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### Mission:

*In response to God, who first reached down to us—the mission of First Immanuel Lutheran Church is to reach up to God, reach into each other and reach out to the world.*

### *Generous Living*

In what seems to be Jesus' last public teaching moment He spoke of the Last Day, when He would return to judge all humanity. It was in Matthew 25 that Jesus spoke of separating the sheep from the goats. The sheep, He explained, were those who gave food and drink to the hungry and thirsty. They visited those who were sick and those who were in prison. He went on to tell them that whatever they did to the least of the community, they actually did for Him. The sheep were surprised because they did this not out of a sense of obligation or to earn the favor of God or man. They did it out of love. Being impacted by the love of the Good Shepherd, the sheep simply loved as they have been loved. That's what we do as Christians. "We love because He first loved us" (I John 4:19). This is what generosity is all about.

Ours is a generous God. For God so loved the world that he "gave." He generously gave His Son to be our substitute on the cross and through His death and resurrection, He has granted us forgiveness, life and salvation. Our Savior willingly embraced this difficult mission of saving you and me and the entire human race. His generosity is found in giving His life for ours. Now, we simply respond to our generous God with generous lives.

This month's issue of "Reaching You" is about generosity. In it you will discover the manner in which the First Immanuel and River of Life worshipping families have been involved in generous activities. You will hear how our First Immanuel Lutheran School is generous in so many ways.

COVID has presented us with so many ways to be generous. The new online avenues, now necessary to reach God's people, can only be continued through generosity. The great number of people who have been impacted by COVID have been served by our congregation in many different ways. In this issue you will hear how we impacted the lives of many.

Blessings to you through our generous Lord and Savior,

*Pastor Raasch*



# School Generosity

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

As part of the ministry of First Immanuel Lutheran Ministries, the school works to promote generosity among our students. One of the ways we do this is by supporting the Mission of the Month. Each week in Chapel we share the Mission of the Month with our students and their Chapel Offerings support those causes. This provides a great connection with our church and provides the students with the opportunity to give to others. One of their favorites is when we pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. These pictures are from our packing event in November of 2020.



Every year during the Lutheran Schools Week, we provide our students with an opportunity to give of their time and resources. This year, we collected supplies for Support the Troops. In God's plan, the timing of the collection was perfect! We found out that Support The Troops had just run out of canned soups and fruits, and would have to stop sending packages until they received a donation. We also learned that a base in Poland had to close their PX because of COVID, and the troops weren't sure where they would get their necessities. Our school families donated over 15 boxes filled to the brim with donations, and our students created over 200 cards to send to our military service men and women! Support the Troops was so happy to see all of the canned foods and other donations (PB & J, creamers, cans of nuts, epsom salts), so they could start sending packages right away!



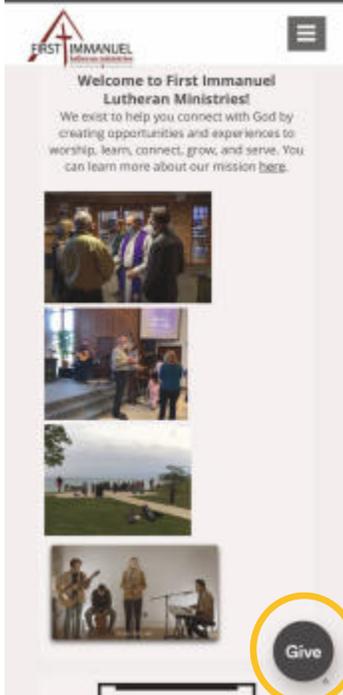
During Lutheran Schools Week of 2020, we did a packing event for Support the Troops. Days like these are some of my favorites as principal. Seeing the kids working together and being generous with their time is a great experience for all of us and provides us all with an opportunity to share God's love with others!

What a blessing it is to fulfill our school's purpose, "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old, he will not depart from it," Proverbs 22:6, by providing them these generosity opportunities!

-Dawn Walker, Principal



# New Ways to be Generous

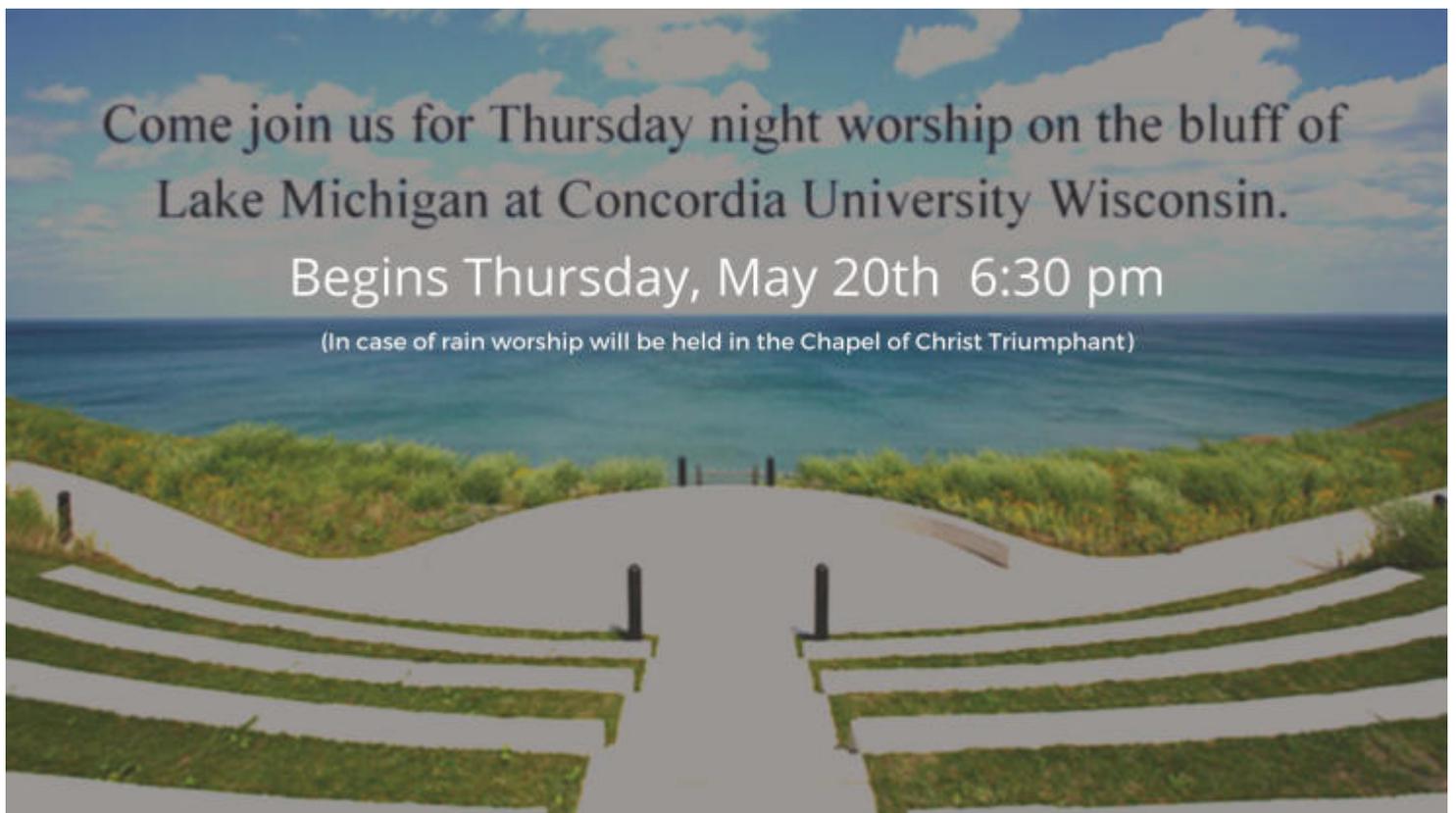


FIL Ministries is launching a new way to be generous. You can visit our website, [www.filministries.org](http://www.filministries.org), and find a button “**Give**” in the bottom right corner. Just click the button and make an easy one-time donation or set up automated giving.

In response to God’s generous love in Jesus, we as a community are reaching up to God in worship, reaching in to each other, and reaching out to the world. **Your partnership makes this possible.** Thank you for your support of our mission. You are changing lives and helping to spread the gospel through the way you live and the way you give.

If you’re looking for a way to give, just find the button on the bottom right corner of our website!

## Bluff Worship Begins



# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

## MISSION OF THE MONTH: LCMS Joint Seminary Fund

Excellent seminaries are important to everyone who needs the Gospel. Well-formed pastors, deaconesses, ordained missionaries and theological leaders are vital to our life together as they faithfully and accurately teach the Gospel.

For our entire history as The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, well-formed and compassionate pastors have been important because the Gospel, faithfully delivered in Word and sacraments, is essential to each of us.

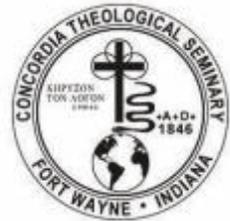
The LCMS supports two seminaries — Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind., and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis — with Sunday-morning worship offerings set aside by congregations for district and national/international work.

The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund was established to supplement the Synod subsidy by directly soliciting the church for charitable donations. Gifts to the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund are restricted exclusively to supporting both of our world-class seminaries.

Gifts to The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund are disbursed to both seminaries as unrestricted support. These vital funds can be used to cover necessary seminary expenditures, such as:

- o Teaching and research
- o Curriculum and program development
- o Facilities maintenance, upgrades and construction
- o Student financial aid
- o Recruitment of students, faculty and support staff
- o Continuing education for our current pastors
- o Distance education programs

*Wherever the need is greatest as determined by the seminaries*



Please keep our two LCMS seminaries in your daily prayers. Pray for more men to answer the call to become pastors and for the seminaries to effectively train them for service in the world.

## ADOPT A HIGHWAY

First Immanuel has once again committed to picking up trash along the one-mile section of Wauwatosa Road between Pioneer Road and Western Avenue.

Are you willing to go the “extra mile” with us?

We meet at FIL at the designated dates and travel to the site. It is an easy way to help keep Cedarburg beautiful!

- Participants must be 11 years old or going into grade six.
- It is a great family service or group project.



## 2021 Adopt A Highway Cleanup Dates

**Saturday, May 15 9 – 11 am**  
**Tuesday, July 13 6 – 8 pm**  
**Saturday, Sept. 25 9 – 11 am**

If you would like to help, contact Karl Roeske at [kroeske@fils.org](mailto:kroeske@fils.org) or call the church office at 262-377-6610.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;  
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

ACTS 1:8

**SUNDAY**

**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

**~UPDATED Communion Schedule~**

**First Immanuel (FIL):** On 1st and 3rd Sunday, Communion is at 5:00pm, 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:35am

**River of Life (ROL):** On 1st and 3rd Sunday, Communion is at 8:00 am, 9:30 am, and 10:45am

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# Ladies Aid

After a long time off the Ladies Aid will meet again on May 4th at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall at First Immanuel. We'll have a chance to 'catch up' on news with each other and share fellowship.

We will have lunch and a short business meeting and more visiting. All ladies of FIL Ministries are invited to join us. Please R.S.V.P. to Lois at 262-377-7495 or Martha at 262-376-9914 so we know how much food to get. See you then.

# LWML

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we are held by **HIS** Word, inspired to share **HIS** Gospel, and surrounded by **HIS** Grace. Our National President, Debbie Larson said "my prayer is that every woman of the LCMS purposefully centers her life on Christ and we always remember we are **HIS**." We at FIL LWML try to do this every day. We follow His direction to go into the world and preach His Gospel through our support of Missionaries and Christian groups helping the unchurched.

At our next meeting on May 11th we will vote on which Mission Grants we want our delegate from Zone 5 of the SWD to vote on at the National LWML Convention to be held in Lexington, KY in June.

We will meet at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at FIL and all ladies of FIL Ministries are welcome to join us.



# FIRST

Worship available anytime & anywhere at <http://firstmin.church>

We all need a little hope, especially in such hopeless and dark times. Using God's word in Jeremiah 29, FIRST is speaking about the hope that God has for his people. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, for a future and hope."

Find it all @firstmin.church



# Lutherans for Life



Lutherans  
For Life

Mothers Day Weekend, May 8-9, 2021, LUTHERANS FOR LIFE would like to help you say “thank you” and “I love you” to your mom or special lady in your life. Roses are a great way to honor her for her commitment to LIFE.



After each service at both River of Life in Saukville and First Immanuel in Cedarburg, roses will be available and donations will be accepted to help meet future goals of reaching Lutheran pastors, congregations, educators, schools and young people to be Gospel-motivated voices for LIFE. LFL publications, presentations, and sponsored programs have long been sources for equipping Lutherans and others to apply the hope-filled and life-assuring message of the Gospel to life issues (checks payable to *LFL of WI, Ozaukee Co Life Chapter*).

For additional information about LFL or how you can obtain “LifeDate”, our LFL quarterly journal, filled with articles connecting the gospel message to all LIFE issues in every publication, please go to <http://www.lutheransforlife.org/> or call 888.364.LIFE.

**LFL of Wisconsin, Ozaukee County Life Chapter meets to celebrate LIFE at River of Life Church, Saukville, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the months of February, May and October, 7:00 pm. Next gathering is Tuesday, May 18! Everyone is welcome! Call 262-618-4000 for information about our local group.**

For more information, please go to [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).

## Lutherans for Life Essay Winner!

### One Fetus At A Time

By: Kaelyn Sohre (7th Grade FILS student)

“No human being... is ever conceived outside God’s will or ever conceived apart from God’s image. Life is a gift from God created in His own image.” -John McArthur. Each day, 125,000 abortions occur in the world, creating 40-50 million abortions a year. According to Jeremiah 1:5, God knew you before you were even born, and He chose those little lives to be servants for him before conception, they are living image bearers of Christ, even before they are born.

In 2010-2014, 25% of pregnancies ended because of abortion. 23-25% of abortions are because the timing is wrong, or the money is tight. Pregnancy centers can help with this, and so can supportive family and friends. We can help by being supportive, a shoulder to cry on, and even being a temporary foster home until the baby has a forever home. In Philippians 2:4, it says, “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Jesus is telling us to look out for other children of God, and be servants to them.

The born-alive law protects babies who survive abortion, so that the doctors cannot kill the babies who survive. Once the baby is born and survives abortion, we can’t kill him, but when he’s in the womb, we can kill him? Out of the 9.3 million abortions in 12 years, 143 were born-alive, therefore they were saved. That is amazing for the 143 that were saved, but it’s very rare that a baby will survive abortion.

By the age 45, 1 in 4 women have had an abortion, and the most common age to have an abortion is between 20-24 years old. When these girls become pregnant, they feel insecure, potentially leading to an abortion. This devastating reality just shows how broken our world is, and how much we need Jesus. God chose those babies, and He loves them just as much as He loves you.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit.” John 15:16. This verse tells us that God chose you, and all human beings on the planet, born or unborn. Abortion may be wrong, but we can change it, so please, stand up, and be the change you want to see in the world, one fetus at a time.

# May Sermon Series



## *Meaningful Living*

**May 1 & 2**

**“Abundant Living”**

We all seek lives that are fulfilling. Jesus tells the story of a son who grew up in a home with a loving father who provided all he needed, yet this son thought the grass was greener on the other side. It wasn't until he left home and lost everything that he truly appreciated the love and care of his father. Why was it so difficult for the son to see the blessings before he packed up and left? Why is it difficult for us to see our daily blessings? Where are we looking in our quest for a fulfilling life?

**May 8 & 9**

**“Thankful Living”**

Jesus healed 10 men who were struck with leprosy, robbing them of living their lives among family and friends. Only one of these blessed men returned to give thanks to the Lord. Were the other nine thankful? No doubt. So why did they not return and express the thanks that lived in their hearts? Why do we blessed people often fail to give thanks?

**May 15 & 16**

**“Generous Living”**

In John 15, Jesus knows that He will soon be betrayed and placed in the hands of those who will execute Him. This is His final opportunity to speak to His disciples and prepare them for life after His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. What would He say? He tells them to abide in His love and to love one another. In other words, we are to carry out the mission of Jesus. How can we do that?

**May 22 & 23**

**“Faithful Living”**

A man asked Jesus to serve as the arbiter between himself and his brother, as they struggled to decide how to divide their inheritance. Jesus warned them about covetousness and a lack of contentment, using a parable about a man whose crop had become so large that he had to tear down his barns to build bigger storage houses. Finding contentment in his earthly possessions, the man neglected his spiritual possession—his faith, which led to eternal consequences. Why would this man put more attention into the temporal than the eternal? Why do we often do the same?





## The Dearly Beloved

Author: Cara Wall

Reviewed by Audrey A. Stockey

Wall's fictional account of two ministers and their wives covers multiple decades. It is a story of love, joy, forgiveness, friendship, and commitment. It also shows how two couples need to work together in spite of their differences and social backgrounds because both men are hired as team ministers at Third Presbyterian church in New York. The novel covers both their professional and personal lives, divided into three parts: I – 1953-62, II – 1963-65, and III – 1966-70.

**I – 1953-62** – Here we meet **Charles** who comes from a wealthy, intellectual family, leading him to study to become a medieval history professor. After hearing a priest's lecture, he knows God is real and exists. As a result, he attends divinity school. He also pursues Lily, the love of his life, as relentlessly as he does his degrees.

**Lilly** is also from a wealthy family but lost her parents in an accident when she was 15. Keeping her grief hidden, she attends Radcliff. When working on her Master's, she meets Charles in the library. At some point in their relationship she tells him she does not believe in God. Eventually, after their degrees, they marry.

**James** is from a Chicago, underprivileged, dysfunctional family with an alcoholic father, but he is fortunate to have an uncle who pays for his college tuition. There he learns about life and the fine arts, including music where he meets Nan. While attending church with her, he discovers it is possible to love both God and mankind. God's power draws him and he, too, changes majors.

**Nan** is the daughter of a Mississippi minister, well-adjusted and mannered who is loving, caring, and supportive. Music is her college goal. Unlike James' family life, hers is idyllic, loving and caring. She has a strong belief in God and fits very nicely into life with James as a minister's wife.

**II – 1963-65** – This section begins with the hiring of Charles and James as co-ministers to "save" the church after the previous pastor resigned, leaving a trail of disgruntled parishioners. Each man is able to use his strong interests and talents in dividing the duties. Their sermons are also reflective of their interests and they work well as a team in meeting the needs of the congregation. Nan, is the perfect wife for the congregation, getting involved in activities and responding to needs of various groups. Lily, on the other hand, is busy with her teaching and research activities, keeping her lack of faith hidden.

During their years of serving, each has the opportunity to "cover" for the other when personal problems arise in their lives. In James' case, his interest in

social and community activities goes too far when he invites an abortion group to meet in the church. When his job is at stake, Charles is able to rescue him with the church elders. Charles, on the other hand, disappears from the pulpit when one of his twins is diagnosed autistic. James steps in and finally gets Charles to tell the congregation what caused his absence.

After being hired, the two couples meet to decide who should live in the house next to the church. Lily is happy when James and Nan get it, but she has taken a dislike of Nan who is "too sweet, giving, and involved." But several years later when Lily learns she is pregnant with twin boys, she also discovers she never dealt with her parents' deaths, something that starts to change her personality.

**III – 1966-70** – When the twins are two, it is discovered Will has a serious case of autism and isn't developing normally. In her usual fashion, Lily researches the topic extensively and visits many doctors—all with the same diagnosis. He belongs in an institution. Finally, James and Charles start searching and visiting such special places and finds them lacking in care and training. As a result of the pressures Charles is experiencing and God not answering his prayers, he feels lost, depressed, and loses his faith. He can't preach any more.

But James comes to his rescue and finds a doctor who can treat Will with new techniques that include training the parents how to deal with their child. She sends a bouncy, young intern, Annalise who becomes a hit with Will, his brother, and the family. Later James decides to start a school for children like Will with Annalise as the director. James also gets Charles to recognize and deal with his loss of faith. And Lily, in spite of her lack of faith, confronts Charles and prays with him.

During these years, Nan also has a daughter and the two couples cement their relationship. Nan resumes her church activities, the two men truly team their positions, and Lily starts moving away from her old, sad self. The conclusion of their experiences leads to knowledge about the three kinds of trials in life: 1. The ones God gives us leading to wisdom, 2. The trials we force upon ourselves which we should abandon at the start of them, and 3. Trials we create for one another and do not know whose hand is guiding them. But from these we learn about ourselves and how they influence life for us.

**The Dearly Beloved** is a 342-page book that took Wall ten years to write. It contains author and background information as well as a set of discussion questions for either a single reader or group discussion. It is thoughtful and well written giving insight into faith and human struggles. It is a great book for a general reading audience because it presents a clear picture of the busy lives of pastors as well as being actively involved in their family lives.

# Time is Ministry

There's so much to be done in a day; how are we going to fit it all in? How are we going to get it all done? Each of us has many different things calling for our attention. How do we prioritize? How do we use our time wisely?

When we see time as *our time*, we can easily start to worry about how to use it. God makes it clear: **But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hands.** (Psalm 31:14-15) *Our time is God's time. We trust in God when we trust him with our time.*

One of the most important ways we can be generous in a busy world is with our time. God has put people in our lives, and we are called to be present for them.

When we look at the ministry of Jesus, one of the most powerful things about how he lived was that he was *present*. *Jesus was available to people. He didn't hide. He didn't only speak to large crowds. He allowed what you and I would see as distractions, because he knew that even his times were in God's hands.*

Are you available for other people, present for those in your life? How are you doing at allowing your time to be in God's hands? Being generous with your time is one of the greatest ways to participate in God's work. Here are some practical ways to use the time God has given you to be generous toward others:

⇒ **Pray for others.** Make a list of the important people and relationships in your life. Put it somewhere that you can revisit it and lift them up in prayer. Ask family and friends, coworkers and colleagues how you can pray for them, and let them know they are regularly in your prayers.

⇒ **Schedule time to talk.** Feeling too busy? Put times in your calendar for others. Whether it's for your family, or someone you know who just lost a loved one, getting it into your schedule will make you more intentional in being there.

⇒ **Allow space for interruptions.** Sometimes the people interrupting us are the opportunities God has for us to be generous with our time. Paying attention to those times and situations will help us be generous. It might be that person you were trying to avoid or the complete stranger who starts talking to you while filling up with gas.

**See your time as God's time.** God has gifted you each and every day. We see how profound our time is when we realize it is a gift from God. And it might just be a gift God is trying to give someone else.

With over 2,500 people connected to our ministry, imagine what would happen if all of us realized and put into practice, "Our time is in Your hands!"

# Stephen Ministry

## MOURNING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

A Stephen Minister will journey with you through the stages of grief and loneliness

In person or virtually

To take advantage of what a Stephen Minister can offer  
Contact: Pastor Reichmann 377-6610



# Church Library News



May 2021

The library has been moved to its new location and is now arranged by the Dewey Decimal System. Signs and the new online catalog are works in progress. Please be sure to sign the checkout card for every item you take and leave the card on the library desk.

## New Additions

Dewey	Format	Copies	Title	Author
242 SMI	book	1	Hugs for the Hurting: stories, sayings, and scriptures to encourage and inspire	Smith, John William
259.4 DEL	book	1	Into the Light: Ministering to the sick and dying	DelBene, Ron
FIC GIR	book	1	Joshua: A parable for today. Never Alone: a personal way to God	Girzone, Joseph F.
248.8 DAV	book	1	Let Me Grieve, But Not Forever	Davis, Verdell
242 BIM	book	1	Let There Be Laughter: living, lifting, and laughing as a person of God	Bimler, Richard
248.86 CAR	book	1	Living with Grief: Christian support studies for individuals or groups	Carter, Stephen
616.86 HEM	book	1	Love is a Choice: Recovery for codependent relationships	Hemfelt, Robert
248.4 CAR	book	1	Mind Over Emotions: How to mentally control your feelings	Carter, Les
362.175 WAL	book	1	Navigating the End of Life Care	Waldschmidt, Kayla
259.3 GAR	book	1	Never Too Old: How to involve older adults in your church	Garmatz, Robert W.
155.9 KUB	book	1	On Death and Dying	Kubler-Ross, Elisabeth
242.68 BEA	book	1	Precious Lord, Take My Hand: meditations for caregivers	Beach, Shelly
242.5 HAT	book	1	Refresh Your Faith: Uncommon devotions from every book of the Bible	Hatcher, Lori
306.9 SHA	book	1	Step by Step: Your guide to making practical decisions when a loved one dies	Thrivent Financial
248.4 BAC	book	1	Telling Yourself the Truth	Backus, D. William
362.1 SIM	book	1	Through the Wilderness of Alzheimer's: A guide in two voices	Simpson, Robert & Anne
248.8 TOG	book	1	Together with all Creatures: Caring for God's living earth	Commission on Theology and Church Relations LCMS
155.6 BEP	book	1	Too Good for Her Own Good: Searching for self and intimacy in important relationships	Bepko, Claudia & Krestan, Jo-Ann
248.86 FRI	book	1	Twelve Steps for Christians, The: based on biblical teachings	Friends in Recovery
362.82 EVA	book	2	Verbally Abuse Relationship: How to recognize it and how to respond	Evans, Patricia
FIC WAR DVD	DVD	1	War Room: Prayer is a powerful weapon	
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# Lead as a Servant, Mentor a Servant

Written by Pastor Tim Seban

## The Developmental Assets Framework

A Christian perspective on the 40 positive supports and strengths that young people need to succeed.

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• “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” **Jesus of Nazareth, Mark 10:45**

• “... ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” **John F. Kennedy**

To serve or be served? We all enjoy it when someone takes care of us and looks out for us. What if we all had to fend for ourselves? Parents no longer care for their kids, co-workers no longer do what is best for the team but just themselves. It would be a pretty shallow and self-centered world. A world we wouldn't want for us or our kids. Which brings us to:

**Asset #9 Service to others:** *Young people are healthier if they serve in the community one or more hours a week.*

One of the love languages is that of service, where a person shows and receives love through acts of service. This doesn't come naturally for everyone, so we need to remind ourselves that serving is important. Some children don't need motivation to serve, they just do it naturally, others may need a little bit of encouragement.

### Where can children and teens serve?

- Expose them to your favorite service project:
  - ◊ Vacation Bible School
  - ◊ Habitat for Humanity
  - ◊ Quilting
  - ◊ Sing in the choir or on a worship team
- When you visit your parents, be a servant for them, and teach them to help out. (They like helping grandma and grandpa more naturally)
- Choose to serve as an usher team as a family for a worship service.
- Milwaukee Rescue Mission: Karl Roeske leads a team to serve meals almost every week.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10 Amplify your life of service and encourage your child to serve along with you. Create special opportunities, and annual opportunities to encourage them to use their time and talents to encourage others! A world full of servant leaders is a world that reflects the joy of following Christ!

# Generosity of Wisdom & Caring at VBS!

To a child you are a genius. To a child you are a person who cares. At VBS you have the opportunity to use your gifts and talents to mentor and encourage our youngest followers of Jesus.

***Our theme is Rainforest Explorers: Jesus Leads the Way!***

## Why you should consider serving at VBS:

- VBS gives you the opportunity to be a part of sharing the Gospel with children and in turn impacting their families.
- VBS has many different areas where you can use your unique gifts and talents.
- At VBS you will meet other volunteers and make connections with new people. Serving together is a great way to start new friendships with people already in your church.

## How you can serve:

- **Teach at the Bible Lesson Station:** Share the Bible message of the day with 5-6 groups. Activities, lessons, and scripts are all prepared! (We currently need 2 Bible Story Leaders)
- **Lead Some Fun Games:** Use the planned games that go with the Bible theme or come up with other creative ways to play and have fun. Lead the same lesson to 5-6 groups. (We currently need 2 games leaders)
- **Adult Guide of a Team of Explorers:** Others will do the teaching, you will be the shepherd and primary leader of one group as they move from station to station.
- **Teen or Jr. High Guide:** Travel from station to station with a group. Help students stay focused, safe, and at home.
- **Help with Registration:** Greet the kids and parents as they arrive on day 1, give them their nametag and help them find their location with their kids!
- **Creatively Design Rainforest Decorations:** Help our leadership team discover, build, and create a fun rainforest atmosphere.
- **Help Behind the Scenes with Crafts or Snacks:** Each day participants create a wonderful craft and have snacks prepared by our fantastic teams.

**If you have work or have other commitments** that's awesome, you are using your gifts and talents to honor God in a different way! You can support VBS by:

- Praying for our VBS Team and the kids that will attend.
- Help create or build the rainforest decorations.
- Donating food and craft supplies (a list will be released in May)

**Volunteer Leaders Signup: <https://tinyurl.com/FILVBSVolunteers21>**

Questions? Contact Pastor Tim Seban at [tseban@fils.org](mailto:tseban@fils.org)

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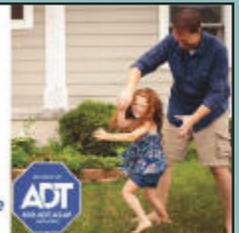
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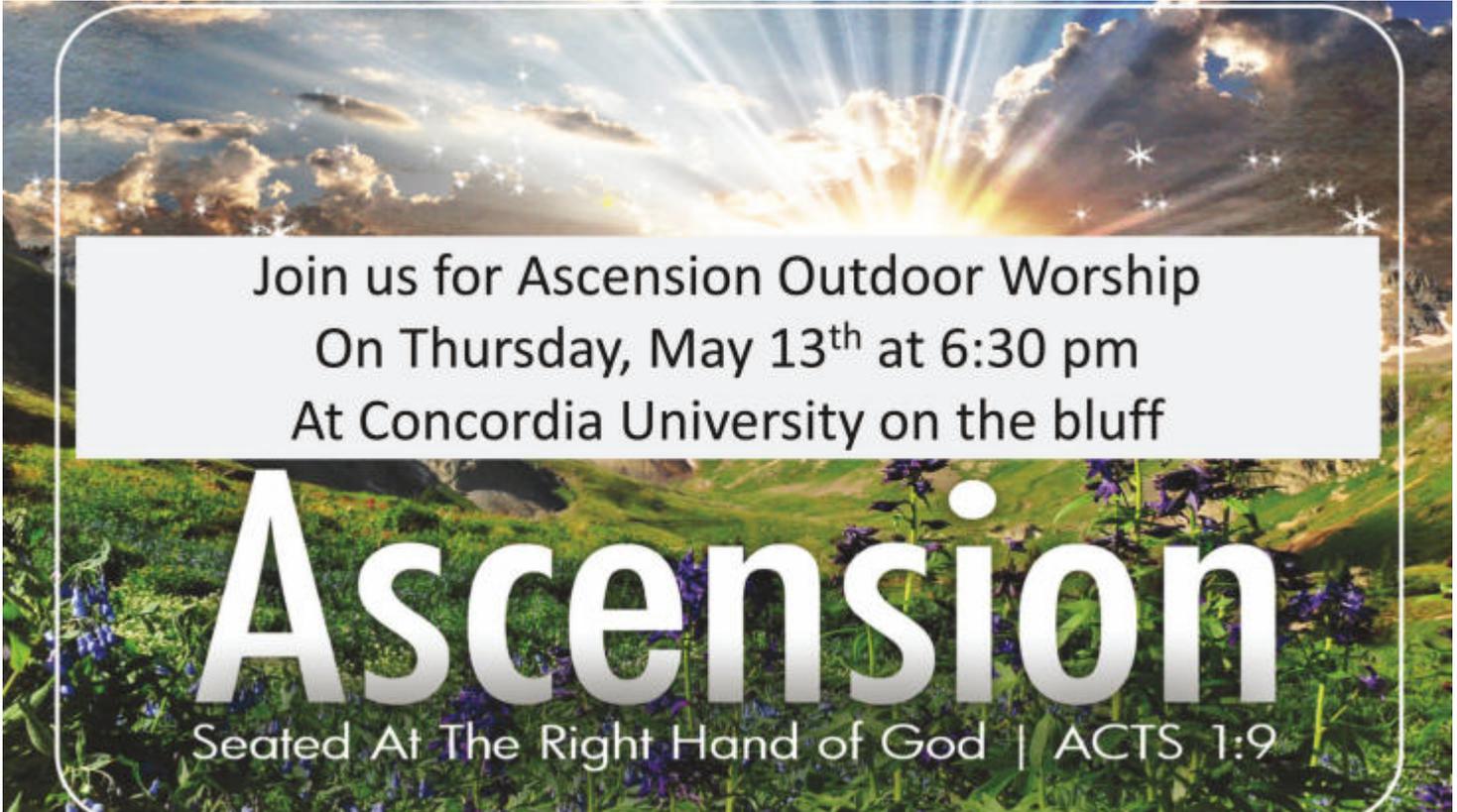
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