Sunday School

THANK YOU for your prayers for our grandson, Cayel. We believe he has come so far since April 8 because of prayer alone. God placed his healing hands on Cayel and continues to be very present in his life. We are beyond grateful and would ask that you join us in thanking God for His love and mercy in Cayel's life. — Dick and Linda Horak

THE SANCTUARY COURSE is a small group discussion designed to raise awareness and start conversations in local churches regarding mental health. This course is sponsored by Love INC and is free for anyone who wants to learn about faith and mental health. The Sanctuary Course will be offered at Crossroads Assembly of God, 1201 Cedar Street in Sturgis, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays, June 8, 15, 22 and 29. For more information call 605-206-3515.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Friends of Madagascar Mission. Friends of Madagascar Mission works in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Madagascar to strengthen their mission and ministry. The Malagasy Lutheran Church has 3 million members and is one of the fastest growing Lutheran churches in the world. Our gifts support two ministries chosen by the Church in Madagascar: prison ministry and feeding ministry at a hospital. Madagascar is an island in the Indian Ocean off the southeastern coast of Africa. Two-thirds of the population lives below the international poverty line of \$1.25 (U.S.) a day. You can learn more about their ministry at www.madagascarmission.org. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today. We especially welcome our visitors. If you are unfamiliar with our worship, one of our members will gladly assist you. Visitors, please be sure to sign the guest register in the narthex. We hope that you will worship with us again soon.

HOLY COMMUNION is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given with bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. All baptized Christians who share this confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray for those who are unable to receive wine for health reasons.

ALL ARE INVITED to stay for a time of fellowship following worship. Baked goods, donuts, coffee, and juice are available. An offering is received to cover expenses.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. We are studying the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion using a video study featuring Professor James Nestingen. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this opportunity to grow in faith.

A SPRING WORK DAY is planned for Sunday, June 11. Plan to stay after worship that Sunday to help with some clean-up and work projects around our church building and grounds. Work day will conclude with a potluck dinner at noon. We are working on a list of projects for work day. If you have some ideas for work projects, please let Pastor David or a Church Council member know.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is planned for July 23-27 at Oak Park. VBS will be from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. We are working with the other churches of Whitewood to host VBS. We are looking for some teachers and helpers for VBS. If you would like to help with VBS, please talk to Pastor David.

THANK YOU for the prayers, calls and cards following my recent heart attack. I am grateful for your thoughtfulness and friendship. — John Jorgenson