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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.

C Amen.

P 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.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P 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.

P 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, "Sing With All the Saints in Glory"

1. Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

2. Oh, what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived! Holiest hearts for ages pleading Never that full joy conceived. God has promised, Christ prepares it; There on high our welcome waits. Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices; Jesus lives who once was dead. Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head! Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown, When, amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne! 551

*GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- And also with you.

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

*KYRIE (sung)

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P Kyrie eleison: **Q** Lord, have mercy. Blue Book

P Christe eleison:Christ, have mercy.P Kyrie eleison:Lord, have mercy.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, "Glory to God..."

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Glory to God, glory to God,

Glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest; Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

> Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest; Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest; Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.

(Luke 2:14: John 1:29)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray together . . .
- © Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

CHOIR, "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

one God, now and forever. Amen.

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" is a traditional African American spiritual. It alludes to Jesus' Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins in Matthew 25:1-13 and to Jesus' words encouraging watchfulness in Luke 12:35-40.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN, "Battle Hymn of the Republic" (v. 1) LBW Hymn 332

Green Book

Mine eyes have seen the glory
 of the coming of the Lord;
 He is trampling out the vintage
 where the grapes of wrath are stored;
 He has loosed the fateful lightning
 of his terrible swift sword:
 His truth is marching on.

Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

— WORD —

FIRST READING, Daniel 12:1-3

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people — everyone whose name is found written in the book — will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever."

L The Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.



PSALM 16

- L Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.
- **☑** I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."
- L I say of the holy people who are in the land,
- They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."
- L Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.
- **Q** I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.
- L LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup;
- **2** You make my lot secure.
- The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
- **©** Surely I have a delightful inheritance.
- L I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
- **Q** Even at night my heart instructs me.
- L I keep my eyes always on the LORD.
- **2** With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
- L Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,
- **©** Because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
- L You make known to me the path of life;
- **You** will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

(NIV)



SECOND READING, Hebrews 10:11-25

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

"This is the covenant I will make with them

after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds."

Then he adds:

"Their sins and lawless acts

I will remember no more."

And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, "Alleluia!"

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Blue Book

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

(John 6:68)

*GOSPEL, Mark 13:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

"Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

"You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved."

(NIV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



HYMN, "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" WOV Hymn 713

Lord, let my heart be good soil, Open to the seed of your Word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, Where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

SERMON

Pastor David J. Baer

Blue Book

HYMN, "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" Hymn 355 1. Through the night of doubt and sorrow Green Book

1. Through the night of doubt and sorrow Onward goes the pilgrim band, Singing songs of expectation, Marching to the promised land. Clear before us through the darkness Gleams and burns the guiding light; Pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim Stepping fearless through the night.

2. One the light of God's own presence On his ransomed people shed, Chasing far the gloom and terror, Bright'ning all the path we tread. One the object of our journey, One the faith which never tires, One the earnest looking forward, One the hope our God inspires.

3. One the strain that lips of thousands Lift as from the heart of one; One the conflict, one the peril, One the march in God begun.

One the gladness of rejoicing On the far eternal shore, Where the one almighty Father Reigns in love for evermore.

4. Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers; Onward, with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its battle Till we rest beneath its shade. Soon shall come the great awak'ning; Soon the rending of the tomb! Then the scatt'ring of all shadows, And the end of toil and gloom.

*APOSTLES' CREED

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G I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

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Response: P Lord, in your mercy, G Hear our prayer.

— SACRAMENT —

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*OFFERTORY, "Let the Vineyards"

WOV Page 35

A Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, Lord,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Merciful Father,
- We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

 Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,

 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

*PROPER PREFACE

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Blue Book

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven 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.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 testament in my blood,

shed for you and for all people

for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24) (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

*LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(Matthew 6:9-13)

COMMUNION

All baptized Christians who trust that Jesus is true to his promise—giving his body and blood with the bread and wine for you for the forgiveness of your sins—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 Holy Communion, the congregation sings:

WOV Page 39, "Lamb of God" WOV Hymn 706, "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" LBW Hymn 294, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LBW Hymn 25, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"



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LAMB OF GOD

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2 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.

(John 1:29)

HYMN, "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" WOV Hymn 706

Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup.

Blue Book

Taste and see the goodness of God.

Bread of life, cup of love,

We rejoice in your presence.

- 1. I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice; in my God I glory forever: listen and rejoice! *Refrain*
 - 2. Look upon the Lord, be radiant, never turn away. God will save in ev'ry affliction, hear us when we pray. *Refrain*
- 3. Angels fold their wings around us, guard through good and ill.

 Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing; taste, and have your fill. *Refrain*
 - 4. Saints of God, bow down and worship, bless the holy name.
 Rise to tell God's greatness forever, wondrous deeds proclaim! *Refrain*

HYMN, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" LBW Hymn 294

Green Book

1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; No merit of my own I claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

- 2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- 3. His oath, his covenant, his blood Sustain me in the raging flood; When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
 - 4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found, Clothed in his righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before the throne! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.



*HYMN, "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

LBW Hymn 25

Green Book

1. Rejoice, rejoice, believers,
And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing,
And darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising
And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;
At midnight comes the cry.

- 2. The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the bridegroom near; Go forth as he approaches With alleluias clear.
 The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.
 Arise, O heirs of glory;
 The bridegroom is at hand.
- 3. The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff'rings bore, Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more. Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold; In triumph cast before him Their diadems of gold.
 - 4. Our hope and expectation,
 O Jesus, now appear;
 Arise, O Sun so longed for,
 O'er this benighted sphere.
 With hearts and hands uplifted,
 We plead, O Lord, to see
 The day of earth's redemption
 That sets your people free!

*COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Blue Book

C Amen.

*CANTICLE, "Thankful hearts and voices..." WOV Page 40

Thankful hearts and voices raise; Tell everyone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises, O God, And lead us forth in joy With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

@ Amen.

— SENDING —

*BLESSING

C Amen.

*DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

*HYMN, "Lead On, O King Eternal"

LBW Hymn 495

Green Book

1. Lead on, O King eternal!
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Your tents will be our home.
Through days of preparation
Your grace has made us strong;
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy
The heav'nly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er your face appears.
Your cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might!

POSTLUDE



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK:

Alex & family Don Dubbe
Lenae Ebel Pastor Susan Fox

Felicity Kramer Claire & Maxine Ripley

Violet Rost Richard Sleep

Treonna Solbie Guyla Baer Sturgeon
Paul Swisher Carletta & Steve Vasknetz

Anne Vossler Jack Wanstedt Guy and Dawn Balo (recently lost their home to a fire)

David Arnio (brother of Chris Burleson)
Elwood Beulke (brother of Arnie Beulke)
Cherry Bieber (friend of Jon & Shelley Iverson)
Jody Blevins (daughter of Claire & Maxine Ripley)

Marla Ebel (sister of Rita Shewmake)

Kris Eide (sister of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)

Melanie Erickson (sister of Brenda Rath)

Ellen Fiechtner (mother of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)

Ronnie Fischer (brother of Judy Haiwick)

The Fischer family (friends of Jon & Shelley Iverson)

Dallas Fox (friend of Jordan Smith) Cheryl Fraijo (daughter of Jean Sneesby)

Ernie Griner (11-year-old friend of Meta Halverson)

Martina Ham (mother of Diane Kunz)

Delmer Hemeyer (brother of Gail Hemeyer)

Colleen and Dave Hudson (daughter and son-in-law of Cleo Miller)

Ike Iverson (father of Jon Iverson)

Coleen Iverson-Routh (sister of Jon Iverson)

Steve Kampfe (son of Garland and Kathy Kampfe)

Al Kones (brother-in-law of Ardith Petersen & Lois Rath)

Callie Kvanvig (great niece of Ray Follum)
Pastor Amy Little (NALC General Secretary)
Parker Loll (infant son of Branden & Alyssa Loll)

Karen Miller (sister of Maxine Ripley) Mitch Palmer (friend of Paul Swisher)

Nancy Porter (friend of Bill and Chris Burleson)

Tim Ripley (friend of Paul Swisher)

Melani Roewe (sister of Derek Besler)

Pastor Amy Schifrin (friend of Pastor David Baer)

Carreen Smith (sister of Mimi Swisher)

Jeremy Sundby (nephew of Claire & Maxine Ripley)

Jess Teigen (friend of Amelia Knutson) Ryan Thomas (cousin of Mary Tracy)

Xayne Vroman (great grandson of Cindy and Harold Davis)

Chris Waythomas (friend of Rita Shewmake)

Lisa Westberg (daughter-in-law of Tony & Alona Westberg)

Robert Zuhr (brother-in-law of Chris Burleson) Zhuang People (unreached people group in China) OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD is an opportunity to share God's love with a child by purchasing items to fill a shoe box as a Christmas gift. The shoe boxes are then shipped to needy children around the world by Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes (with instructions and suggestions inside) are available in the library social room. Please bring your shoe box gifts to the church by Sunday, Nov. 24.

WHITEWOOD FESTIVAL OF TREES is on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the Whitewood Community Hall. There will be a tree and wreath auction and additional live and silent auction items. Preview begins at 5 p.m. The auction begins at 6:30 p.m. The fund-raising event is sponsored by the Whitewood Chamber of Commerce and the 8-10 Club to support their projects.

THOSE OVER AGE 70½ have the opportunity to take tax-free distributions from their IRAs for direct gifts to churches and other non-profit organizations. This is a significant tax benefit. Talk to your tax advisor, IRA custodian, or Pastor David for more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL meets at 10:25 a.m. on Sundays in the library social room. "The Truth Project" is the focus of our Adult Sunday School class this fall. The Truth Project is a video curriculum that teaches a Christian worldview. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this opportunity to grow in faith. There is no adult Sunday School today because of the Church Council meeting.

OUR MISSION OF THE MONTH is Churches Care for Whitewood. Churches Care with Whitewood is a cooperative effort of the three churches of Whitewood to care for those in need in the Whitewood area. We provide emergency aid to individuals and families and hope to provide ongoing support and education to help them make good decisions for their future. The Lord's Kitchen Food Pantry in Whitewood is a ministry of Churches Care for Whitewood. Churches Care provides financial assistance to families identified by the Whitewood Elementary School to help them purchase food for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mission of the Month highlights one of the ministries supported through your regular giving to Immanuel.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Today 9:00 a.m. — Worship

10:00 a.m. — Coffee Fellowship 10:25 a.m. — Church Council

Monday 7:00 a.m. — Men's Group

Wednesday 4:10 p.m. — Confirmation class

4:30 p.m. — Kids Club

Thursday 5:30 p.m. — Choir

6:30 p.m. — Light Supper

6:45 p.m. — Midweek Bible Study

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. — Worship

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



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP is at 9 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. Please join us as we give thanks to God and make your Thanksgiving

Day about giving thanks. Please invite visiting family and friends.

GUY AND DAWN BALO lost their home and pets in a house fire on Nov. 6. We have been trying to help them financially following this great loss. Our congregation gave them a gift from our Special Local Mission Fund and many members gave gifts during coffee last Sunday. You may give a designated gift for them through Immanuel's Special Local Mission Fund and we will see that they receive your gift. Their mailing address is 19627 Whitewood Valley Road; Whitewood, SD 57793 if you'd like to send a card. Guy is the son of Mona Balo. Please pray for Dawn and Guy during this difficult time.

GREETING CARDS, NAPKINS AND COOKBOOKS are for sale by the Immanuel Church Women. They are available on the bookshelf in the fellowship hall near the kitchen.

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.

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets after worship today. Copies of the agenda are available on the table in the library social room.

A MEN'S GROUP meets at 7 a.m. on Mondays at the church. They are currently studying the book of Mark. All men are welcome. Talk to Mark Tracy or Jon Iverson for more information.

A MIDWEEK ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets at 6:45 p.m. on Thursdays. Our current study is called, "Consider the Years: A Bible Study for Mature Christians." This study is mindful of the unique perspective of those who have seen many years in their relationship with God and may wonder how faith can speak anew to their lives. The study offers brief sessions on issues seniors must navigate, emphasizing how God's Word can bring strength and comfort in the unknown. Everyone is encouraged to join us for this opportunity to grow in faith. A light supper is served starting at 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWOOD KIDS CLUB — our Wednesday night children's ministry — meets from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. each week. Kids Club is designed for children Age 4 through Grade 5. For more information about Kids Club or to volunteer to help with Kids Club, talk to Brit Porterfield or Pastor David.

WE ARE UPDATING OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY. If you have a new address or phone number or if there are other changes you'd like on your page in our church directory, please get those changes to Linda Beulke or Pastor David. If you'd like a new photo, you can get that to them too. If you worship at Immanuel, we'd like you to be in our directory.