

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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VISION STATEMENT......"The Mission of Emmanuel Lutheran Church is to be a mission-station to equip the diverse people in our area with the love and power of Jesus.

February 2020

What is love?

"This is love: not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the payment for our sins.(1John 4:10 GW) Dear beloved Saints of Emmanuel.

Even before Christmas trees were taken down many retailers filled their aisles with red hearts filled with chocolate and cards promising lasting love. February 14th - Valentine's Day is fast approaching - florists and retailers are hoping that they can cash in on your love. We are a people with a myriad of popular songs about love, television shows about love, books on love, but we don't know what love is.

We lost true love when our first parents looked inside of themselves for love rejecting their Creator and His Word. Satan's lie promised them god-like love if they only disobeyed the loving Word of the Lord God. Looking inside - trusting in their own sight, wisdom, ways, and appetites - they ate of the forbidden fruit. Sin and its self loved far from freeing them chained them in shame, guilt, and the fear of Love seeking His lost creatures through preaching His Word. Sin tore that first marriage made in paradise apart. They tried to hide camouflage their shame with fig leaves - but their conscience screamed out that they were guilty and deserved only death for their rebellious sin.

One of the popular lies our culture preached in the 70's and 80's was that "you can't love others, until you first love yourself." It was a flesh appealing lie that appealed to the "me-centeredness" of my old Adam. I could justify any self serving abuse of my neighbor in the name of "first loving myself." This relationship destroying lie still lurks resurfacing under new names, but it is the same old lie. Truth is from the day of Adam's rebellion we are all conceived and born in love with ourselves. If we would know true love we must repent - turn from looking inside of ourselves - and fix our eyes on Jesus sacrificed for our sins.

"God is love." It isn't that He loves - Love is His very essence. In love He created this world. When we rebelled against Him instead of destroying us - He hid Himself in His preached Word promising to send His only begotten Son in our skin to save us. In love He breathed life back into this world by His Holy Spirit through the promise of Jesus preached down through the eons. In love God hated sin for it only pays out the wages of death. In love God was justly angered over our rejection of His Ten Life Words. In love the sacrifices of the tabernacle and later the Temple were not to appease God, but so that the Holy God could draw near to dwell with His people to bless them by putting His Name on them (Numbers 6).

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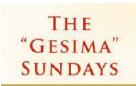
They pointed forward to the sacrifice Love would make once and for all upon the cross forever reconciling sinful man with God their Father.

Christ Jesus' love pouring forth to us from His spear pierced side frees us from the prison of "me." Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11 NKJV). By Word breathed Holy Spirit given faith in Jesus as the only Sacrifice for our sins - we graciously receive forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation from our Heavenly Father. Now we are the "beloved" of the Lord - children of our heavenly Father freed to love one another. How does that love look? Like the Ten Commandments lived out toward your spouse, children, parents, government, congregation, boss, or workers. "Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." (Romans 13:10). What is love? Jesus is Love. Let His love flow through you in humble service of your neighbor. "1 John 4:19-21 19 We love Him because He first loved us. 20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also." Have a blessed Valentine's Day rejoicing in those the Lord Jesus has given you to pour out your life in humble loving service.

In Christ,

Rev. Nathan J. Rusert, Pastor

PASTOR'S NOTES



"Gesima? What's a Gesima?" As we enter the month of February strange sounding words might enter your ears - "Septuagesima;" 'Sexagesima;" "Quinquagesima." To ask a good Lutheran question - "What does this mean?" The "gesima" Sundays are part of the one-year historic lectionary used in the western Christian Church since the 8th century. Our Lord's transfiguration marks the last Sunday in the Epiphany season - this year it falls on February 2nd - as Jesus' Divine

glory shines through His human flesh and God the Father commands us to , "Hear Him!" Jesus then descends from the mount setting His face to go and fulfill the final Passover upon the cross. During the "gesima" Sundays we slowly descend with Jesus down from the mount and prepare for our forty day journey to our salvation on Good Friday. These Sundays stand as sign posts on the Road to Easter -"Septaugesima" - 70 days away - "Sexagesima" - 60 days away - "Quinquagesima" - 50 days to journey to rejoice in our crucified Lord's empty tomb. Rejoice in the "gesima" rest as you prepare for your Lenten journey.

"Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live." (Isaiah 38:1) The Lord God sent this word to King Hezekiah through the prophet Isaiah, but His word applies to us also. We should take the time to write or update our wills, but we would do well also to inform our surviving family of our history, hymns, and Bible verses that we love. Please contact the church office if you'd like a form to fill out. Pastor Rusert would be glad to assist you in filling it out and answer any questions you might have. It is wise to have an extra copy on file in our congregation's office.



Mhat Happened to the Visitation Sign-Up Sheets? Pastor is still planning to visit members in their homes as schedules permit. If you'd like to arrange a visit either e-mail CHURCHWIDE pastor at: "njursert@juno.com" or call/text him at (507)236-2779.



"Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." (John 11:3) When Mary and Martha's brother Lazarus was sick at Bethany they sent word to Jesus. They knew He was the Lord who knew all things, but still they send word. Unlike Jesus, our pastor and elders are not omniscient - if you know of anyone hospitalized or in need of a visit please call them or the church office to inform them. Don't assume that someone else already called, we'd rather be told ten times than miss someone who needs the comfort of Christ's Word. Thank - you.



FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date Service Scripture Lessons (One-Year Lectionary)

LSB DS3 — Transfiguration of Our Lord Exodus 34:29–35; 2 Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9

9th LSB DS4 — Septuagesima Ex. 17:1–7; 1 Corinthians 9:24–10:5; Matthew 20:1–16

16th LSB DS3 — Sexagesima Isaiah 55:10–13; 2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9; Luke 8:4–15

23rd LSB DS4 — Quinquagesima 1 Sam. 16:1-13; 1 Corinthians 13:1–13; Luke 18:31–43

Joel 2:12-19; 2 Peter 1:2-11; Matthew 6:(1-6) 16-21 **26**th LSB DS3 — Ash Wednesday



Blake Edwards, Sr.

Jack Huebschman

Hannah Meadors

12 Stephanie Goeppner Rachel Meadors Jennifer Schutzius



15 Halie Machen

20 Allison Greubel

21 Averie Harris

25 Joyce Triezenberg

26 Jessica Braun

Cell Phone vs. Bible

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if our kids begged to have one to help them through their teen years?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go...hmmm.....where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!

NOTE FROM OUR ADOPTED MISSIONARY FAMILY



Dear Friends and Co-workers in God's work,

Hear it is, the close of yet another year. Thank you, as always, for being understanding that we can't send out monthly thanks you notes (no post office in Siguiri!) But we do like to take the opportunity at Christmas time to again thank you all for your continuing support to the work here. It's been an exciting year! God has gone ahead of us over and over, preparing the way for His message to reach the lost. In all our years of ministry I don't think we've ever felt as called to just let things go and watch God at work! It's been amazing. We want to thank you for standing with

us in this endeavor. We are always grateful for all prayers said but we also know that finances are necessary to keep any kind of work going. Your gifts this year not only helped us to be able to stay out here, it has provided for numerous projects for the national church, kept the clinic in Siguiri going with monthly salaries, supplies, and equipment, enable us to put in a bore hole at the clinic so we no longer have to worry about buying water in the dry season, allowed us to help out many people who are sick and hungry and so much more. We thank you all, and send a big "Thank You!!" also from the Lutheran Church in Guinea. We pray God blesses your Christmas and New Year celebrations as well as your continued love for the lost in this world! With Love, Tim and Beth

EVANSVILLE CIRCUIT, INDIANA DISTRICT, & SYNOD - WIDE EVENTS

CAMP LAKEVIEW NOW REGISTERING SUMMER CAMPERS



Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages (near Seymour, IN) are currently registering campers, grades K-12, for the 2020 summer season. What a great place to have fun and learn about God at the same time! To get more information,

visit the camp's website at www.lakeviewministries.camp or call the camp office at 812-342-4815. Online registration for Lakeview Ministries opens on February 3rd at 9:00 a.m. Last year, many programs were filed quickly, so register online today!

WE CELEBRATE LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY ON FEBRUARY 9TH



On October 2, 1930, the first broadcast of **The Lutheran Hour®** radio program HOUR was aired, with Dr. Walter A. Maier as speaker. The Lutheran Laymen's League, which had formed thirteen years earlier as a financial support organization for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, had a vision of spreading the Gospel message

using the young technology of broadcast radio. For 90 years, the call of Christ has been carried around the world by radio waves to share the Good News. We will celebrate Lutheran Hour Sunday on Feb. 9th.

ST. JOHN'S, EVANGELISM COMMITTEE TO HOST ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT



St. John's Lutheran Church, Evanston, Annual Women's Retreat will be held Saturday, February 22nd from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM. This year's theme is "For All the Faithful Women". Breakfast and registration begins at 8:30. Lunch will also be provided along with childcare and giveaways. All ladies are invited to attend. The Ingathering & Service Project is Military Care Packages. Suggested items for care packages: crackers, nuts, gum, trail mix, dental floss, lip balm, shampoo, deodorant,

shower gel, baby wipes, puzzle books, magazines & books, handheld games, and batteries. For more suggestions visit: https://themilitarywifeandmom.com/awesome-military-care-package-ideas/. Any guestions email Iris Wittman at mariawit35@gmail.com or call St. John's at 812-547-2007.

SONSHINE EARLY LEARNING MINISTRY HAS MULTIPLE JOB OPENINGS



St. John's Lutheran Church, Evanston, SonShine ELM is looking for full-time and part-time help. They are seeking individuals that will nurture and care for children in a Christian environment. Positions offer flexible work hours and discounts for those who have children enrolled. Also they closed on major holidays & North Spencer County State of Emergencies. Contact them at 12308 East

County Road 1160 North, Evanston, IN 47531, 812-547-9620, SonShine4kids@gmail.com, or see them on Facebook: SonShine ELM.

INDIANA DISTRICT LWML SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



The Indiana District LWML will be awarding a limited number of \$500 scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year. These scholarships are available to students preparing to be servants of the church on a full-time basis (ministry, teaching, DCE, parish work, etc.) and are enrolled in an LCMS synodical university or seminary for next year.

Forms are available online at our district website: www.lwmlindiana.org. for students who may qualify and are interested in receiving financial help. The completed application must be returned to me with a postmark no later than March 15, 2020.

It is important to emphasize that applicants must be a communicant member of an Indiana District LCMS congregation for at least 18 months.

The Scholarship Committee will be meeting in April to select this year's recipients. Students will be notified shortly after as to whether or not they have been selected.



I want to thank all our Sunday school teachers for all their hard work! Hannah, Renate, Neal, Matt, Rhonda, Mandi, Andrea, Cynthia and Allison all volunteer to

teach our youth. Please keep each of them in your prayers as they continue to help our children develop their Christian Faith. On February 23 we will bury the Alleluias at the end of the church service. The Sunday school will serve a pasta and salad dinner on Ash Wednesday beginning at 5:00. We will have a free will offering for the dinner. We appreciate your support of our youth programs. If you have any questions, please ask. Kay



Supper and Scripture continues to meet on Wednesday evenings. If your not already coming, we encourage you to join us. On February 12 we will meet at the bowling alley at 5:00. We will have dinner on our own.

The Sunday school will pay for one game of bowling. We will not have supper and Scripture on February 26 because of the Ash Wednesday meal and service.



The Guild ladies are working on Monday. We need help on tacking and binding quilts so we can get a shipment ready to send. See our display in the narthex. These are for you to see what we do, and you can purchase if you have need for a gift or for yourself.

Our monthly meeting will be held on February 9 immediately after church.

We will be hosting with EUCC women, the Lenten breakfast. See Kim and offer your help in making breakfast goodies. We should plan to attend to show our interest, as many church ladies are very active in making our six week sessions happen. Any questions about a project, just ask. Verona



Anyone needing to use our **prayer chain** please call Faye Foertsch (812-547-4242).

Please let Verona know if you want to be a "prayer partner".



We are starting on the **2019** Annual Report/Directory. The deadline for Board and Committee reports is February 9th. Please drop them by the church office or email to emmanuel@psci.net. In the Narthex you'll find a draft of our contact information that will be

included in the **Annual Report/Directory**, please take time to verify your's is correct.



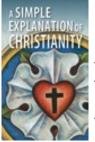
To share in the joy of **greeting**, we need you! Please help us welcome everyone as they enter the church on Sunday morning by being a greeter. Talk with Randy or Pastor about how you can

serve your congregation.



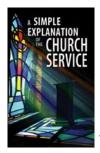
Our Food Pantry Donation Box is located in the Narthex (right of the west exit door) for those wanting to help financially the local food bank in lieu of

food items. The first Sunday of the month is designated "Food Pantry Sunday" for donated food items but the donation box now gives some flexibility to the process.



Check out the little booklet "A Simple Explanation of Christianity" on the display table in the Narthex. For nearly 500 years this simple explanation of Christianity has been used around the world and translated into hundreds of languages. Read it for yourself, and

then pass along copies to others God has good news for you and those you meet "along the way".



Brothers and sisters in Christ we have been given such a marvelous blessing to be able to enter into the presence of God every Sunday. What a joy it is to worship our Lord and be cared for by Him. It is also a joy to see our young people and our friends be a part of this life together.

In order to appreciate the treasure of the Divine Service, there is a pamphlet that explains the rich meaning of our time with God. Please take one and use it as an opportunity to see what God is doing on Sunday.

LUTHERAN HOUR SCHEDULE

Evansville (WGBF) Boonville (WBNL) Online @ www.lhm.org

1280AM 7:30 AM 1540AM 1:00 PM **Anytime**

All Times are CST every Sunday



LUTHERAN The Lutheran Hour® which began in 1930, is the world's longest-Christian running, outreach radio

program. It proclaims the message of Jesus Christ to more than 1.2 million people each week over 800 radio stations across North America. It is also broadcast on the American Forces Network to reach military personnel and their families around the world, as well as on XM's Family Talk Radio 170 each Sunday at noon CST. You can listen anytime or download The Lutheran Hour from the internet http://www.lutheranhour.org/.

February 2 "Gold Without Glitter"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Without the fire of the refiner's forge, there can be no glittering gold. And so it is with us. You are more precious to God than gold. But, like gold, you and I need refining. (Genesis 42)

February 9 "Break Through the No-Go Zone"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Sometimes, the difference between then and now, between what used to be and what is, comes in a single moment, a defining act. We call that a

breakthrough. (Genesis 43-45)

February 16 "Families and Joseph's Tears"

Guest Speaker: Dr. Dean Nadasdy

(Genesis 50:15-26)

February 23 "TBD"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler



A 30 minute Lutheran worship service for Shut-ins and others who are unable to get to church is broadcasted every Sunday DirectTV Channel 377 at 10:30am or anytime at www.worshipanew.org. Broadcasting now for 35 years this program is heard in 12 states with the potential of reaching 10 million people. Please share this information with those you know who might be blessed by viewing this service. The following is this month's sermon themes and related scripture.

February 2 – "Cleansed and Claimed"

What does it mean to be a Christian? What rests at the heart of a Christian's reality and experience? God answers these questions and more when Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus come to Jerusalem's temple 40 days after His Christmas birth. (Isaiah 52:7-10)

Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Ahlersmeyer, Holy Cross Lutheran Church ~ Fort Wayne, IN

February 9 - "Lights, Shine!"

You, who are joined to Christ in faith, have light and are light. Jesus says to you, "Shine!" Great! But what does all of this mean? (Matthew 5:14-16)

Rev. Dr. Walter A. Maier III, Concordia Theological Seminary ~ Fort Wayne, IN

February 16 – "He Is Your Life"

Like the children of Israel, we are facing a future that is full of transition. For some of you, these transitions will be trying and traumatic, and for all of us, the reality of change brings with it the temptation to walk our own way. But the story of God's action in our lives sustains us, and the Spirit of God strengthens us, and in the midst of life's transitions, and in the face of our fear and weakness, God is always there to meet our sinful disobedience with forgiveness and life and salvation. (Deut. 30:15-20) Rev. Thomas A. Eggold, Emmanuel Lutheran Church ~ Fort Wayne

February 23 – "God and Man"

"Jesus was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light." Peter, James, and John saw that: Jesus, the Son of Man, in the glory of His kingdom. God of God, Light of Light. It's Transfiguration Sunday, the last of the Epiphany Sundays, the big epiphany where we hear of Jesus shining like the sun in the presence of Moses and Elijah. It's here that we find there's much more to Jesus than meets the eye. (Matthew 17:2)

Rev. Shayne Jonker, Faith Lutheran Church ~ Roanoke, IN

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. (Psalm 13:5)

The new year has begun at full speed. I've only had class for two weeks since my last letter and what a busy two weeks that has been. Before classes even started Jeremy Hanson were working out in the rain to get a rough layout for the cross memorial on that Saturday before and then we had a crew of about 20 on the next Sunday to put the display up. We planted all 2700 crosses in just under 2 hours. The display has had a huge impact on the community.

The library held a silent auction. They had some complete sets and rare books. It was supposed to be "silent" but when it got closer to time it was clear who was after what. I was in a verbal bidding war with two of my brothers over a couple of sets of texts; one complete set of Keil & Delitzsch Old Testament commentaries and a complete set of the Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (TDNT). I won out on the K&D but let the TDNT go. The money goes to the Chemnitz Library Initiative that funds libraries for the international seminaries.

Toast Pastors table talk questions came in handy this week. The question I got was if Judas was in hell. It just so happened that when I went to lunch with the older ladies from Emmanuel, FW that they asked me that very question.

The Fort Wayne Life March was a great event. We had almost 2000 people show from the whole Fort Wayne area. One of the speakers was a woman who had fallen victim to Dr. Klopfer in the past. She is now a part of the Silent No More group that speaks to the reality of what it's like to live with this on ones conscience after the fact. There was certainly a strong Lutheran presence in the group. We even had Pres. Harrison there! We sang hymns through the whole march. My brother, Isaiah, insisted on being in the march as well, even though he was in a wheel chair from surgery. Brennan and I pushed him around the whole day.

Dr. Koontz is the instructor for my Greek reading group. He has been really pushing us to think about how we would preach each text. The text is the Gospel reading for the next Sunday. We also share how each of our pastors did end up preaching on it. He does challenge us to think about our message in a very pastoral way and also tries to break us of some of the overly used styles.

The second week was consumed by one thing; Symposia. Campus was very busy. There were many presentations with the week focusing on atonement. Unfortunately my class schedule didn't allow me to get to too many of them. I did hear Dr. Kleinig, who is from the Lutheran Church in Australia, and also Dr. Just and Seminary President Rast speak. I'm looking forward to when Dr. Rast finishes his book on the history of the LCMS which will be out in a couple of years.

With Symposia also came a couple musical Vespers; one with the Kantori, the other an organ recital. The organ recital was excellent.

Jacquelyn Magnuson was the guest organist who played a piece by Dupre; the third movement, titled Crucifixion, of a suite he wrote about Christ. The music, in dramatic form, emulated Christ carrying the cross to Golgatha and then continued by having the thunderous "nail chords" of Him being affixed to the cross. My head was below the top of the pew and in a moment I looked up to find half the chapel in the same posture.

I wrote and recorded my first sermon this month. I recorded it in front of just a couple of my classmates but it was still a tense experience. It gets real. Dr. Fickenscher said I looked calm and had good hand motions and tone, but while I was recording it I was locked up and felt the oak of the podium crushing under the grip of my hands. So far I've been getting good marks in the class and look forward to see how he grades the manuscript of the sermon.

I pray that this new year will be a great blessing for all of you and that in it with these blessings we may all see God's will accomplished among us. Rejoice in the Lord. He has done great things for us!





COMMITTEES

2019 - 2020

Adopt A Patient
Naomi Mulzer

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Faye Foertsch

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Faye Foertsch 812-547-4242



- 1 Peyton Hays
- 9 Jean Hammack Sid Kruse Michelle LeClere Allie Meadors
- 10 Addison Sanders
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 (Our Adopted Missionary)
- 12 David Dome
- 14 Dana Knepper
- 18 Verona Mallory
- 20 Erin Fortune
- 21 Pastor Rusert
- **22** Trinity Brown
- 23 Cora Hulsman Elijah Knepper Krystal Litherland
- 25 Leona Kleaving (95)
- **26** Juanita Holmes
 Anthony Roberts
- **27** Kyle Foertsch Lucas Tudor, Jr.
- 29 Peyton Brown



1 Bob & JoEtta Newton (29)

12 Bob & Betty Hinton (43)

18 Bob & Pat Ebersberger (14)



February 14th



FEBRUARY ACOLYTES

- 2 Eli Baur
- 9 Emma Baur
- 16 BrookLynn Brown
- 22 Trinity Brown
- **26** Peyton Hays



February 2
CIA Youth Group

February 9 FBI Youth Group

February 16 *Pat Jarboe*

February 26
Gary & Cathy Greubel



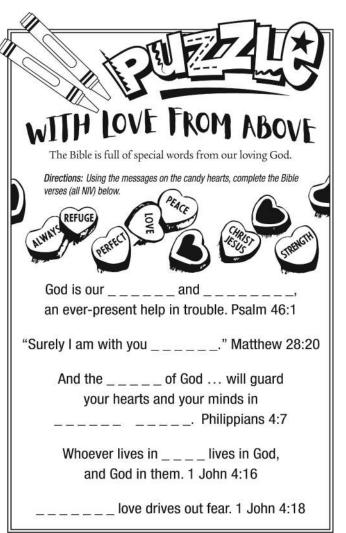


The following are members of our congregation who are not able to get to worship on a regular basis. A card from you or a phone call bringing Christian love and concern would be most welcome.

Mrs. Jean Hammack 12254 Deer Creek Road Tell City, IN 47586-8846

Mrs. Eva Mae Powell 402 19th Street, Room 48 Tell City, IN 47586

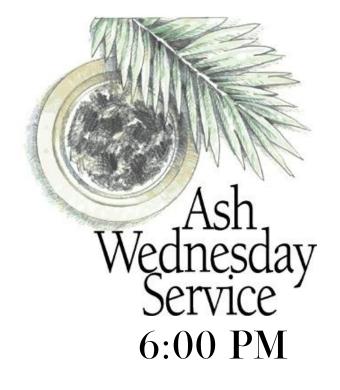
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⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7



LHM SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 9th

SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY 8:45 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM COMMUNION 1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS