

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to Honor God, by sharing His love, living in Christ, and serving our community.



The man who expects to go to heaven must take the time to study the route that will get him there.

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SHOULDER TAPS

Ann forwarded a video to me recently called "Shoulder Taps." In the video a man narrating the video describes how he and his wife were having lunch. Shortly after being seated an immaculately dressed, older woman was seated near the couple. Curiously, the man narrating the video says he hears a voice telling him that he needs to tell her how pretty she looks. As he and his wife continue eating, he hears the voice several more times. As he and his wife get up to leave the narrator bends down next to the woman and says, "I just have to tell you how pretty you look." The woman is silent for just a moment and then looks him squarely in the eye and says, "I know you." The man responds, "Oh, no we've never met I am sure." "Yes, I know you," the woman responds. "I know your spirit. You see my husband died a year ago and that is exactly what he would have said to me today." A long moment of silence passed as tears came to the eyes of both and neither could speak through the emotion. And then two total strangers shared a hug.

The narrator goes on to say that at that moment the woman was blessed, and he was "enormously blessed." The narrator went on to say that he truly believes that God taps us on the shoulder throughout our lives and uses us "at just the right moment." The more we listen to these shoulder taps, the more in alignment we are with God. As he says in closing, "That is an awesome place to be."

Not long ago on a Sunday morning I was out for a walk. As I walked along on the sidewalk a very nicely dressed woman came out of a house ahead of me. She looked like she might be heading to church. We live in a retirement community and since she was alone the chances are she is a widow. As she turned my direction and a voice said, "Tell her how pretty she is." In that instant I smiled and said in my cheeriest voice, "Good morning."

The Holy Spirit had tapped me on the shoulder, and I didn't follow through, I was focused on myself and not the person needing to be blessed.

Before we even passed on the sidewalk, I regretted not having said the words given to me. For the last week, my ignoring that opportunity has troubled me. What opportunity had I been given to be a blessing to someone and ignored the opportunity?

Like the narrator in that video I believe that God taps us on the shoulder and uses us at just the right moment to be a blessing to others. Learn to listen for those shoulder taps. If a thought suddenly enters your consciousness it probably didn't come from you. It may well have been the Holy Spirit calling you to be a blessing to someone else. Don't ignore it, have the courage to say the words given to you!

Pastor Larry Oliver



Scripture Readings For September

Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
Sept. 6 (Proper 18)	Fourteenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 33:7-9	Psalms 32:1-7	Rom. 13:1-10	Matt. 18:1-20
Sept. 13 (Proper 19)	Fifteenth S. a. Pentecost	Gen. 50:15-21	Psalms 103:1-12	Rom. 14:1-12	Matt. 18:21-35
Sept. 20 (Proper 20)	Sixteenth S. a. Pentecost	Isa. 55:6-9	Psalms 27:1-9	Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30	Matt. 20:1-16
Sept. 27 (Proper 21)	Seventeenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalms 25:1-10	Phil. 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18	Matt. 21:23-27 (28-32)

Scripture Readers For September

September 5	September 12	September 19	September 26
Jeanne Butler Keith Moore	Dave Engel Caryl Anderson	Cathy Bradford Linda Anderson	Jim Marshall Velma Bariletti

If you can not participate on the date scheduled, please let me know so I can schedule someone else in your place. Recording time is Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Thank You For Volunteering!

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.



August Birthdays

Don Veith..... 9/1
 Terry Seevers..... 9/12
 Laura Bell..... 9/24
 Fred Schulze..... 9/28



BIRTHDAYS

THIS MONTH



Homeless Outreach

I realize that in 80 degree weather, you are not thinking about Christmas. But, the homeless still need our help. Those of you that knit hats might want to get started. We will need the following:

- Hats
- Gloves
- Socks
- Hand sanitizer
- Face masks (something new this year)

Monetary gifts as always

We thank you for helping out, especially during this time. If you have items to drop off, please call the church to make sure someone is there. I work Tuesday thru Friday, 9 to 1.



Remember the bench? I keep thinking I would like to sit with our Lord Jesus. But what 3 questions would I ask? Would I act like a silly school girl and become very shy or would I talk to him like a close friend? While trying to answer this I found myself tearing up. I would like to hold his hand and ask Him to forgive us. We have certainly made a mess of things. All the questions I thought I would ask seem so unimportant now. My hour would probably come and go with me still sitting there. I think about the many times I have sat on a bench or chair, and felt his presence. How blessed we are as Christians to know our Lord and to feel his presence each and every day. Thank you Lord for sitting on my bench with me today.

Linda Anderson

When we get through this pandemic, what is the first thing you are going to do?

When that question came up, I knew my answer without even thinking twice. Sunday morning breakfast at Denny's with Cathy at 7am, followed by bible study at 9am, with church service at 10:30am. What a full and wonderful day that will be.

Linda Anderson

Future Plans

The Church Council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, Sept 8th. They will again be considering the possibility of opening the church for worship services. Please watch for an announcement regarding this decision. Also, an announcement will be made following the council meeting in regards to the next opportunity for Communion. Stay tuned, watch your e-mail for news to be forthcoming.



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