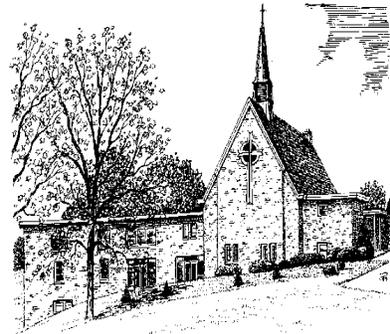


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The Pastor's Page

Christmas is less than 2 months away. 59 days, 14 hours, 42 minutes, and 16 seconds from the moment I started writing this sentence, to be precise. For some of you, that inspires a feeling of joy and anticipation. For others, a feeling of panic and exhaustion. But, however you feel about the day it's coming. Quickly.

Christmas, along with Easter, is an interesting celebration in the church year. While so much of our time is spent focusing on the divinity of Christ – on His power, forgiveness, and second coming – these two festivals force us to contemplate His humanity. Jesus was born. Jesus died. Jesus was bodily resurrected from the dead.

This is huge. Baffling. Paradoxical, really. That God could become man was such an incomprehensible thing that, for many Jews during the early Christian church, it was simply a deal breaker. They could believe in many things, but the idea of God taking on mortal human flesh? That just crossed the line.

For us, today, it's a core doctrine of our faith. And we confess it weekly: "...who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary." These are important statements. Not only do they reiterate the truth of Scripture as found in the gospel accounts, but they confirm what St Paul tells us throughout the book of Romans and elsewhere. God became man to save mankind.

God became man to be the second Adam. The first Adam failed. He disobeyed God. He brought sin and imperfection into God's good, perfect world. And we inherit his sinfulness. The curse of death was not just a curse upon Adam and Eve, but a curse upon all their descendants as well.

And so we need a second Adam. We need a new man to take Adam's place. To break the cycle of sin passed down from generation to generation. To end the curse of death. A man to succeed where Adam failed and bring the image of God back to humanity. Christ became man to do just that.

That's important. Central to our faith, really. But the incarnation of Jesus also has some profound implications. Implications that extend well beyond the realm of mankind's justification through Jesus Christ (though that is certainly most important). Implications that extend into some very practical areas as well.

For example, abortion. Maybe you've never thought about it this way, but consider this: Jesus was Jesus from the moment He was conceived. When Mary goes to visit her cousin, Elizabeth calls Mary "the mother of her Lord," and says that the sound of Mary's voice caused the baby in her womb to leap for joy.

These are not the descriptions of a fetus, without personhood or basic human rights. Mary is pregnant with her Lord and Savior. Elizabeth is pregnant with the prophet John the Baptist. These are people. Complete human beings whom God has conceived with a purpose and an identity. As each and every unborn child is.

The incarnation of Jesus should also make us consider the value God places on our mortal bodies. It's easy to think that Christianity is utterly spiritual. God is spirit. Our souls are spirit. Angels are spirits. It's all very spiritual.

And yet, in the beginning, God created us with bodies. And God was so determined to redeem those bodies that he took on flesh, died, and rose again in one of those bodies. God suffered through the humiliation of being a

crying infant, a helpless child, and a mortal man subject to hunger, thirst, pain, and death, all because He thought it was "very good" for mankind to have flesh and blood.

It should give us pause when we think about how we treat these bodies, these very good gifts of God to us. Do we care for them as creations whom God in Christ has redeemed for our benefit? Do we work to protect, preserve, and strengthen the bodies of our neighbors through acts of love, service, generosity, and sacrifice?

I could go on for pages with all the ways that the incarnation should effect our view on the world and on ourselves. I won't. But I encourage you to do so. As we approach this Christmas season, celebrating the conception of our Lord by the Holy Spirit and the birth of our Lord to the virgin Mary, take a moment and consider just what it means to worship a God who became one of us. Who blessed us with His presence that we might know His love for us.

God's blessings to you this month,
Pastor Ketelsen

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. 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.

BIBLE STUDY

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 The Reformation.

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

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class 10:00 a.m. in large classroom on main level. "Forgiveness" When you and I get hurt – emotionally, mentally, or spiritually – we stand at a crossroads. This study is aimed at opening our hearts and minds to the life-altering, rich teachings that God's Word offers about forgiveness.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: Join us on Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast at Main Street Diner. See you there!

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Kindergarten Teacher Linette Meller

Office Manager Patty Mangels

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 – 1st & 3rd 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 year olds)

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

(Pre-registration required)

Dial-A-Devotion

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GREETINGS FROM THE DCE!

It is hard to believe that it has already been FOUR YEARS since I started here. We have gone through a lot of ups, downs and changes all around. My experiences here have been very educational, and I hope that I have helped you learn along the way too. It has been fun getting to know so many people over the last few years, and there are a lot of memories that have been made. I want to thank all of you for this wonderful journey that we have been on together. It has been good to see you rally behind our growing VBS and have more than 20 volunteers, which is five times more than last year.

This month we also get to celebrate Thanksgiving, and everything that God has given to us. I'm thankful for my wonderful wife and sweet 9-month-old daughter, who

make me want to grow to become a better teacher and leader as we continue this journey through life together. This is reflected within my work, wanting to be a better teacher for the Confirmands and the Youth within their Bible studies and outside lives. Thank you for the wonderful years that have passed, and I look forward to the time to come!

In Christ,
Josh Cromley
Director of Christian Education

LYF Events

11/17-11/19 - HS Youth Gathering
12/10 - Christmas Party at 4pm

PlusONE

Since May, Pastor, Valerie and Josh have been meeting with Rev. Keith Clow in regards to the PlusONE project that we discussed at the May Voters Meeting. We have seen a demographics study and met with many leaders in our community to talk about a variety of unmet needs that are within our town. This has been a fun experience, but we are not near the finish line of planning our project.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! What are some of the things that you have observed that could benefit our community? This could be service projects, outreach events or other ways to connect our neighbors to our church? Your ideas for opportunities to support the needs of the community are important, and are needed. If you'd like to get involved, please talk to Pastor, Valerie or Josh. Thank you!

PRAYER WARRIORS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

(Anonymous)

When in sorrow.....John 14
When men fail you.....Lamentations 3:17-26
If you want to be fruitful.....John 15
When you have sinned.....Psalm 51
When you worry.....Matthew 6:19-34
When in danger.....Psalm 91
When God seems far away.....Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring.....Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....Psalm 23

When you grow bitter and critical.....1st Corinthians 13
For Paul's secret to happiness.....Colossians 3:12-17
For understanding of Christianity.....II Corinthians 5:15-21
When you feel down and out.....Romans 8:31-39
When you want peace and rest.....Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God.....Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance.....Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel.....Psalm 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....Psalm 67
For a great opportunity.....Isaiah 55
When you want courage for a task.....Joshua 1
For how to get along with fellow men.....Romans 12
When you think of investments and returns.....Mark 10
If you are depressed.....Psalm 27
If your pocketbook is empty.....Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people.....1st Corinthians 13
If people seem unkind.....John 15
If discouraged about your work.....Psalm 126
If you find the world growing small and yourself great.....Psalm 9

We welcome you to join Prayer Warriors. For prayer requests, or to join, please call one of the numbers below:

Church Office: 660-882-2208
Pat Lenger: 660-882-5579 or 660-888-9739
Valerie Holley: 660-537-3987
Brenda Scott: 660-888-2903

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINUTES

Minutes 10-2-17

Attendance: Pastor Ketelsen, DCE Cromley, Jackie Carver, and Linette Meller

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Two purchase orders were reviewed and approved.

#6994 (cell and mileage) \$227.44

#7006 (cell and mileage) \$133.48

Pastor's Report: Pastor continues to teach about Baptism during Adult Bible Class. When Baptism is finished, the topic will be Martin Luther and the Reformation.

DCE's Report: The youth met on September 17th with four youth in attendance. DCE Cromley continues to

work with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) at the high school. He is also involved with Young Life.

October youth events:

October 8 – Youth Bible study at church

October 21 - youth to corn maze

October 22 - Man Up! Conference at Calvary Lutheran High School in Jefferson City

October 29 - Youth fundraiser: German Dinner

We approved the funds for DCE Cromley to attend the District Church Workers Conference on November 15 – 17.

The District Youth Gathering for high school age youth will be November 17 – 19.

Sunday School Report: We discussed the possibility of the children of the congregation singing a song on Sunday, December 24.

We adjourned the meeting and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linette Meller

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Opening Prayer: Pastor Joshua Ketelsen opened with prayer.

Acceptance/Amendments of Agenda: A motion by Tim Meller and seconded by Tim Derendinger to amend the agenda to include discussion of upcoming Circuit Forum and District Convention.

Approval of Minutes: A motion by Suzanne Ayers and seconded by Tim Derendinger to approve the minutes from August 20, 2017 Congregational Assembly Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

Pastors Report: Pastor Ketelsen stated the new member's class is complete. There are three new members including: Linda Cromley, Crystal Troost, and Brady Stock. There will be the wedding of Ethan Williams and Crystal Troost on September 30, 2017. Pastor had talked to Arlene Loesing, Suzanne Ayers and Tim Derendinger regarding the option to offer ACH/Electronic Fund Transfer for offerings. This option will be offered to members that are interested. Pastor received a few negative reactions to the removal of the budget figures from the bulletin.

Pastor Ketelsen stated he had contacted the District. Josh Cromley DCE's name will be added to a list to accept calls from other congregations. Josh Cromley will not be released from his call with Immanuel Lutheran in Boonville, it was determined that with our congregation's financial status and quantity of members, that it is in the best interest of our congregation and Josh's use of his gifts and talents to suggest that his name be put on the list for other opportunities. This decision was made after Pastor, President and Elder of the congregation met in August.

President's Report: No report.

Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Treasurer's Report: Suzanne Ayers presented the typed report. Suzanne mentioned she had not opened the Memorial account yet. There were a few donations made to Hurricane Relief and Pastor stated that those should be paid to LCMS Disaster Relief. The Doris Twillman Memorial is to go for the Preschool Rooms Flooring. Suzanne stated she has received the last invoice for Preschool flooring for \$5,200.

(as of 09/17/2017)

Citizen's Bank and Trust	\$ 8,488.50
LCEF	138,810.79
LCEF – CD's	175,000.00
Edward Jones	120,877.69
Edward Jones 2	<u>55,075.77</u>
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 498,252.75
Good Samaritan Fund	\$1,004.87 current balance

Elder's Report: Bob Schnetzler presented the Elder's report from Sept. 3, 2017 meeting. The report included the following. Transfer out of Andy and Wilma Melendez to St. Michaels Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN. There was approval of adult confirmation for Brady Stock, Chrystal Troost and Linda Cromley. Stephanie Schrader and Lal Mawia were married on Sept. 2, 2017. Eli Edwards was baptized on 09/17/2017. A review of the worship service schedule/alternatives, Elders lists, and wedding policies continues. The Elder's budget was adjusted to 117,895.00. Donations for portals of prayer will be accepted. Copier lease for 60 months was approved. No employee raises will be given due to current budget restraints. Discussion of Plus one Survey took place.

Board Of Property: No report.

Board of Christian Education: Josh Cromley presented typed report. Dee Thalgott's resignation as chairman of the Board of Christian Education was acknowledged and Jackie Carver has agreed to fulfill the remainder of Dee's term. There are four in confirmation, two of those to be confirmed in May 2018. Firmer boundaries were expressed to confirmation students and parents. One student unable to attend at designated time is meeting with Josh at alternate time. Oct. 21 youth will attend corn maze at Schyrock's, Oct. 29 youth will be serving a German dinner with a free will offering and the funds raised will go toward National and District Youth gatherings. Josh will be going to Man-Up event, Oct. 22, any males interested should contact him, all ages welcome. Young Life is on Sunday Evenings and FCA starts Sept. 20, 2017.

School Board: School Board Report dated Sept. 12, 2017 was presented by Pastor Ketelsen. Glenda had reported the need for an aide the first few days of Tuesday and Thursday Classes; the budget will be adjusted to include this. There will not be a three year old graduation ceremony in 2018, only four year olds. The 40th year anniversary of Preschool will be celebrated September 24, 2017, fellowship will follow. Most months Preschool will sing on the last Sunday, adjustments will be made for holidays etc.. Fifth Sunday fellowship will be celebrated on Oct. 22 and children will be singing so that the Oct. 29th service can be devoted to Reformation.

Board of Stewardship: Tim Derendinger presented verbal report. Tim has most budgets, still needed two (Property and Fellowship). There was discussion regarding Concordia Plan. Concordia Plan does include health, disability and retirement. Tim requested that information/instructions regarding accessing the Edward Jones accounts be obtained for informational purposes.

Board of Evangelism: Valerie Holley presented verbal report. She stated the directories should come any time. A discussion was held regarding Dial-A-Prayer. The Dial-A-Prayer line is being used very little and there is no longer a fax line, which is necessary for the school. Options discussed and there will be further review of this topic.

Board of Fellowship: No report. Church Picnic is 09/24/2017 (fourth Sunday in September). The theme for picnic is a Drive-In Theater.

Approval of Reports: A motion by Suzanne Ayers to approve the Pastor's, Officer's and Board's reports that were presented this evening was made. Tim Derendinger seconded this motion and it passed.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: The Circuit Forum (November 12, 2017) and the District Convention are upcoming. The Circuit Forum will be held in Ashland, MO. We are in need of a layperson to attend. The District Convention will be held in Columbia MO., and includes a few days (dates unavailable during meeting - 2018). A layperson also needed for attendance at District Convention.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn by Suzanne Ayers was seconded by Tim Derendinger. Motion passed.

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

Those in attendance included Tim Meller, Susan Templemire, Bob Schnetzler, Valerie Holley, Pastor Josh Ketelsen, Suzanne Ayers, Tim Derendinger and Josh Cromley.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Oct. 10, 2017

Attendance: Pastor Ketelsen, Linette Meller, Gayle Linneman, Glenda Gerhardt, Eva Weston, Sara Loesing.

Our meeting was opened with prayer led by Pastor.

Previous minutes were reviewed and approved.

III. Review PO's

9/13	1196	Glenda Gerhardt	\$ 90.00	Presc./days unused
9/13	1197	Linette Meller	\$120.00	Kind./days unused
9/13	1198	Bank Card	\$ 29.00	Kind./comp. program
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9/27	1199	Walmart	\$ 61.55	Preschool snacks
10/3	1200	Sam Derendinger	\$ 90.00	Preschool substitute
10/5	1201	Walmart	\$ 45.78	Preschool snacks

Teacher reports:

Glenda reported that all party supplies for the school year have been ordered.

The Boonville firefighters came and visited all classes. The kids responded well and enjoyed the visit.

Glenda expressed gratitude for the gift recognizing her 15 years of service.

Linette reported that the kindergarten year is going well.

Gayle is continuing to work on the tuition payments. Most of the 54 families are using the Auto-debit system and that saves a lot of time and effort in the bookkeeping.

The 40 Anniversary celebration went well.

The 3 year old Preschool will sing on October 22, 2017 instead of the 29th due to the Reformation celebrations.

The board will not meet in December. Our next meeting is set for November 14th at 6 p.m.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Eva Weston

ELDERS MEETING

October 1, 2017

Attendance: Pastor Ketelsen, Bob Schnetzler, Wayne Atkins, Earl Mangels, Tim Fahrenbrink, Jason Linneman, and DCE Joshua Cromley.

Call to Order/Opening devotion & prayer – Cremation

Motion to accept the agenda as printed – Tim Fahrenbrink motioned to accept, Earl Mangels 2nd. Motion carried.

Previous Minutes - Earl Mangels motioned to approve, Jason Linneman 2nd. Motion carried.

Monthly Report–

- Review of purchase orders.** Earl Mangels motioned to approve, Jason Linneman 2nd. Motion carried.

PO#	Vendor	Amount	Account/Description
6977	Concordia Publishing	48.00	PM-Portals of Prayer
6979	USPS	49.00	PM-Office/one roll of stamps
6981	Bank Card	42.70	Samaritan Fund
6982	Concordia Publishing	62.50	PM-Portals of Prayer
6983	Serck	100.00	PM-Office/payroll
6987	Marco	93.40	PM-Office/9-7 – 10-16
6988	Bank Card	6.46	PM-Office/2 keys
6990	Bank Card	50.00	Samaritan Fund
6993	Great America Fin.	244.00	PM-Office/Inv#21302254
6996	Schriefer's	59.90	PM-Office/copy paper
6998	Bank Card	52.35	Samaritan Fund

2. Membership changes:

- Transfer of Dale Kaiser and Kaleigh Kaiser to Faith Lutheran in Jefferson City, approved by phone vote.

3. Pastor's Report:

- Conference November 11 – November 17. 50/50 room cost split, total \$272.00 room cost. Jason Linneman motioned to approve, Earl Mangels 2nd. Motion carried.
- The Dinwiddie baptism will be on October 8, 2017.

Quarterly Report:

- October** – Bob Schnetzler
- November** – Jason Linneman
- December** – Tim Fahrenbrink

Thanksgiving Eve, November 22, 7:00 pm: Jason Linneman

Advent Wednesday 7:00 pm:

- Dec. 6** – Bob Schnetzler
- Dec. 13** – Tim Fahrenbrink
- Dec. 20** – Jason Linneman

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24: 9:00 am and 6:00 pm

Christmas Day, Dec. 25: 9:00 am

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31: 9:00 am only

Old Business –

- Review of worship service schedule/alternatives will continue. Advent Season - normal weekly services.
- Wedding policy review will continue.
- A sign was placed on the Portals of Prayer basket saying donations are appreciated.

New Business-

- Frank Thacher was nominated to be the delegate to the LCMS Convention
- Elders need to make sure windows and altars are clean before the service.

Meeting adjournment – Jason Linneman motioned to adjourn, Earl Mangels 2nd. Motion carried. Meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

RUTH'S SERVANTS

On Saturday, October 14, 2017 members of Ruth's Servants hosted the Columbia Zone Fall Rally here at Immanuel. Our theme was based on John 10:10b "Jesus said, 'I have come that they may have life. And have it to the full'. Women from 10 Societies of the LWML joined us for the day. Pastor Ketelsen led us in the opening devotion and message.

A business meeting then followed with reports from Officers and Committee Chairmen. Myra Case from the Missouri District LWML was present and brought us

greetings. Our speaker was Tammy Poulsen. She gave a very inspirational presentation on Abundant Life using her personal testimony, music, interaction from those attending. All encouraging us towards mindfully practicing authenticity during our most soul-searching struggles is how we invite grace, joy and gratitude into our lives. We were truly blessed by her speaking. Thank you Tammy.

Pastor Ketelsen led us in prayer as we adjourned to the fellowship for lunch. A lunch of Soup (Broccoli and Cheese, Chili, Vegetable and Beef, Chicken and Dumpling) and Sandwiches (Chicken Salad, Tuna Salad, Pimento, Ham Salad) with Veggie Tray and Cake was served. We thank Mary Ann Hein and Lois Shaw and member Becky Ehlers for the delicious cakes. We also would like to thank others for helping make this Fall Rally so special: Pastor Ketelsen for his opening prayer and message and closing our meeting. Miranda Waibel for creating the lovely design of the cover of our folder, Penny Cain for the beautiful fall decorations, Sharon Thoma for her delicious rolls for the sandwiches. Members Penny Cain, Mary Derendinger, Glenda Gerhardt and Brenda Scott for the Soups and Sandwiches. It was a lovely day, and an uplifting Rally which was enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting we will assemble our Christmas goody baskets for our shut-in members. We also plan to give our goodies out to those attending Worship Service on December 10th! We love to serve and to give! What joy!!!

Until next month,
Mary Derendinger reporting

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**A new greeting card shipment** has arrived and the card rack (by the elevator) has been restocked. Please stop by and check out the variety of cards available.

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THRIVENT ACTION TEAM – Milk Voucher Program
Thanks to the generosity of our congregation we collected \$672.00 for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, who serves an average of 210 families each month, and each family gets at least one gallon of milk.. Think of all the milk this will provide to needy families in our community. Thanks to all who donated.

CHURCH FAMILY: Please call the church office when:
A member of your family is admitted to the hospital
Someone you know is very ill or has passed away
Your class, board, or group would like to use the church for a meeting or event so it can be scheduled on the church calendar
Your contact information or address changes
A new baby arrives in your family
A member of your family leaves home for college, joins the military, or is getting married
You would like to have some call you to visit
You have a prayer request
You would like to share your time and talents
You feel the church can assist you in any way
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Reformation Mass Choir will be at Trinity Lutheran Church in Columbia, MO on Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. The mass choir of members from Mid-Missouri Lutheran churches will be celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The concert will last approximately 75 minutes and will be followed by a dessert reception.

Zion Lutheran School is having a garage sale November 11 with the proceeds going toward further additions to the new multipurpose building. We will be taking gently used items and clothes. If interested in donating, contact TC Meller [660-537-1530](tel:660-537-1530). Thank you

Preschool News

We have had a very exciting October. We have learned about fire safety and had a visit from the Boonville Fire Department. Thank you to Jimmy Gholson for setting the visit up. The Boonville Fire Department brought a trailer with them that looked like our homes. We watched a movie with Pumba and Timone (Lion King characters) about fire safety. We learned that when we hear our smoke detectors go off, not to be afraid. Feel our door and if it is not hot open it. After we open it if we see smoke we are to get down, get out and stay out. We need to crawl under the smoke. If we can't get out of our rooms, stand in the window and yell for help so the firefighters can come and get us. When we see a firefighter we need to yell for them. Then Firefighter Chris King put some smoke in the trailer that made the smoke detector go off. We got down on the floor and crawled under the smoke. Mrs. Derendinger helped us to get down on the floor. Ms. Gerhardt was at the back door holding it open for us and helping down out of the trailer. When we got out of the trailer, we were taken to the firetruck and saw all the cool things the firefighters use. Then we called for Sparky to come out and he did. We gave Sparky high fives and hugs and had our picture taken with him. Volunteer firefighter Tim Derendinger, Jr. came and showed us what a firefighter looks like with all the firefighter clothes on, including the helmet and mask. He also showed us what he would sound like when he came in the house. We decided he sounded like Darth Vader from Star Wars. We painted pictures with red, yellow and orange paint and made it look like a fire. Ms. Gerhardt and Ms. Gerhardt talked to us about good uses for fire (cooking, heat) and bad uses for fire (burning homes and forests down). We

learned to never play with matches and if we see matches to tell an adult. We learned how to stop, drop and roll in case our clothes catch on fire.

We also learned about pumpkins and more this month. We got to paint pumpkins. We had a really good time painting. Thank you to Sarah Herman, Meagan Alpers and Jesse Oswald for donating the pumpkins. We also made decorations for our classroom. We made scarecrows, jack-o-lanterns, spiders and bats. You should come and take a look at our room—they decorations are hanging from the ceiling.

We learned about Fall Harvest. We played a game where we identified the fruit or vegetable we were holding and put the food in a big pot and stirred it with a spoon. Mrs. Derendinger and Maggie Myers helped us clean out a pumpkin. We put the seeds in a zip-lock bag with a wet paper towel with our name on it and when it sprouts we will plant it.

We learned about different types of transportation (water, air and land). We made a bus, train and semi-truck. We learned how we are transported to school. We played a game with flashcards containing boats, planes, helicopters, trains, cars, bus, trike, and walking.

We learned about our five senses. For sight Ms. Gerhardt described a child in class and we used our eyes to see and our ears to hear to figure out the person. Ms. Gerhardt put stuff in a box and we touched the stuff to see what it was. Ms. Gerhardt let us hear a timer and then hid the timer and we had to use our ears to figure out where it was. We tasted different things. We smelled different things while blindfolded and tried to figure out what it was.

In Jesus time we learned about the 10 Commandments, Building of the Tabernacle,

Joshua and Jericho, Ruth and Samuel as a Boy. God remains faithful to us every day and never stops loving us because we are His children. Pastor Ketelsen taught us about commandments four – seven. The fourth commandment talks about honoring your father and mother. Jesus talked to John and Mary from the cross. Jesus told John that Mary was his mother and Mary that John was her son. The fifth commandment was you should not kill. The story was the story of the Good Samaritan. The sixth commandment you shall not commit adultery Pastor Ketelsen told us the story of Jesus turning water into wine. The seventh commandment you will not steal, we learned about Zacchaeus.

Upcoming Units Upcoming Chapel

Stories

Opposites	Daniel As A Boy
Thanksgiving	David and Goliath
Animals in Winter	Daniel in the Lions' Den
	The Birth of John

Birthdays celebrated in September and October: Eli Ellifritt, Avery Humphrey, Haidyn Kennedy, Karter Kelly, Dakota Snapp, Delaney Snapp, Madison Murray, Miles Oswald, and Sullivan Martin

Upcoming Birthdays in November: Radley Ball, Brooks Rentel, and Quincy Richards

Upcoming Dates:

November 20 – 21	Grandparent Cooking Day
November 22 – 24	No School (HAPPY THANKSGIVING)

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

This month we practiced and practiced the alphabet. We put clothespins that had the a, b, c's written on them on a clothes hanger in alphabetical order; we did ladybug puzzles matching upper and lowercase letters, and during computer time, we played several games that involved matching uppercase letters with lowercase letters and putting blocks in alphabetical order.

In numbers class, we have been working on the ones and teen families of numbers. Mrs. Meller put teen numbers up around the room and had us stand by them different times during the week to help us practice reading the numbers. One of the videos we continue to watch on our whiteboard has us doing exercises to a teen numbers song.

When we get to school in the morning, we have learning centers that we work on at our tables. Recently, we have been working on our fine motor control. We really liked putting colorful beads on the correct colored pipe cleaners. We have also been using clothespins and other types of clips and tweezers to pick up buttons, pasta, pompoms, and little pieces of pipe cleaners that represent worms that we feed to baby birds.

We have been rehearsing seven songs during Music to get ready to sing at Hartmann Village on October 31st. We sound beautiful when we sing a song called, "Sing Alleluia." When we finish singing, we will go back to school to have a Fall Party.

Thank you to the congregation for supporting our school so that we have a place we can go on a daily basis to learn more about God and sing Alleluia.