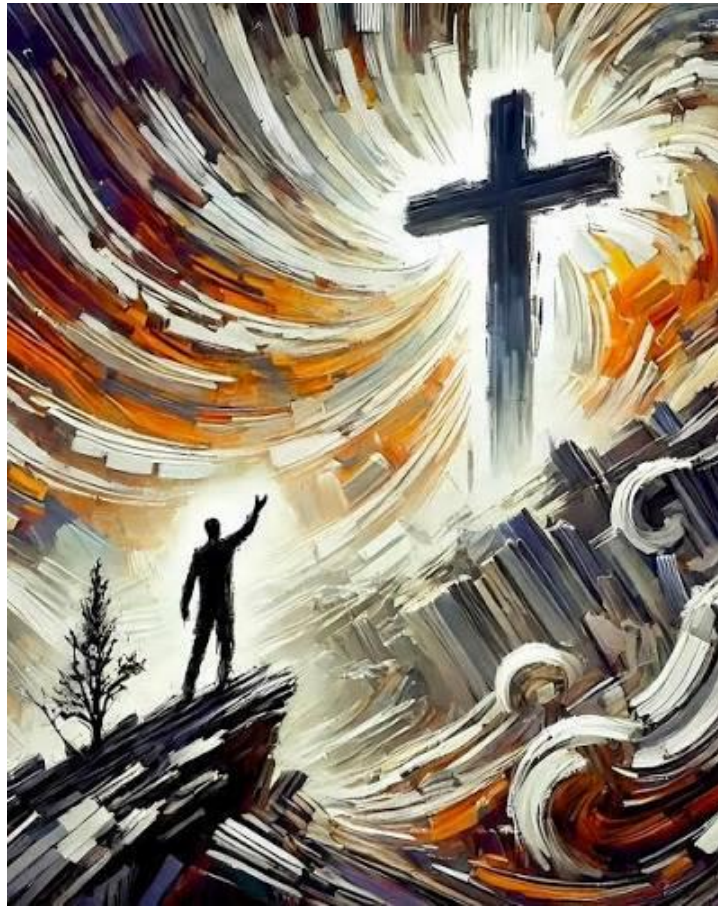




14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Norwood, PA ~ Phone: 610.586.5860

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The People of Immanuel are Ministers of the Church

The Rev Scott R. Lee, Pastor

Kathleen Schneider, Director of Music

PRELUDE (*Prayerful time for reflection.*)

^MISSION STATEMENT:

C: We of Immanuel are claimed, gathered, and sent by God to live Christ's example through worship, education, and service.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

331 He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

In whose hand was every of every living thing . . . Job 12:10

Traditional Spiritual
Unison

WHOLE WORLD Irreg.
Traditional Spiritual

1. He's got the whole wide world in His hands, He's got the
 2. He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the
 3. He's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in His hands, He's got the
 4. He's got you and me, broth-er, in His hands, He's got

whole wide world in His hands, He's got the whole wide world
 wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the wind and the rain
 ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in His hands, He's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by
 you and me, sis - ter, in His hands, He's got you and me, broth-er,

Coda (after last stanza)
 in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.
 in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.
 in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.
 in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.

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

C: And also with you.

^KYRIE

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer - cy, O Lord.

^HYMN OF PRAISE (*Verses 1&2*)

God of Promise, Let These Signs of Grace

Refrain

God of prom - ise, let these signs of grace

kin - dle in our hearts a song of praise.

1 Life - giv - ing wa - ter

2 Word of pro - claim - ing,

3 Oil of a - noint - ing,

4 Bright light of Eas - ter

5 Robe of a - dop - tion

soak - ing our dry - ness,

breath on the wa - ter,

fra - grant with pow - er,

cleav - ing the dark - ness,

grow - ing God's fam - 'ly,

drown - ing our sin each day,

mak - ing us new -

plant - ing your prom - ise— the voice from a - bove:

nam - ing us ho - ly while hold - ing our pain—

shin - ing up - on and with - in us to - day—

wrap - ping our bro - ken - ness in the di - vine—

Refrain

mer - cy come stream - ing from you.

“This is my child, my be - loved.”

mark of the life that we gain.

bea - con of hope on the way.

love be - come sym - bol and sign.

P: The Lord be with you

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray

^PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the LORD is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words, "I am with you."

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not

you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Word of God, word of life: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm

Psalm 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with

good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life: **Thanks be to God**

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

^HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

After Peter confesses that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a “rock.”

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

Pastor Lee

^HYMN

It Only Takes a Spark 484

*If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. John 4:11*PASS IT ON Irreg.
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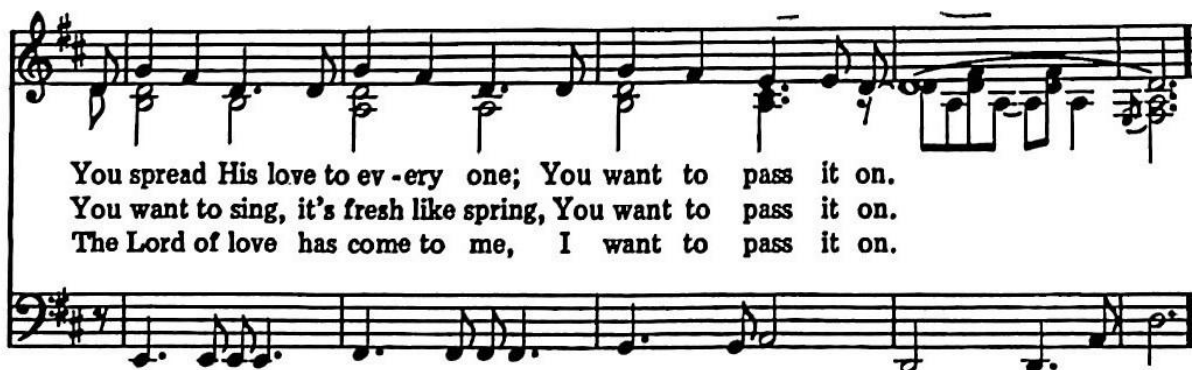
1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire go - ing,
 2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding,
 3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi-ness that I've found,



And soon all those a-round can warm up in its glow-ing.
 The birds be-gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom-ing,
 You can de-pend on Him, it mat - ters not where you're bound.



That's how it is with God's love once you've ex-pe-ri-enced it;
 That's how it is with God's love once you've ex-pe-ri-enced it;
 I'll shout it from the moun-tain top— I want my world to know;



You spread His love to ev - ery one; You want to pass it on.
 You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, You want to pass it on.
 The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

^APOSTLES' CREED

**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 into 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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Kneeling as able.)*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

^PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, as you feel comfortable.

OFFERING

We join other Christians in joyfully responding to God's goodness, through your personal giving. The ushers will pass the offering plates during this time. For those who do not feel comfortable passing the plates, we ask that you place your offering in the plates located at the front of the nave prior to the service, or after the service, in the plate on the table as you exit into the Hospitality area. Many people give electronically, and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their supportive giving.

^OFFERTORY HYMN



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
 that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION+

^GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Santo, santo, santo*



The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two lines of lyrics. The second staff has two lines of lyrics. The third staff has two lines of lyrics. The fourth staff has two lines of lyrics.

San - to, san - to, san - to, oh Dios del u - ni - ver - so:
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

. . . lle-nos es-tán el cie - lo y la tie - rra de tu glo - ria.
your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en nom - bre del Se - ñor. . .
. . . Bless - ed be the Sav - ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo. San - to e - res, oh Dios.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *In the night he was betrayed.....*

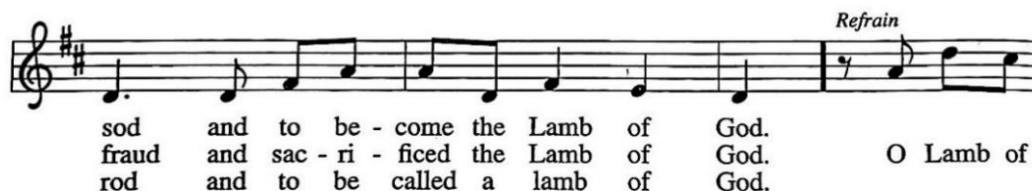
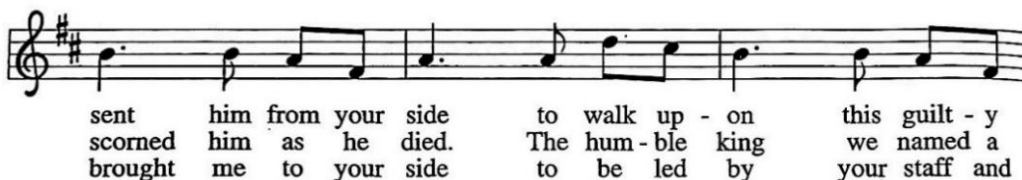
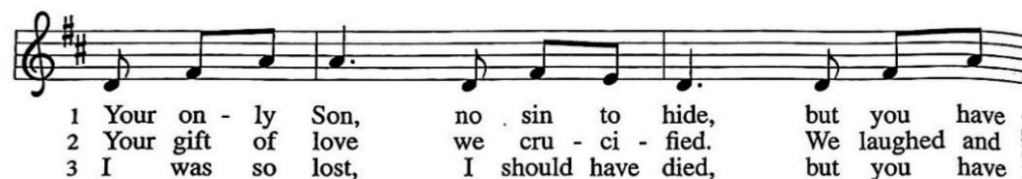
^LORD'S PRAYER

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

(first verse only)

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Lamb of God Your Only Son



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The table is ready, come and eat. **C: Amen**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (*By Intinction*)

*All baptized Christians are welcome to share the bread and wine of **Holy Communion**. After it is placed in your hand, dip your wafer in the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (ceramic chalice). Sign a communion card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

552 — In My Heart There Rings a Melody

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1. I have a song that Je - sus gave me, It was sent from
 2. I love the Christ who died on Cal - v'ry, For He washed my
 3. 'Twill be my end - less theme in glo - ry, With the an - gels



heav'n a - bove; There nev - er was a sweet - er mel - o - dy,
 sins : a - way; He put with - in my heart a mel - o - dy,
 I will sing; 'Twill be a song with glo - rious har - mo - ny,

CHORUS



'Tis a mel - o - dy of love.
 And I know it's there to stay. In my heart there rings a mel - o - dy,
 When the courts of heav - en ring.



There rings a mel - o - dy with heav - en's har - mo - ny; In my heart



there rings a mel - o - dy, There rings a mel - o - dy of love.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

^BENEDICTION/BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

^HYMN

This Train

- 1. This train is bound for glory, this train
This train is bound for glory, this train
This train is bound for glory,
Don't ride nothn' but the righteous and the holy,
This train is bound for glory.**
- 2. This train don't carry no gamblers, this train,
This train don't carry no gamblers, this train,
This train don't carry no gamblers,
No hypocrites, no midnight ramblers.
This train is bound for glory, this train.**

3. This train is built for speed now, this train.
 This train is built for speed now, this train,
 This train is built for speed now,
 Fastest train you ever did see,
 This train is bound for glory, this train.

4. This train don't carry no liars, this train.
 This train don't carry no liars, this train
 This train don't carry no liars,
 No hypocrites and no high flyers.
 This train is bound for glory, this train.

^DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**



As a **Reconciling in Christ congregation**, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Norwood, commits to celebrating the love of God with ALL people as we are all made in God's image. We are committed to racial equity in our congregation, community, and country. Whatever your abilities, gender identity, sexual orientation, relationship status, race, culture, faith tradition or economic circumstance; whatever your past or present – you are welcome to share in God's love and our community.

Welcome Visitors! We are extremely glad you are with us today! It is a privilege to have you share our worship service. Please take a moment to fill out the Visitor Guest Book located at the top of the steps at our Chester Pike entrance. If you have any questions, please ask any of the members, we will be happy to help. Check out www.immanuelnorwood.org or our Facebook page.



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We have three easy & virtual ways for people to donate to IMMANUEL. You will see on our Website and on our Facebook page "links" which you can click and make a secure donation. And here is a **QR code** which you can scan with your smart phone. Thank You for your continued generous support!



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Weekly Activities do not reflect building use by outside groups.

SUNDAY Breakfast Worship 11:00AM

Date	Lector	Worship Assistant	Greeters	Acolytes
Aug 30		M. Horne-Onimus	B.Funk	
Sep 6	D.McClellan	K. McClellan	C. Kelly	
Sep 13		J. Kintsche	J. Morrison	



July Income - \$ 7,501

July Expenses - \$ 9,657

***Diakon** (a social service of our local SEPA Synod) assists families (referred by Children and Youth Services) in providing adequate care for their children. They also facilitate the reunification of families when children return from foster care. The Outreach Committee has provided a bin in the hospitality area for donations to their work. Donations of new or very gently used baby and children's clothing and baby supplies (but not diapers, they have a source for that) would be gratefully accepted.

Special Congregational Meeting on 9/13/26 for HVAC Phase #2 Loan

There will be a special Congregational Meeting on 9/13/26 following the 11AM service to vote on an ELCA's Mission Investment Fund loan to pay for Phase #2. (Phase #2 is this work to replace of our Boilers and convert to gas).

Please see the display in the Hospitality area for more information and how you can help. See Karl McClellan or Fred Warner for even more details. Thank you for support!



In person weekly Bible Study at St. Matthew's Woodlyn with Pastor Lee, begins on **September 23rd 9:30 AM – 10:30AM** and will cover Sacred Wounds.

Sacred Wounds is an invitation to meet God in the places we often try to avoid. In this series, Dakota Hauck guides viewers through a biblical and honest exploration of pain, suffering, and healing, revealing how God does not waste our wounds but transforms them into places of beauty, goodness, and truth.

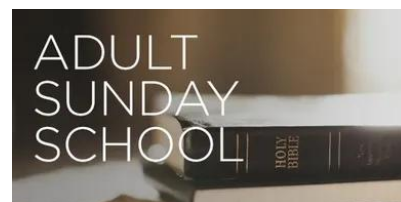
Rather than offering easy answers, this study creates space for lament, hope, and deeper trust in Jesus, helping participants discover how suffering can become a sacred place of formation rather than a sign of God's absence



Our **ZOOM Bible study**, on **Wednesday** evenings at 7:00PM for one hour, will be back on **September 23rd**

. All you need is your Bible and we'll provide the discussion questions when we connect. You'll find the link on our website and how to dial in if that's what you prefer. Sessions are led by Karl McClellan and Fred Warner. Our topic will come from **Right Now Media!** The sessions are fun, educational and thought provoking! They provide a great way to learn more about the Bible while sharing **how Jesus shows up in our lives today!** We hope you will join us!

Welcome back! Hope you had a great summer. For those who read our summer reading book *The Blessing Effect*, by Robert K. Pozil, I hope you enjoyed it. Sunday morning Adult Sunday School will resume on **Sep 20th at 10:00am in the choir room**, when we will discuss our summer book. Feel free to join us! Any questions, please see Jeanne Warner.



Church Picnic - Rain or Shine Sunday, September 13th!

After worship, in the basement hospitality area. All welcome...Church will provide fried chicken. Sign up to bring a side dish or dessert

