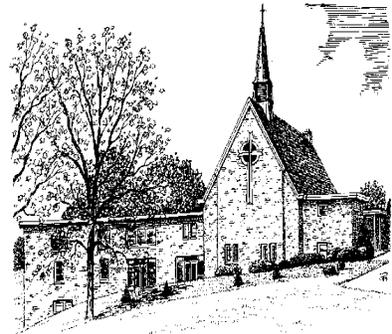


# The King's Business

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## The Pastor's Page

Covet. What does that word mean? I suspect there are a surprising number of people in our congregation who couldn't answer that. Who have either never heard it before. Or, if they have, simply don't have a very precise handle on the meaning of it. Most people, for example, might say it's similar to envy or greed or maybe jealousy.

And those are all pretty close. I wouldn't be surprised if a fair number of them showed up in a dictionary definition. We all understand that covetousness involves a sinful desire for something. You can get that much just from the context of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> commandments: *You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, his maidservant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.* Your neighbor has it. You want it. That's wrong. Stop it. Pretty simple.

Yet, when Jesus addresses covetousness in Luke 12, He doesn't use those terms. In fact, what He describes doesn't sound like a sin at all to many people. For in both the case of the young man seeking his inheritance and the parable of the man building storehouses for his grain, the people involved are not stealing anything from anyone, nor are they desiring something that isn't theirs. The young man is legally owed an inheritance. The rich man in the parable is legally storing his own crops. What's wrong with that?

Well, according to Jesus, everything. Martin Luther describes covetousness as taking "anything from your neighbor, even though you could do so with honor in the eyes of the world, so that no one could accuse or blame you as though you had gotten it wrongfully." He says it is the most pious people, the people we are most likely to praise and to call honest and upright, who are the most likely to be guilty of coveting.

Why? Because they get everything they have legally. Which means that, legally, no one can criticize them. Except, of course, for God. Who does not have comforting words for those who believe that life consists in the abundance of your possessions. You can eat, drink, and be merry all you want. But tomorrow you will die. Or the next day. Or the next. Or the next. At some point all that food and drink and enjoyment will amount to nothing. Vanity, as Solomon puts it. Striving after the wind. Chasing... nothing.

Nothing, but death. That's why Paul, in Colossians 3, puts covetousness in a list along with sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil, and desire. He even says that covetousness itself is a form of idolatry, because it is bowing down to the things of this world. It is refusing to acknowledge God as the giver of every good gift.

You see, at its core, covetousness is refusing to be content with what God gives. That

rich man who built his barns? He could have been content. He was already rich. God had already blessed him ten times over. He didn't need that money. The younger brother who came to Jesus? He could have been content without that inheritance. He could have let God judge his brothers' sinfulness. He didn't need that money.

And you? You could be content. You could be content with your wealth and your possessions and your status in society. You could stop worrying about every penny you earn and every penny you spend and every penny you give to the Lord. You could stop laying up treasure for yourself on earth. And be rich toward God.

You could. But, more often than not, you don't. Because you're a sinner. I should know. I'm one too. And you can train yourself to do good and Godly things. You can train yourself to tithe. And you can train yourself to work fewer hours. You can train yourself to not think hateful thoughts against those who profit unfairly at your expense. You can train yourself to avoid a host of sinful thoughts and actions. And frankly, you should. People who have put away the old self should act like it.

But ultimately, you can't train yourself to be content. No, only your Father in heaven can make you content. Only by looking to things above can you find peace with things below. Only by seeing yourself dead to the world, but alive in Christ can you see the great gift that God has already given you, apart from any worldly blessing. Only by seeing yourself standing with Christ in glory on the last day can you see the vanity of chasing after the wind.

Contentment, true contentment, is a gift of God. Because it is found in knowing that He has already solved every problem. He has already judged every crime. He has already found you guilty of covetousness. And He has already found

you innocent in the blood of his Son. He has already made you rich in heavenly treasure. And He has already given you a place before His throne.

Contentment is a gift. And it is found at the feet of Him who gave up every worldly pleasure. Who gave up His very life so that you might want for nothing. We covet that which we can't have. We covet that which we can have. And yet, what matters most of all, is that we've been given more than we can possibly imagine. We've been given more than vanity. More than wind. More than food and drink and enjoyment, which end at death. We've been given eternal life in Jesus Christ.

May our Lord grant you His true contentment this month and always.

Pastor Ketelsen

## BIBLE STUDIES

**Adult Bible Study:** Sunday Mornings at 10:15 a.m. adults meet for Bible study together with Pastor Ketelsen. We have begun a study of Holy Baptism.

**Sunday School:** at 10:15 in the downstairs class room.

**Tuesday Ladies Bible Study** has completed their study of the book of Ruth. The group will not be meeting through the summer months but is planning to resume in the fall. Plans are being made for the second Tuesdays of the months of June, July, and August to enjoy a meal and fellowship together at a restaurant in Boonville or a nearby town. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us. Please watch the bulletins for more information.

**Thursday Breakfast Bible Study:** 7-8:15 am, at the **Main Street Diner – 203 Main Street.** The class will be on break for the summer.

**Copies of sermons are now available.** If you missed a service, or just loved one immensely and would like a copy, they are now available on our church website, [ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church](http://ImmanuelBoonvilleMO.church). You can also find hard copies in the red folder next to Portals of Prayer in the church Narthex. Please help yourself, and feel free to share with friends or shut-ins.

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**Kindergarten Teacher** Linette Meller  
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**Custodians** Gayle Linneman/Santa Fe Lawns  
**Production and Distribution of Newsletter -**  
**Patty Mangels**

**Sunday Service**- 9:00 am

**Sunday School** - 10:15 am

**Fellowship Time** - Fifth Sundays 10:15 am

**Lord's Supper** -

9:00 am – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays & Festivals

**Midweek Services** –

During Advent & Lent, Weds. 7:00 p.m.

**Kindergarten**

All Day Kindergarten

(Pre-registration required)

**Preschool**

3-5 year olds

Mon-Wed-Fri, 8-11am & 12-3pm (4 & 5's)

Tues-Thurs, 8-11am & 12-3pm (3 year olds)

(Pre-registration required)

**Dial-A-Devotion**

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ourselves individually and mark time's passage by the record it leaves on our physical bodies. We criticize, and we allow what we 'see' to sadden us.

But, as good examiners know there is more to the story, we should take another look. We are the Body of Christ. This is a thing of beauty. The hands we may no longer feel proud of have folded countless times in prayer and have served the Lord with gladness with years of dedication and love for Him and His children. The timelines drawn on the face show the length of service lovingly given in empathy and the bearing of each other's burdens. What the examiner 'sees' should be viewed in the light of who we are to our Savior. We are His, purchased by His own precious blood, and we are to Him a beautiful sight.

We are the beautiful Body of Christ. While remaining in these mortal bodies, let us have the strength and endurance to continue in His service. Prayer Warriors have been called to support this body in prayer. If you are dealing with a loss, a trial, or a difficult situation for which you would like prayer, please let us know. If you have previously added someone to the prayers, please let us know how they are doing. We are filled with joy when we can offer thanksgiving for your answered prayers. Contact us at one of the numbers shown here.

Church Office: 882-2208

Pat Lenger: 882-5579 or 888-9739

Valerie Holley: 537-3987

Brenda Scott 888-2903

### **PRAYER WARRIORS**

It was like an episode of CSI without the crime and ugly, bloody stuff, but the body was indeed under examination. Each individual piece was critiqued and photographed, not by an examiner, but by the body itself. The hand looked at itself and saw its own flaws. The skin focused on the accumulated effects of time, and judged itself undesirable.

How can this be happening? Are all church directory photo sittings like this? We measure

### **GREETINGS FROM THE DCE!**

June was an amazing month full of adventures. Linda and I want to thank all of you for supporting us and attending the Charlotte's baptism. We are proud to raise her in the Body of Christ, and are looking forward to your help and

encouragement to her to stay in the Word of God and grow in the faith that she received in her Baptism. She even has a shirt that says "I AM Baptized into Christ" that she gets to wear whenever I dress her.

This month will be a great one too! Pastor and I are starting the New Members course (that current members are invited and encouraged to attend) beginning on July 6th from 6:00 to 7:30 every Thursday for the rest of the summer. It will be a great way to refresh all of the things that you may have forgotten since you were in Confirmation. Come out and see us!

In Christ,  
Josh Cromley  
Director of Christian Education

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

"There is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live" 1 Corinthians 8:6 As we enter the lazy, hazy days of summer, we sometimes have a habit of putting church, Sunday School, and Bible classes on the back burner. Living for Christ has a different meaning than we may think. God does want us to have a vacation, but He also wants us to remember all He has done and continues to do for us, His children. Many events are planned for the summer, so please don't put Sunday morning in the rear view mirror this summer. Even if you are out of town, find a local Lutheran Church and thank God for allowing you to have the time to relax and enjoy His wonders. Live for Christ.

Dee Thalgott, BOCE CHAIR

### Board of Christian Education Meeting

#### June 5, 2017 Meeting

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.  
The new vice-chairman of the Board of education

is Jackie Carver. Her phone number is 660-621-5317.

Pastor's Report The Sunday morning Bible study is going well. The new member class will probably start July 6. It will be a 6 week course. So far 6 have expressed an interest.

DCE Report Josh reported on the supplies he has ordered for VBS. The board discussed other supplies and materials that will be needed. Josh is hoping that food items for the VBS dinners will be donated by members of the congregation. He is planning on egg casseroles and biscuits and gravy for Monday. Other days will include pizza, pasta, and a nacho bar. Friday will be a BBQ for children, families, and members of the congregation. He will be asking for members to bring a side dish and a dessert.

The high school Bible class will be studying Joshua this summer.

There will be a welcome party for new members (youth going into 6<sup>th</sup> grade) from 4:00-6:00 on June 11.

Josh will be attending the Young Life Camp from July 1-9.

The Youth will have meetings on July 16 and July 30.

Josh has plans to have an evening picnic for the congregation and community to kick off the school year. Rally Sunday is August 20. Josh intends to talk to the Evangelism committee about combining Rally Sunday with the Church picnic.

October 29 – Josh plans to have a Reformation celebration dinner as a fundraiser for the Youth.

Josh will be taking over Andy Melendez's Thursday morning Bible study on September 7 (the first Thursday after Labor Day).

#### Sunday School

June 11	Linette
June 18	Dee
June 25	Linette
July 2	Dee

July 9 Luanna The Widow's Mite  
 July 16 Dee  
 July 23 Luanna  
 July 30 Fellowship Sunday  
 August 6 Linette

The next meeting will be held on August 7.

P.O. # 6926 Cell phone and mileage reimbursement for Josh \$271.18

The meeting was adjourned with all praying "The Lord's Prayer".

Attendance: Pastor Ketelsen, Josh Cromley, Luanna Carpenter, Linette Meller, Dee Thalgott  
 - Luanna Carpenter

## STEPHEN MINISTRIES

We have recently suffered the loss of some very dear members. Remembering the families in our prayers and thoughts at this time is important. Working through the grief of loss often needs the support of people around them. Most times after the first few weeks, the family is left on their own. Through the Stephen Ministry, we understand the need to help these individuals for a longer period. We will do visits and offer support to anyone who is in need. Please, remember both the families and this ministry in your prayers.

Dee Thalgott, Stephen Leader.

## Vacation Bible School 2017



I want to thank everyone who came to Vacation Bible School during the last week of June. We had a wonderful time learning about how God is Our Mighty Fortress, and that "In Jesus, the Victory is Won!" I hope all 40+ of the children that attended

enjoyed learning about God winning the Victory for us. We look forward to having you back and sharing more stories with you throughout the year!

Thank you to the awesome people who made VBS so amazing, and that is you, my VOLUNTEERS! Your help was very appreciated, and you all came out in spectacular numbers. I had at least one adult in every station and in every travel group. You are what made VBS a success!

Thanks again!

Josh Cromley, DCE

## Congregation Assembly Meeting

May 21, 2017

**Call to Order:** President Tim Meller called the meeting to order.

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Joshua Ketelsen opened with prayer.

**Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda:** Dee Thalgott stated she would like to add to agenda the insurance coverage of Linda Cromley under Joshua's Concordia Plan. This amendment to the agenda was seconded by Suzanne Ayers.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion by Norman Lenger and seconded by Earl Mangels to approve the minutes from assembly meeting on February 19, 2017 and Council Meeting of April 18, 2017.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor Ketelsen will be on Vacation Thursday May 25, 2017 through June 2, 2017. He will be at Mission Summit June 3, 2017. Pastor Whittle will be leading the service on Sunday May 28, 2017. New Member class will begin shortly after he returns. Ralph Twillman had suggested a Forward Planning Committee be appointed to address several topics. (a few topics mentioned are organists, heating/cooling, flooring) Five members should be appointed to this committee.

**President's Report:** None

**Vice President:** No report

**Secretary:** No report

**Treasurer's Report:** Suzanne Ayers presented the type written Treasurer's report, showing balances as of 05/15/2017 as follows.

Citizen's Bank and Trust	\$ 5,597.12
LCEF	178,899.52
LCEF – CD's	175,000.00
Edward Jones	116,458.30
Edward Jones 2	<u>55,022.26</u>
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 530,977.20
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 989.92 current balance

The current figure on Citizen's Bank and Trust account is \$14,286.72.

**Elder's Report:** Elder's typed report presented by Bob Schnetzler, dated 05/02/2017. Baptism of Candrick Terence Walk, son of Curtis and Rachel Walk was performed on May 7, 2017.

**Board Of Property:** No report. Board of Property no member present, but comments from Pastor Ketelsen that they have received one bid for roof repair (in sanctuary).

**Board of Christian Education:** Typed report of May 1, 2017 was presented by Dee Thalgott. Other items mentioned by DCE Josh Cromley, Young Life Day Camp starts day after Vacation Bible School for a week. June 4, 2017 Josh will be taking a day of vacation.

**School Board:** Typed report of May 9, 2017 was presented for review. Glenda Gerhardt stated there were over 400 in attendance at the Mon. Tues and Thurs. graduations at the church from Preschool, and approximately 200 attended barbeque at the park, and there was kindergarten graduation also.

Pastor was asked in Gayle Linneman's absence (due to graduation) to present the typed Immanuel Lutheran Kindergarten and Preschool's budgets for 2017-2018, and this is to be discussed under New Business.

**Board of Stewardship:** None

**Board of Evangelism:** No typed report presented. A reminder of the baby bottle boomerang, and

don't forget to sign up for photographs for the directory.

**Board of Fellowship:** No report. The dinner the week before for LLL was a success, and many thanks to those who assisted.

**A motion by Suzanne Ayers was made to approve the Pastor's, Officer's and Board's reports that were presented this evening. Earl Mangels seconded this motion and it passed.**

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:** The kindergarten and Preschool Budgets for 2017 - 2018 were presented and reviewed. In Gayle Linneman's absence Pastor Ketelsen presented the typed budgets. Questions were brought up regarding the Kindergarten income through pledges; those will be answered in future meeting. A motion by Earl Mangels and seconded by Dee Thalgott to approve the Kindergarten and Preschool Budgets for 2017-2018 as presented.

Dee Thalgott stated that Linda Cromley, DCE Josh Cromley's spouse could be added to the Concordia Plan, including Health Insurance Coverage. Information obtained by DCE Josh Cromley stated that this would be available for a \$400 additional fee a month. A motion by Dee Thalgott and seconded by Pastor Ketelsen for the congregation to cover this fee was made, and passed. More discussion of this motion was made, and it was determined that a vote by ballot should be taken.

Ballots for the officer candidates for 2017 were passed out. Pastor Ketelsen and Tim Meller counted the ballots. The vacancies for 2017 were filled as follows.

*Elders:* (3) Wayne Adkins, Earl Mangels, and Tim Fahrenbrink

*Congregation Vice President:* Gene Cummins

*Vice Chair Board of Education:* Jackie Carver

*Board of Property Chairperson:* Billy Mac Wells

*Chairperson Board of Fellowship:* Penny Cain

*Chairperson Board of Stewardship:* Tim Derendinger, Sr.

*Chairperson Board of Evangelism:* Valerie Holley  
*Vice Chair of School Board:* (vacant)

The ballots showed that the expense of paying Linda Cromley being added to the Concordia Plan at \$400 a month additional expense passed. Later decision made to have a special voter's meeting to vote on this topic so it can be announced, as part of the agenda (as stated in our constitution) at least 14 days prior to the voter's meeting, and also so that the Congregational Assembly list can be updated.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn by Earl Mangels and seconded by DCE Josh Cromley. Motion passed.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Josh Ketelsen led the attendees in the Lord's Prayer.

Those in attendance included Tim Meller, Susan Templemire, Dee Thalgott, Bob Schnetzler, Karen Schnetzler, Earl Mangels, Valerie Holley, Glenda Gerhardt, Suzanne Ayers, Pastor Josh Ketelsen, Jeff Clark, Miriam Herman, Pat Lenger, Norman Lenger, Terry Ehlers, and Ray Schrader, and Josh Cromley.

### Special Congregation Assembly Meeting

**June 11, 2017**

**Call to Order:** President Tim Meller called the meeting to order.

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Joshua Ketelsen opened with prayer.

**Re-registered members:** Sharon Toellner and Tom Toellner re-registered by signing and agreeing to the constitution.

**President:** Tim Meller stated the only item on agenda has been announced in the bulletin for the past two Sundays.

Tim turned it over to Dee Thalgott to announce the only item for this special meeting. Dee stated that Joshua Cromley DCE would like to add Linda Cromley, his spouse, to his Health Insurance through the Concordia Plan for \$400 a month additional fee. The vote to be taken is whether the congregation agrees to cover this expense. Discussion followed.

Ballots were distributed and all members of the Congregational Assembly, according to the definition in the constitution, that were present were given the opportunity to cast their ballot.

Gene Cummins, Bob Schnetzler and Tim Meller were present for the counting of the ballots. Gene Cummins announced the motion to add Linda Cromley passed.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn by Earl Mangels was seconded by Dee Thalgott. Motion passed.

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Josh Ketelsen led the attendees in the Lord's Prayer.

Those in attendance included: Bob Schnetzler, Tim Meller, Susan Templemire, Pastor Joshua Ketelsen, Valerie Holley, DCE Josh Cromley, Gene Cummins, Tim Derendinger, Earl Mangels, Karen Schnetzler, Diane Cummins, Dee Thalgott, Mary Derendinger, Glenda Gerhardt, Terry Ehlers, Andy Melendez, Linette Meller, Eva Weston, Pat Lenger, Norman Lenger, Arlene Loesing, Wanda Derendinger, Becky Ehlers, Sharon Toellner and Tom Toellner.

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**Altar & Flowers**

There are still dates available to sign up for altar flowers for 2017. The Flower Chart is located on the door across from the lounge. Dates available are: **August 6 and 27; September 3; October 1, 15, 22; November 12, 19; and December 3.** If you would like to donate the flowers for a specific Sunday, please sign up on the chart and include a phone number where you can be reached. The Altar Guild member for that month will contact you for details.

A-Bow-K Floral supplies the arrangements for Immanuel. The cost for regular Sunday vases is \$35 (\$17.50 per vase) plus tax. That means they will use whatever flowers they have on hand for that week. If specific flowers or larger arrangements are requested, the cost will be more than the initial \$35. However, the donor can certainly use a florist of their choice. If this is the case, be sure to indicate this to the Altar Guild member when she calls. The Guild sincerely thanks all who have donated altar flowers to date for 2017. Your continued support is very much appreciated!