

Immanuel Lutheran Church

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February 2025 <u>A Word from The Pastor</u>

Dear Friends in Christ, PICTURE DIRECTORY

If you were unable to be here to have your picture taken, you can submit a picture. Please make sure it is a vertical pose, preferably with a plain background. Pictures can be submitted electronically or as printed pictures. Please submit them by February 16.

SIGN UP FOR CAMP!

Lutheran Island Camp Sunday will be February 23. LIC Program Director Olivia Leising will be with us that day to give us an update on camp and answer questions about summer camps or camp in general. Camp brochures are available at the narthex counter for anyone who didn't receive one in the mail. Our endowment fund will be providing each child a campership of \$300 for a weeklong camp and \$125 for a weekend camp. You can go to islandcamp.org for more information about the summer camps and to register.

SUPERBOWL SUBS

Orders for ACT subs are due February 2. Subs can be picked up February 8 from 11-12 and after Saturday and Sunday services. They may also have extras to sell after services. If you'd like to be part of a sub making assembly line, come Feb 7 anytime from 3:15-7 PM. It's a fun time. You get to make your own free sub for supper!

SINGLES SHARE AND CARE

We are trying something new. All singles are invited to Immanuel on Friday, February 14 from noon to 2 PM for a soup & sandwich meal, devotion by Pastor Lee and fellowship time. Talk to Cheryl Scott, Jurlienne Riedel or Joyce Malmgren if you have questions.

PASTOR SCHLAMANN VISIT

Pastor Mark & Tanya Schlamann will be at Immanuel February 15-16 for our services. We will celebrate his 25th anniversary of his vicarage at Immanuel as well the the 120th anniversary of our congregation. There will be time to visit and share after the Sunday service. We will follow that with a potluck dinner. Last names A-I bring dessert, J-P salad and Q-Z main dish. The Schlamanns hope to be in the area for a couple days before the weekend, so if you'd like more time to visit with them, contact them or let me know.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Our MN North District Convention will be February 23-25 in Grand Rapids, Minnesota. Gene Ward and I will attend as our congregation's voting delegates. Vicar Joe will also attend. Please keep us and the convention in your prayers.

ST PAUL HIGH SCHOOL, MO, CHOIR

We are privileged to host the St Paul Lutheran High School Choir from Concordia, Missouri, on Sunday, March 2 as part of their spring tour. St Paul is the only residential high school in our synod. One of the choir members is Pres. Brady Finnern's daughter. They will sing during our morning service. They will lead a time of sharing and questions during coffee. We will join with them in a meal before they depart. They will also present a concert on March 1 at 6:30 PM at Good Shepherd in Alexandria. We will help house the choir Saturday night along with Good Shepherd. If you are interested in housing a couple students, let me know.

LENT

Ash Wednesday is March 5. Our Lenten services will be at 7 PM with soup suppers at 6 PM. I don't know what our sermon series will be yet. (Good thing Lent is later this year!) But it is one of the most holy times of the year. Set aside the Wednesdays of Lent for time in God's House.

TRUSTEE PROJECTS

We have approved painting of the outside of the old church and the education building this summer. The trustees are also looking at a new railing on the west side of the church after the street renovations and new sidewalks. And they are exploring the costs of putting a vinyl planking floor in the kitchen. To support these projects, make a donation to the Trustee Fund.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Needed each month in 2025	\$23,009.00
December Offerings	\$25,993.00
Jan Offerings through Jan. 26	\$14,358.00
Offerings under budget through Dec. 30	\$36,150.31

God's Blessings, Pastor Kirk Lee

From Vicar Joe's Desk (February 2025)

The Previous Month:

- With Advent, Christmas, and the New Year behind me I can reflect on those things that brought me joy. The New Year also means that there were a lot of goings on and it still continues on.
- Confirmation classes started back up at both Trinity and Immanuel Lutheran Churches.
- ACT Lock-In was a fun experience. I walked away only slightly sleep deprived, but it was worth it to see all of those that participated having fun together. It is also a relief that the youth get along as well as they do.

The Current Month:

- A New Member Class started and it is a new way of teaching the Beliefs, Teachings, and Confessions to adults here at Immanuel Lutheran Church. It is great to see how Pastor Lee goes about this and how each person in the class adds a different perspective and life experiences to the class.
- The Greek Language Lab is back in full swing for me, and I do my best to keep up with those assignments as time gets seemingly tighter and there is less free time for me. I also have to find out what additional paperwork I need to do for Vicarage and have sent in to the seminary.

Looking Forward:

- Call Day on April 23 is the date that I am looking forward to. There is a nervousness that precedes this process, and a time of anticipation as I wait for that day and for my name to be called.
- National Youth Gathering and ACT activities are still happening and it is fun to see the group coming together for a common goal and event. I am a little worried about traveling with so many youth but I am glad to be guided by those with more experience than myself.
- Lent and Easter are coming up quickly and I hope for some warmer weather than we have had. I am also ecstatic to see more greenery as it Easter also means that it is officially Spring time in the Northern Hemisphere.

Bible Verse of the Month:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." - Proverbs 3:5-6

God Bless Vicar Joe Bates



February Anniversaries

Delbert & Linda Moske 2-10-1968 Kyle & Megan Barrows 2-25-2017

February Birthdays

Sawyer Barrows	2-1
Kimberly Crawford	2-1
Cassie Iverson	2-1
Larry Moske	2-1
Jonathan Jensen	2-2
Kelly Martin	2-2
Isabel Froemming	2-4
Jameson Froemming	2-4
Darlene Hoppe	2-4
Judy Moeller	2-4
Don Kalpin	2-6
Andrew Liljegren	2-6
Joshua Wilde	2-6
Wilma Rauscher	2-7
Jurene Lammle	2-8
Brooke Schilling	2-8
Sam Woida	2-8
Austin Lucht	2-9
Sage Lorenzen	2-10
Cassandra Schulke	2-10
Patty Wiitanen	2-10
Jayme Aune	2-11
Isaac McKane	2-11
Auston Payne	2-11
Arvid Hoppe	2-12

Veronica Turchin	2-12
David O'Brien	2-13
Barb Payne	2-13
Berkley Penrose	2-13
Kelly Rud	2-13
Lynda Uhde	2-13
Nolan Wendland	2-14
Brayden Fahlin	2-15
Brooke Zaun	2-15
Holly Budke	2-16
Andrew Cihlar	2-16
Liam Van Santen	2-16
Darlene Bremmer	2-18
Bryce Meyer	2-18
Trisha Rutten	2-18
Jesse Stende	2-18
Thomas Wilke	2-18
Dawn Zimmerman	2-18
Sadie Samuelson	2-19
Robin Turchin	2-22
Emma Laudenbach	2-23
Alicia Penrose	2-23
Sarah Alberts	2-24
Stacy Moske	2-24
Myra Riedel	2-24
Chris Bowman	2-26
Sloan Stende	2-26
Jeffrey Wark	2-26
Easton Olson	2-27
J.W. Burns	2-28
Ray Caauwe	2-28
Samantha Koep	2-28

If your February birthday or anniversary is not listed, please inform the church office.

Welcome New Members



Nathan & Laura Westad with Amanda Nygaard



Paul & Maureen Diedrich with Noah & Hailey Jensen.



Amy & Greg Riedel with Avery & Aanika Wendt.



Joanie Kalpin and Beth Wilde with Andrew & Alli Wendt.



Donna Karger with Deloris Turchin.

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Lutheran Island Camp

ERC Remodel Update

We're excited to share the latest progress on the ERC remodel! There has been a lot of activity on the Island and things change almost daily. Significant milestones have been reached, including the completion of demolition and the completion of underground electrical and plumbing work. Ongoing work includes miscellaneous framing and the application of Zip-Wall sheathing in preparation for the new exterior siding and windows.

What's Next?

In the next two

weeks, we anticipate:

- Pouring back plumbing trenches.
- Framing kitchen walls, stairs, and the new addition.
- Starting kitchen rough-ins.
- Continuing Zip-Wall sheathing installation.

We look forward to sharing this exciting, updated new space this summer. If you want to participate in this work, we are still seeking donations to help update furniture and fixtures, including new mattresses. Thank you for all the ways you support the ministry of Lutheran Island Camp!



Program Corner

Happy New Year!

After a restful fall, it is so exciting to be welcoming campers back for our winter and spring retreats! In the next four weeks, we will be welcoming students, pastors, and chaperones from five congregations to our confirmation retreats! Students will enjoy broomball, campfire, devotions, canteen, and games as well as spend time continuing their confirmation instruction. There is still time to register your church for our March Confirmation Retreat. Call the office at 218-583-2905 to register today!



Registration for Summer 2025 is OPEN! We will be bringing back programs like Classic Camp, Horse Camp, Little Lambs, Fishing Camp, Art Camp, Splash Camp, Outpost Camp, Family Camp, and High School Camp. We are excited to announce that we are offering High School Horse Camp for the first time this summer! Find more information and register today at <u>islandcamp.org/registration</u>.

We are now accepting applications for Junior Counselors and Junior Wranglers for Summer 2025. Junior Counselors and Junior Wranglers serve under the Cabin Counselors and Wrangler, assisting them in their daily activities with the campers. We are looking for energetic and Jesus-loving teenagers, ages 15-18 (who have completed 9th grade by summer), to participate in the incredible experience. The application deadline is April 4th. <u>Click here</u> for more information and to apply.

We can't wait to see how God continues to bless our ministry through the retreat season and the upcoming summer!

In Christ, *Olivia Leising* Program Director

We're Hiring for Summer Staff!

Are you a young adult over 18 (or do you know someone who is) who is looking for a fun and meaningful summer job? Look no further! LIC is hiring for a variety of roles including cabin counselors, program assistants, office assistants, kitchen assistants, groundskeepers, and wranglers. Not only will you make lifelong memories, but you will also gain valuable experience working on a team, develop time management skills, and further your faith in Jesus! <u>Apply today!</u>

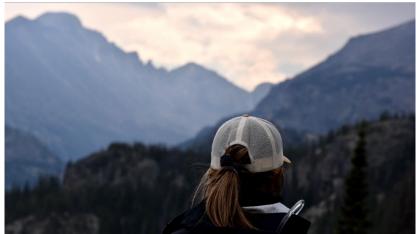
Thank You!

Thank you to our many volunteers who helped with projects around the Island this month! From helping move furniture out of the ERC to organizing new merchandise in the Canteen to preparing brochures for the mail, we couldn't do this without your help. Thank you for all you do to support and advance our ministry!



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JACY ROSTE NEWS



All that God did in 2024!

Hello friends and family, happy 2025! As we have wrapped up another year, I want to send an update sharing with you all that God did in this last year. Below are some statistics from the campus that I work with as well as some testimonies in my own life. For the safety of campus and missionaries on the field, I ask that you **do not publicly share this information**. Here are our campus' end of the year statistics.



- 31 NEW campus staff, we are now 142 in Colorado Springs.
- 13 NEW field staff and 2 kids sent to the nations long-term.
- 120 adult workers and 84 kids serving on the field.
- 27 Nations with long-term works.
- First field worker retreat ran in a certain former Soviet Union country for our field staff serving in that part of the world.
- First DTS (Discipleship Training School) ever ran in a certain Muslim country as well as School of Missions.
- 825 people reached through five mobilization events.
- 965 People heard the gospel this year through our DTS programs.
- DTS students prayed for 2000 people.
- 171 Students equipped through our DTS and secondary schools this year.
- DTS OR team locations this year are in 9 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East.

YOU have been a part of making this happen! I have had the honor of being a part of many of these things but only because of the prayer and financial support that you give. Here is what I have been apart of through your support.

- 8 students that I lead have now joined staff with Youth with a mission.
- 4 students that I lead have moved to the nations as long term missionaries.
- I did child care for all kids at the field worker's retreat in a certain former Soviet union country.
- I lead the first outreach from our campus in a certain Muslim country and helped a family move there long term.
- In April I started leading our admissions department that every student comes through to be able to take a Discipleship Training School.



- I am leading our student recruitment team that works to engage and mobilize new students.
- Throughout the year I taught a variety of topics within each school that ran on our campus.
- In two different schools, I taught and lead classes in the gym to physically equip students to go on outreaches.
- I was a part of debriefing individuals and teams both in Colorado and the nations.

Here is a **testimony** from a former student. She voluntarily sent this to me awhile back and I thought it would be helpful for you to see some **direct impact that you have had**.

"Hello support team! I am an older student of Jacy and I wanted to share how God used her to radically change the trajectory of my life. First I want to say the only reason Jacy can love people well is because it's out of the overflow of your generosity, prayers and love. Jacy was my outreach leader and intentionally invested in me by asking hard questions, making space for hearing the Lord and challenging my decisions. Since my outreach 2 years ago, I have moved overseas to the Middle East and I am currently investing in the nations. Why I share this is because Jacy was a fundamental part of encouraging me to be obedient to live out God's call on my life. I am a living fruit from your labor! As you have enabled Jacy to pour into the youth, these youth are going out and ushering in more. This is the impact of multiplication! God truly used you in my life and I wanted to share the glory of what God is doing in the nations when the body of Christ works together to build His Kingdom!"

To wrap up, here are some things God has done in my personal life.

- Given me direction as well as results in my physical health.
- Through others generosity and financial stewardship, I have been able to pay off the majority of my student loans.
- Gave me opportunity to further my understanding of the Bible through starting an online Bible school.
- Blessed me with an amazing boyfriend who loves Jesus first and loves me so well!



That is it for now. Again, thank you!



PRAYER REQUESTS

- My role. Training new staff and building new systems
- Finances. Grace and patience in bringing my support back up from much loss in this last year.
- SBS. Intentionality in prioritizing time to study the Bible.
- Long Term. Trust in God's plan and timing.

Our mailing address is: Jacy Roste 505 Popes Bluff Trail Colorado Springs, CO 80907

From Our Library — February 2025



Everlasting LOVE—Allen, Alice & others. A 3 in 1 Collection of historical romances. 1. The Starfire Quilt. 2. Journey toward Home and The Will & the Way. Amidst trials & hardships of life, three courageous women learn to take God at his and

trust Him completely for their every need. Code: white (N) All.



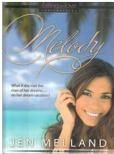
Knit with Love by Lisa Bogart, Stories to warm a knitter's heart. Knitting can's feed the hungry but a hand-knit sweater warms a coldchild. These are inspiring stories with gentle encouragement. See

how many ways you can, with your own 2 hand, bring joy & comfort to those around you. Code: Blue242'.63 Bog

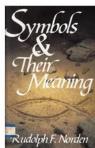


A "Love Finds you series" in Valentine Nebraska by Irene Brand. Kennedy wonders what do I want with a few dusty acres of land in Nebraska that she inherited. She decides to stay but soon finds out someone wants her to leave. Depend-

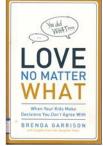
ing on God's protection she sets out to find who is behind this. Code: Bra.



Melody by Jen Melland. Contemporary romance story. What if she met the man of her dreams --on her dream vacation? Code: white Mel (Gift from Geneva)



Symbols & their Meaning by Rudolph F. Norden. Every symbol tells a story . . Every Christian should know. In this book presents & interprets 52 of the symbols—to help give them new meaning for contemporary Christians. Code: Blue 246.55 Nor



LOVE no matter what by Brenda Garrison. A lifeline for struggling moms & dads everywhere, this book shows first hand how to use disagreements to build bridges rather than wailsbridges that model God's own parenting style & result in meaningful, open &

lasting relationships. Code: Blue 248.8'45 Gar



Grandma's Voice by Pearl Rainwater. Raised by her own grandmother, married for more than 50 yrs, Sunday School teacher, bus driver etc-this woman recounts true stories that will make you notice God's hand

in his creation and the power of his love in your life. Code: Blue 242 Rai.



A Hope and a Future by Delores Kading. Ruth is a naïve, protected daughter & young wife living in rural NW North Dakota in early 1900s. When her father dies & husband of 4 months is tragically killed her perspective on her identity is lost. But

God has not forgotten about her even tho she is not aware of His help. She eventually finds new life & hope and a future in Jesus Christ. Code: White Klad

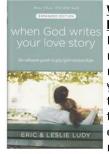


Love Covers all runs for 80 minutes. This will challenge and inspire you to let go of what's behind and move forward to what's ahead. It is never too late for a fresh start! Code: DVD white FFF 401



Comforting Poems by Sara Tarascio. She has collected poems with messages of truth, comfort & peace and express them in beautiful words. Need some special

words to express your thoughts, this book could be a big help to vou. Code: Blue 811 Tar.



When God writes your

love story by Erick & Leslie Ludy. (the ultimate guide to guy/girl relationships) whether you are in a serious relationship or not, now is the time to lay the foundation for a life long romance. The God who

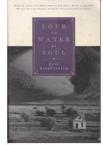
created you is ready to write your love story. Are you ready to let Him? Code: Blue 241'.6765 Lue Relationships



Charlotte Carter (Mysteries of Sparrow Island.) The sparrows are dwindling on San Juan Islands. Abby is taking a survey and comes across of a stockpile of illegal papers. So

beings another mystery of who & why? Code: Guideposts Car.

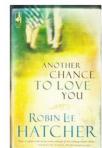
Love to Water my soul by



Jane Kirkpatrick. A western historical novel based on characters & evens. Recounts the story of an abandoned white child rescued by Indians. Among the Paiute people, as Shell Flower she looks for belonging but is cast away from her home. In

the years following she faces a new life in word of the white man-yet finds that God faithfully unites her with a love that fills all longing. Code: white Kir





love you by Robin Lee Hatcher. The time had to come to end the lie. .Sustained by her faith, Monica finally has the courage to tell the only man she had ever loved the secret that had burned in her heart for 11

Another Chance to

years. Code: white Hat

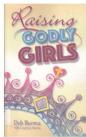


Little Lambs Library - February 2025



My Little Girl by Tim McGraw. & Tom Douglas A learning to read book. Using drawings from their own 'dad & daughter days" they remind us to celebrate simple moments that build a

lifetime of memories. Code: yellow McG



Raising Godly Girls by Deb Buma. Your daughter is a princess, beloved child of the King of Kings, God's workmanship. And so are you. This book will help you lean into God's strong arms of grace as you teach

your daughter how to navigate thru the ways of this world. Code; Blu 248.8 Bur



Baking Projects

hands can show love for their family,

friends & Jesus every day. Code Yellow Gal

so there is more time for assembling, deco-

rating & having fun. Code: Blue 641 Ste

God is Love! Loving Hands

for Jesus by Edith

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ries). Hands are

used for loving

Show them how

their own small

Baking Projects for Chil-

dren. By Fran Stephens.

Fun foods to make with

children from 4-10. The

easy. Using cake mixes &

projects in this book are

other convenience food

helps make the projects

go together more quickly,

Galambos. For ages

touching, & helping.

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Woof goes to school

by Danae Dobson. Adventure when Woof follows Mark & Krissy to class. A chase ensues & Woof winds up at the pound where he leads the kids to befriend a group of

stray dogs. Lesson Learn that God loves even the unlovely. Code: yellow Dob



The Berenstain **Bears**—Fun Family

Adventures-= approx 89 min & includes 6 tales of fun. Whether hiking or going to the movies, the furry foursome always enjoy being together as a family. Sets a good

example for all of us. . DVD Yellow Ber





Heidi A classic Story. Story of a Swiss orphan girl who enriches every life she touches. She opens her gruff grandfather's heart to love, befriends lonely Peter and more. Every child should have a chance

to meet Heidi. Code DVD Black fft 24



The Runaway by Alistair Brown. Wendy finds out her folks are getting a divorce. Filled with misery she runs away from home. Then when she knows she made a mistake she wonders if she will ever escape alive. JR/TN Code: Black Bro



Trapped in Pharaoh's Tomb by Peter Reese Doyle. (a daring adventure) The massive stone door of the temple slams shut with a sound like a terrific explosion. They are trapped.

A race against time. Great for whole family. Code: Junior/Teen black Doy

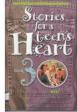


The Adventures of Scamper Feature films for families—76 minutes. Scamper & Snowflake disobey their parents and get stranded on an iceberg that drifts. Learn about their Antarctic home, whey it is important to obey parents, Learn: when you are having a hard time—stay positive. **DVD** Code: Red Misc. 4



JR Detective Agency_where kids + Dog = Big Adventure. Sam wants to be a detective like is father so when summer vacation starts he turns his clubhouse into the headquarters for the JR Detective Agency. A fun film for the whole family to enjoy!! DVD

Code: Black FFt 32



Stories for a teen's Heart compiled by Alice Gray. These stories for teens dare you to experience the awesome presence of God. 353 pages of over 100 stories about teens. JR/TN Code: BI/Black 242'.63 Gray



Heart of Allegiance by Jake & Luke Thoene. A historical novel that traces the events thru the experience of the Sutton family. "Which allegiance will prove most pow-

erful to God, to country or to blood? Code JR/Tn black Tho.



Little ones can do BIB things too from Veggie Tales. #1 A little boy who wouldn't" (story about listening) #2. Lyle the Kindly Viking (about kindness)" & Giant Pickle (about self-

esteem **DVD**Code: yellow Veg 46

black Mac

Just like Jesus by Max Lucado. God loves you just the way you are, but what if, for one day, Jesus were to live your life. Wake up in your bed, walk in your shoes, live in your house, go to your school....what would you be

like? Would the same things still be important to you? Code: JR/TN black/blue 248.8'3 Luc

Winnie—The Early Years by Dandi Daley Mackall. A horse's Best Friends-Winnie could ride horse before she could walk, but training them is another story. Code:





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FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Pastor Lee 338-5351						7:00 Worship
Church Office 338-2511						w/Communion
Charlie/Jodi Klimek, Cust. 338-2929						
Vicar Joe 763-498-1393						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 Worship w/Communion,		9:00 Bible Breakfast	10 Bible Class at Church & Zoom	9:00 Footcare	3:15 ACT	11-12 ACT Sub
also Livestreamed			3:30 6 th Grade Confirmation	1:00 LWML	Sub Making	Pickup
10:00 Coffee			6:00 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation	2:00 Women's		7:00 Worship
10:30 Sunday School			6:30 ACT Class	Bible Study		8:00 Sub
10:30 Voters Meeting				6:30 Adult		Pickup
2:00 St Williams Service (Pr Lee)				Confirmation		I
7:00 Service on Cable Ch 14						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00 Worship, also Livestreamed	7:30	9:00 Bible Breakfast	10 Bible Class at Church & Zoom	6:30 Adult	12:00	7:00 Worship
10:00 Coffee, Sub Pickup	Dartball at	11:00 St William's	3:30 6 th Grade Confirmation	Confirmation	Singles	w/Communion
10:30 Sunday School	Corliss	Communion	6:00 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation		Share &	
7:00 Service on Cable Ch 14			6:30 ACT Class		Care Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Anniversary Celebration with		9:00 Bible Breakfast	10 Bible Class at Church & Zoom	6:30 Adult	1:00	4:00 ACT Skiing
Pr Mark & Tanya Schlamann		9:00 Circuit	3:30 6 th Grade Confirmation	Confirmation	Ministerium	7:00 Worship
9:00 Worship w/Communion,		Convention meeting	6:00 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation		at Grace	1
also Livestreamed			6:30 ACT Class			
10:00 Coffee						
10:30 Sharing with Pr Schlamann						
NO Sunday School						
11:30 Potluck Dinner						
7:00 Service on Cable Ch 14						
23	24	25	26	27	28	
9:00 Worship, also Livestreamed		9:00 Bible Breakfast	10 Bible Class at Church & Zoom			
Lutheran Island Camp Sunday			3:30 6 th Grade Confirmation			
10:00 Coffee			6:00 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation			
10:30 Sunday School			6:30 ACT Class			
7:00 Service on Cable Ch 14						
District	Convention	Grand Rapids				

The Lutheran Hour



Forwarding & Address Correction Requested

Pastor Mark Schlamann will preach February 15-16 at our 7 PM Saturday and 9 AM Sunday services.

We will follow Sunday service with a time of sharing and a potluck dinner.

Last names beginning with A-I bring a dessert, J-P salad, Q-Z main dish

