

# The Church Messenger

STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S EARTH

By Jim Tocko



I have been mindful of the amount of water I use when I make coffee ever since learning that one-third of the tap water used for drinking in North America is actually used to brew our daily cup of java. If each of us avoided wasting just one cupful of coffee a day, we would save enough water over the course of the year to provide two gallons to every one of the more than 1.1 billion people who don't have access to freshwater at all.

That is a stark statistic, when as many as 5 million people die unnecessarily each year because of the lack of water and water related illnesses. One-third of which are under the age of 5. So for me that excess cold coffee at the bottom of the pot became a bothersome reminder. But I never thought beyond that--about how much water it took to grow that coffee.

The water that it takes to grow or manufacture any product is called virtual water. For example it takes about 155 gallons of water to grow a pound of wheat; 5 to 10 times that amount for a pound of meat; an apple, 19 gallons; banana, 27; a slice of bread, 10; a sheet of paper, 3; a pair of leather shoes, 4,400. Everything has a virtual water count. Proper management and use of the world's virtual water already saves water. Places with less water gain access to foods with high water requirements by importing them from areas with high rainfall. This allows water-scarce regions to use their own water resources for other purpose. It is all about being smart with water. We can be smarter and we need to be.

Hope you found the time to enjoy the fall color show.

“WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.”

WINSTON CHURCHILL



### Worship Schedule

- 9 AM : Sunday Worship
- 11:15 AM: Sunday Worship
- 9 AM: Monday (Morning Prayer)
- 12 PM: Wednesday (Midday Prayer)
- 6:30 PM: Wednesday Confirmation
- 7 PM: Thursday (Vespers)
- 9 PM: Saturday (Compline)

\*If you would like to host or sponsor a coffee hour, please call Michelle or Ronnette at the office (715) 695-3511.

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## MESSAGE FROM PASTOR KEN

ON THE WAY TO JERUSALEM JESUS WAS GOING THROUGH THE REGION BETWEEN SAMARIA AND GALILEE. AS HE ENTERED A VILLAGE, TEN LEPERS APPROACHED HIM. KEEPING THEIR DISTANCE, THEY CALLED OUT, SAYING, "JESUS, MASTER, HAVE MERCY ON US!" WHEN HE SAW THEM, HE SAID TO THEM, "GO AND SHOW YOURSELVES TO THE PRIESTS." AND AS THEY WENT, THEY WERE MADE CLEAN. THEN ONE OF THEM, WHEN HE SAW THAT HE WAS HEALED, TURNED BACK, PRAISING GOD WITH A LOUD VOICE. HE PROSTRATED HIMSELF AT JESUS' FEET AND THANKED HIM. AND HE WAS A SAMARITAN. THEN JESUS ASKED, "WERE NOT TEN MADE CLEAN? BUT THE OTHER NINE, WHERE ARE THEY? WAS NONE OF THEM FOUND TO RETURN AND GIVE PRAISE TO GOD EXCEPT THIS FOREIGNER?" THEN HE SAID TO HIM, "GET UP AND GO ON YOUR WAY; YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL."

### LUKE 17: 11-19

Greetings and peace in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior. When was the last time you were *truly* thankful for something? We are taught by parents and teachers to say thank you, but sometimes this becomes more of a matter of convention than from a heart of true gratitude.

Studies show that gratitude is actually healthy for us. It reduces stress. It boost our immune system. It has even been suggested that the challenge of daily listing things for which we are grateful can also boost enthusiasm and energy, and may even improve our sleep. Is this true?

We live in the most prosperous era of history, and one of the wealthiest countries in the world. Compared to the standards of the world, every single one of us is actually immensely wealthy. The question is this: Do we recognize it?

So, I am game. In this season of hunting, why couldn't we hunt for daily things to be thankful for? Do you want to join me in listing daily at least one thing for which we are thankful?

So as you journey through this month, and look forward to the 'hunt', and as men forego the shave, try to be thankful for all that we have. What might happen to our community then?

Grace and peace as you journey this November.  
Pastor Ken

# FINANCIALS - SEPTEMBER 2014

### Sep 1—Sep 6

General Fund Contributions	\$1,075.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$1,810.12</u>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$735.12)</b>

### Sep 7—Sep 13

General Fund Contributions	\$6,080.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$3,603.36</u>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$2,274.64</b>

### Sep 14—Sep 20

General Fund Contributions	\$4,674.10
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$5,079.70</u>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$405.60)</b>

### Sep 21—Sep 27

General Fund Contributions	\$3,026.57
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$1,121.36</u>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$1,905.21</b>

### Sep 28—Sep 30

General Fund Contributions	\$2,471.95
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$4,663.84</u>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$2,191.89)</b>

Total Contributions	\$17,377.98
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$16,278.68</u>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$1,099.30</b>

### Liabilities

<b>Loan Balance Due</b>	<b>\$7,051.50</b>
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### Percent of Monthly Budget Allowance

General Fund Contributions	123.4%
<u>Other Contributions</u>	<u>212.1%</u>
Ministry Expenses <sup>1</sup>	171.6%
Benevolences	50.0%
Office Expenses <sup>2</sup>	162.4%
Property Expenses	70.2%
General Expense	115.1%
Utilities Expense	112.5%
Pastor Expenses <sup>3</sup>	110.7%
Payroll Expenses	99.9%

<sup>1</sup>Exceeded budget due to volume purchase of paraffin and communion wafers for discount pricing.

<sup>2</sup>Two lease payments made on office equipment; four toner and two masters purchased for the Riso.

<sup>3</sup>Exceeded budget due to mileage reimbursement for August and September paid in same month.

### Restricted Fund Accounts

#### The BODY

Beginning Balance, September 1	\$1,403.49
Receipts	\$80.00
Disbursements	<u>(\$320.00)</u>
Ending Balance, September 30	\$1,163.49

#### Building Fund

Beginning Balance, September 1	\$224.73
Receipts	\$255.00
Disbursements	<u>(\$202.50)</u>
Ending Balance, September 30	\$277.23

#### Chapel Fund

Beginning Balance, September 1	\$770.29
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	<u>(\$0.00)</u>
Ending Balance, September 30	\$770.29

#### Daughters of the King

Beginning Balance, September 1	\$120.57
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	<u>(\$0.00)</u>
Ending Balance, September 30	\$120.57

#### Library Fund

Beginning Balance, September 1	\$263.87
Receipts	\$0.00
Disbursements	<u>(\$0.00)</u>
Ending Balance, September 30	\$263.87

#### Music Fund

Beginning Balance, September 1	\$273.53
Receipts	\$180.00
Disbursements	<u>(\$52.70)</u>
Ending Balance, September 30	\$400.83

#### Social Concerns

Beginning Balance, September 1	\$891.12
Receipts	\$89.60
Disbursements	<u>(\$264.28)</u>
Ending Balance, September 30	\$716.44

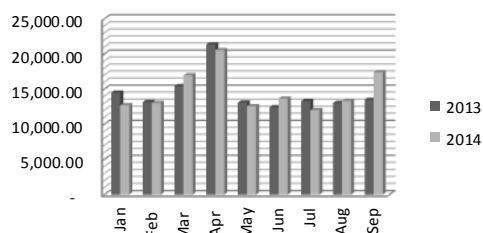
#### Sunday School

Beginning Balance, September 1	\$738.00
Receipts	\$280.00
Disbursements	<u>(\$165.81)</u>
Ending Balance, September 30	\$852.19

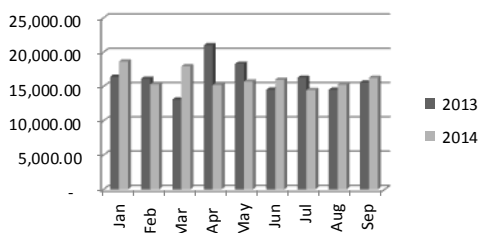
#### Window Fund

Beginning Balance, September 1	\$318.11
Receipts	\$2,160.00
Disbursements	<u>(\$402.50)</u>
Ending Balance, September 30	\$2,075.61

**YTD Contribution Comparison**



**YTD Expense Comparison**



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2014

Members present: Jim Tocko, Kate Back, Michelle Peaslee, Pastor Ken Taylor, Dan Bjerke, Howard Hanson, Camille Skoug

Guest: Tom Wagener

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Opening prayer led by Pastor Ken.

Tom Wagener discussed and showed a model of the new window panels that are made of a durable material from which highway signs are made. This material is different than what we talked about in our May meeting. The cost would be about \$375.00 per window totaling approximately \$12,000 for all 32 windows. A congregational meeting will be held September 28, 2014, immediately after worship to determine financing options.

Motion made by Michelle to approve the August council meeting minutes & Semi-annual meeting minutes. Second by Dan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report (see finances on page 3):

- ◆ Our general fund contributions for this month are \$270.98 more than last year.
- ◆ There are several options to reduce the cost of our offering envelopes. They can be purchased, preprinted, through another company for \$3.49/100, or purchased in bulk for \$21.34/1000 and printed in the church office. Dan will check with his employer to see if he can find a better solution.

Motion made by Dan to approve the Treasurer's report. Second by Camille. Motion carried.

Pastor's report:

- ◆ Confirmation
  - ◇ Eight-8th graders and eleven-7th graders in attendance.
  - ◇ The church purchased study bibles at a cost of \$320 for the kids to use during confirmation.
  - ◇ On September 17, the confirmation class will be going to Confirmation Kick-off in Taylor.
  - ◇ The confirmation class will be going to the Strum Nursing Home to visit with the residents one Wednesday each month.
- ◆ The second service will start September 21. There will be some changes from the 9 a.m. service. They will be having communion each week, using real bread, and Gabe Koxlien will be providing music each week. The service will start at 11:15 a.m.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 approved.

Closing prayer led by Pastor Ken.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Back

# MEMORIALS

## IN MEMORY OF CHRISTIAN SPANGBERG

### **General Fund**

Paul & Ruth Eide  
 Jean Runkel  
 Donna Hanson  
 Clarice Bergerson  
 George & Lois Johnson  
 Joanne Brion  
 Ron & Patricia Runkel  
 Lois Hulberg  
 Paul & Mary Gullicksrud  
 James & Christine Bremer  
 Nicolette Amundson & Petrous Charlow  
 Anonymous

### **St. Paul's Cemetery**

Tom & Gloria Wagener  
 James Larson

### **Sunday School Fund**

Lyle & Ellen Heck

### **West Beef River Cemetery**

Susan Larson  
 Judy Foss  
 Joyce Schmidt  
 Steven & Karen Hanson  
 Mary Salava

### **Window Fund**

June Grant  
 Clark & Yvonne Williams  
 Dale & Linda Franson  
 Jean & Wes Nelson  
 Java & Jane Bergerson  
 Anonymous

## IN MEMORY OF TOM KIEFFER

### **Music Fund**

Karin Back

## IN MEMORY OF AARON HALVERSON

### **General Fund**

Mildred Finstad  
 Dennis & Maxine Ulberg  
 David & Colleen Berge

### **Window Fund**

Jarvis & Roxie Holstad  
 Paul & Ruth Eide  
 Robert Indrebo  
 Becky & Truman Coggins  
 Tom, Laurie, & Shane Indrebo

## IN MEMORY OF MILDRED JOHNSON

### **General Fund**

Carolyn & Kenneth Engen  
 Donna Hanson  
 Margaret Severson  
 Clarice Bergerson  
 Ruby Spangberg



## IN MEMORY OF MILDRED JOHNSON

Mildred Finstad  
 Lois Hulberg  
 Phyllis Semingson

### **Music Fund**

Lyle & Ellen Heck  
 Roxie & Ray Severson  
 Paul & Jeanette Tobiason  
 Dave & Colleen Berge

### **West Beef River Cemetery**

Joanne Brion

### **Window Fund**

Java & Jane Bergerson  
 Dale & Linda Franson  
 George & Lois Johnson  
 Ina Olson  
 Linda Engen  
 Frances Eide  
 Paul & Ruth Eide  
 Jeanette Berg  
 Dale & Charlene Olsen

## IN MEMORY OF SHIRLEY DACHEL

### **General Fund**

Lois Hulberg  
 Jean Amundson  
 Don & Judy Haukeness

## IN HONOR OF SHIRLEY & ORVILLE MYREN'S 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### **General Fund**

Lois Hulberg  
 Richard & Judy Owens  
 Glen & Sandi Kolb  
 Orville & Shirley Myren

### **Window Fund**

Don & Judy Haukeness

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## MEMORIAL FUNDS

Immanuel Lutheran Church funds:

- ◆ Building
- ◆ Chapel
- ◆ Creative Beginnings
- ◆ Daughters of the King
- ◆ Endowment
- ◆ General
- ◆ Library
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Sunday School
- ◆ Window
- ◆ Youth
- ◆ WELCA

Cemetery Funds:

- ◆ Hamlin
- ◆ St. Paul's
- ◆ West Beef River

**When writing a check, please make the check payable to the individual memorial fund.**

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

### Greetings from your ILC Daughters of the King, Ruth Chapter!

By the time you read this, Soktoberfest will be over. This is the first time I've ever worked with a Soktoberfest, so I feel excited, like a kid waiting for Christmas Eve! I have watched and waited for the pile of socks to grow in the tub. I went out, scared to death, and asked for prize donations from some of our Strum Merchants. I put up posters all over Strum, and shopped for pretzels, prizes, and decorations to help to make this a festive event.

And now, already I can see that our Congregation has responded once again to God's Call to help our neighbors. The socks have actually begun to fill up the tub! And some amazing personal donors and Strum Merchants have donated food, money, & prizes to make sure that Soktoberfest can happen. We would like to thank Judy Ohm & Doug Ward, of Mondovi, for the hot dogs & popcorn; Ellen & Lyle Heck for a very generous donation. We also want to thank the following Strum Merchants who donated prizes: **American Fly** - 1 pair Elkskin work gloves & 1 pair Deerskin work gloves; **Robbe's Store** - 12 pk. Rootbeer; **Strum Pharmacy** - beautiful decorative table pumpkin w/sock-coinpurse; **Strum Hardware** - Handmade organic soaps; plus more.

Of course, none of this would have happened without Michelle Peaslee, our fearless Chef and inventor of the Village Cafe; as well as the Social Concerns Committee and Feed My People. It really does 'Take a Village' to feed a Village.

Finally, last month, as one of our Service Projects, The Daughters of the King voted to support the Village Cafe as it presents its monthly meals to the Community.

**In other news**, The Junior Daughters continues to meet on Wednesdays from 3:40-5pm. JDOK is for girls ages 7-21. Now that volleyball is finished at the high school, all age groups will meet on Wednesdays, and none on Sundays. In October, they have been busy learning about prayer. To help them, they made prayer bracelets, prayer gardens, and learned about The Lord's Prayer. In November, they will make & bring seasonal tray favors to our Crystal Manor members.

The next Senior Daughters meeting is Saturday, November 15 @ 10am, in the Church Office.

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

for His sake  
Sara Heck  
President, DOK Ruth Chapter  
(715) 695-3229

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

Thank you to all who helped make our apple pie project another success. We greatly appreciate each and every one of you for taking time to help with the Women of the ELCA annual fundraiser. We had over 30 men and women helping each day. In one and one-half days we made 392 pies.

Thanks again for making this another successful year!

APPLE PIE COMMITTEE

The Women of the ELCA will be meeting at Immanuel Lutheran on Wednesday, November 6 to discuss programs and the yearbook for 2015. Please try to attend this meeting.

Also, please do not forget that the annual Thankoffering is scheduled during hunting season this year on Sunday, November 23. We will be having an altar offering.

Jeanette Berg

Sat

Fri

Thu

Wed

Tue

Mon

Sun

# November 2014

<p><b>30</b> 9 am Worship/Holy Communion 10 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School &amp; Bible Study 11:15 am Worship (non-traditional)/Holy Communion</p>						<p><b>1</b> 9 pm Compline Service</p>
<p><b>2</b> 9 am Worship/Holy Communion 10 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School &amp; Bible Study 11:15 am Worship (non-traditional)/Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>3</b> 9 am Morning Prayer Service (Matins) 6 pm CBELC Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b> Text Study</p>	<p><b>5</b> 12 pm Midday Prayer Service/Holy Communion 1:45 pm Nursing Home Service 3:40 pm Junior Daughters of the King meeting 6:30 pm Choir</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7 pm Vespers Service</p>	<p><b>7</b> Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9 pm Compline Service</p>
<p><b>9</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School &amp; Bible Study 11:15 am Worship (non-traditional)/Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9 am Morning Prayer Service (Matins)</p>	<p><b>11</b> Text Study 7 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>12</b> 12 pm Midday Prayer Service/Holy Communion 3:40 pm Junior Daughters of the King meeting 6:30 pm Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9 am—12 pm Quilting 3 pm—5 pm Feed My People (Strum Village Hall) 7 pm Vespers Service</p>	<p><b>14</b> Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p><b>15</b> 10 am Daughters of the King Meeting 9 pm Compline Service</p>
<p><b>16</b> 9 am Worship/Holy Communion 10 am Fellowship Brunch &amp; Fair Trade Coffee Sales 10:15 am Sunday School &amp; Bible Study 11:15 am Worship (non-traditional)/Holy Communion</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9 am Morning Prayer Service (Matins)</p>	<p><b>18</b> Text Study 9 am—11 am Food Pantry in Fireside Room</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9 am Martha Circle @ Joyce Schmidt's 12 pm Midday Prayer Service/Holy Communion 3:40 pm Junior Daughters of the King meeting 6:30 pm Choir</p>	<p><b>20</b> Pastors' Conference 7 pm Vespers Service</p>	<p><b>21</b> Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9 pm Compline Service</p>
<p><b>23</b> 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee Hour 10:15 am Sunday School &amp; Bible Study 11:15 am Worship (non-traditional)/Holy Communion 4:30 pm Village Café Chili Feed @ Strum Village Hall 6 pm Thanksgiving Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9 am Morning Prayer Service (Matins)</p>	<p><b>25</b> Text Study</p>	<p><b>26</b> 12 pm Midday Prayer Service/Holy Communion 3:40 pm Junior Daughters of the King meeting 6 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Thanksgiving Service</p>	<p><b>27</b> 5 pm Thanksgiving Community Dinner 7 pm Vespers Service  CBELC Closed ILC Office Closed</p>	<p><b>28</b> Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p><b>29</b> 9 pm Compline Service</p>

# NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



### **Greeters**

Nov 2	Dan & Sherry Bjerke
Nov 9	Dave & Colleen Berge
Nov 16	Scott & Mary Bjorgo
Nov 23	Curt & Lois Bloom
Nov 30	Paul & Ruth Eide



### **Readers**

Nov 2	Sara Heck
Nov 9	Colleen Berge
Nov 16	Brian Schadrie
Nov 23	Ruth Eide
Nov 30	Joyce Russell



### **Acolytes**

Nov 2	Zachary Olson
Nov 9	Brooklyn McLean
Nov 16	Blake Cegielski
Nov 23	Steven Rupnick
Nov 30	Jordan Schadrie



### **Communion Helpers**

Nov 2	Matt & Ronnette Nelson
Nov 16	Jon & Amy Olson



### **Altar Guild**

Nov 2	Debbie Peterson
Nov 16	Jeanine Windjue
Robes	Jean Amundson
Flowers	Pat Runkel



### **Ushers**

\*Jim Tocko, Paul Eide, Howard Hanson, George Johnson

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please contact a substitute and let the church office know by the Wednesday prior.

**Thank you for assisting with Worship in November**



# BIRTHDAYS

## NOVEMBER 2014

Austin, Stephanie	11/01	Gullicksrud, Brian	11/15	Brenengen, Joan	11/25
Insteness, Darlene	11/01	Bates, Kayla	11/16	Rogness, Jacob	11/26
Hoff, Corrine	11/02	Franson, Myrtle	11/16	Stendahl, Jay	11/26
Ness, David	11/02	Larson, Jennie	11/16	Boehne, Carolyn	11/27
Kensmoe, Dana	11/03	Rupnick, Mark	11/16	Ryskoski, Hunter	11/27
Runkel, Evan	11/05	Taylor, Madelyn	11/17	Ryskoski, Aspen	11/27
Olson, Eric	11/06	Vold, Betty	11/17	Matuska, Curtis	11/28
Hering, Gracie	11/07	Schlink, Lynette	11/18	Taylor McKenna	11/29
Windjue, Paul	11/07	Glenz, Joel	11/19	Windjue, Lisa	11/29
McLean, Gwendolyn	11/08	Windjue, Laney	11/19		
Nelson, Paige	11/08	Berge, Jewel	11/20		
Olson, David	11/08	Guenther, Wilmer	11/21		
Cox, Kenneth	11/10	Russell, Caitlin	11/21		
Grant, Peter	11/11	Thronson, Lisa	11/21		
Bates, Tristan	11/13	Johnson, Ryan	11/23		
Maki, Erin	11/13	Rindal, Ashdyn	11/23		
Ottestad, Corrine	11/13	Runkel, Jeffrey	11/23		
Bradison, Spencer	11/15	Halverson, Kristine	11/24		
		Pire, Norma	11/24		
		Runkel, Jake	11/24		



“May you have all the joy your heart can hold,  
All the smiles a day can bring,  
All the blessings a life can unfold.  
May you have God’s best in everything.”

Happy Birthday!

### ELEVA LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### Fall Harvest Dinner

Sunday, November 9, 2014  
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lutefisk/Lefse/Meatballs  
And all the trimmings

#### Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner:

Adults - \$14  
**Meatball Dinner:**  
Adults - \$10  
Children 6 thru 12 - \$5  
Five and under - Free

### ELK CREEK LUTHERAN OF HALE

#### Holiday Bazaar

The Elk Creek Lutheran Church will be hosting their annual Holiday Bazaar on Friday, November 7 beginning with the opening of the Country Store & Cakewalk at 7 p.m. and continuing with the Auction at 7:30 p.m. There will be many handcrafted items for sale. Most of these items are made by the very talented members of the Elk Creek Lutheran Church. The auction will once again be conducted by the entertaining Col. Travis Lee. A drawing will also take place for a beautiful hand-embroidered hummingbird queen-size quilt, a Terry Redlin print, and a collection of handmade greeting cards. Refreshments will be available throughout the night and a light lunch will be served at the conclusion of the night’s events.

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 27, 2014  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Herb-roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Escalloped Corn, Apple-sausage dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Fresh Dinner Rolls, and assorted pies.

Free will donations accepted. Everyone is welcome!  
Reservations appreciated. Carry-outs available.

For more information, or to make a reservation, please call Michelle Peaslee at (715) 695-3511 or (608) 863-3580; or email [ilc@trivest.net](mailto:ilc@trivest.net).

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### Village Café - Chili Feed

Sunday, November 23, 2014  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Strum Village Hall  
202 5th Ave S  
Strum, Wisconsin



Free will donations accepted.  
Everyone is welcome!  
Carry-outs available!

For more information, please contact Michelle Peaslee at (715) 695-3511, or email [ilc@trivest.net](mailto:ilc@trivest.net).

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Strum, Wisconsin! We are a church family of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, who as disciples of Christ, are gathered together to *embrace, encourage, and extend faith, hope, and love in Christ*. Embrace, encourage, and extend: these three descriptive words sum up the mission of our congregation in following the command of Christ to love one another. Through worship, education, fellowship, and service, we share that love for each other and our community so that lives may be enriched and faith strengthened. Immanuel Lutheran Church is a congregation that is steeped in history while also engaging the context of the village of Strum, the community as a whole, and the world. Come and see! There is a place for you!

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

Pastor ..... Rev. K D Taylor  
 Parish Administrator ..... Michelle Peaslee  
 Custodian ..... Ronnette Nelson  
 Organist/Music Director ..... Jeanette Tobiason  
 Sunday School Directors ..... Tera Gullicksrud & Sherry Bjerke

**Creative Beginnings Early Learning Center**

Director ..... Keri Whitwam  
 Lead Teacher—Forest Friends Room..... Samantha Tetzlaff  
 Lead Teacher—Lily Pad Room ..... Nicole Kummer  
 Lead Teacher—Monkey Room ..... Teresa Owens

**Council Members**

President ..... Jim Tocko  
 Secretary ..... Kate Back  
 Treasurer ..... Michelle Peaslee  
 Member-at-large..... Dan Bjerke  
 Member-at-large..... Howard Hanson  
 Member-at-large..... Camille Skoug

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