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Stressed But Connected

“Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.” (Psalm 118:5).

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Do any of these describe you?

Tired of living under too much pressure.

Looking for a way to get out from all the stress.

Wanting to try something different.

Feeling stressed out is not surprising. As a matter of fact, if you don't complain about the stress in your life, you're probably in the minority. Everybody is stressed! Right? Not so fast. Everybody has stress, but not everyone is stressed out. If stress has been controlling your life, then you need to hear what God, the One who is in control...the One who gives peace, has to say.

Much of our stress comes from the day-to-day pressures: work, family obligations, personal problems, financial problems, etc. It seems like even before we get out of bed we feel stressed just thinking about what lies ahead. Often, the things that are out of our control cause the greatest stress in life. Things like your employer downsizing, being involved in an auto accident, getting sick, and lately, instability within our nation, reckless leadership, and a worldwide pandemic.

When the famous baseball player Lou Gehrig was diagnosed with an incurable disease, he spoke words that we should all take to heart for perspective on stress in our lives. He said, “I no longer walk with a determined step and head held high, but do not think my head is bowed out of shame or embarrassment about my ‘sorry condition,’ I have simply lost the muscles that held it up. In the same vein, do not mistake my tears for sadness or grief over all that I have lost. My tears flow from the awe and wonder I feel as the unworthy recipient of such grace and love from friends old and new, near and far, and especially from the Almighty God who poured out so many riches that I am overwhelmed.”

Lou Gerhig, under incredible stress, sought peace in the One who loved him and cared for him. The words of Jesus speak to us today when we feel stressed out. ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?”

Jesus says not to worry about the basics of life because our Heavenly Father is caring for us now and has promised to take care of our eternal life. Although we are not in control, we are connected to the One who is in control...the One who gives peace. Embracing that truth in your daily life will help you to manage your stress so that your stress doesn't manage you. God made you and God loves you. And He does **not** want the stresses of life to overwhelm you.

In the Fellowship and Love of Christ,

Pastor Steve Deombeleg

PANTRY UPDATE

Grants, Awards, Cash Donations:

Stella Gonzalez: \$50.00

Harold Zedler: \$300.00

Pamela Wood: \$25.00

Grant Writing Collaborative:

Beginning this month, a collaborative grant writing effort will be made with Inner City Impact. Inner City Impact is a Community Non-Profit organization in Cicero, but it is a Faith-Based one and we are grateful they are willing to write grants to support our mission to bring food and faith to the communities. The grant will be for food rescue, transportation, and distribution costs.

New Grants Written: 2

Chiditarod Foundation (\$5,000)

Simply Organic (\$6,000)

Denied Grants: Sam's Club & Walmart-

New Distribution Partnership:

Youth Crossroads Inc.-Berwyn, IL

New Donation Partnership:

Food Rescue US-Willowbrook, IL

Costco Wholesale-Melrose Park

Frontier Airlines

Imperfect Foods-Direct-Northlake

Galot Food Distributors

Federal Meals Program Advocacy Begins

Introduction August 14, Advertising has begun.

PYHT Food Distributions & Activity:

7/30 Rcvd Donation Addison Twshp

re-distributed to Hope Chicago

7/30 Rcvd Donation EYFP 60 Cases Canned

Vegetables & cereal

8/2 Rcvd Meat Donation EYFP

8/3 Rcvd/re-distributed Bread Bakery & Meat Donation from EYFP to Cicero CC.

8/5 Rcvd Donation Veterans Distribution-2 Pallets of Soda re-distributed to Hope Chicago

8/5 Rcvd Donation from Costco-Melrose Park re-distributed to Hope Chicago

8/5 Rcvd Donation Imperfect Foods-9-Pallets

Truck Rental to Inner City Impact

8/6 Rcvd Donation EYFP re-distributed to Hope Chicago - 8/6 Rcvd Donation Addison Township

re-distributed to Hope Chicago - 8/6 Rcvd Donation Michael Lewis Co.-Delta & United Airlines

Food Truck Rental to Hope Chicago (Truck Rental Pickup & Delivery)

8/10 Rcvd EYFP Retail donations to Cicero CC.

8/10 Rcvd OSHCG Produce to Cicero CC.

8/12 Rcvd Frito Lay Donation-Menasha-Truck

Rental - 8/12 Rcvd Costco Donation-Jayne

pickup - 8/12 Rcvd Panera Donation-Donn

pickup - 8/13 Rcvd Addison Township

8/13 Rcvd Imperfect Produce to Inner City Im-

perfect, Truck Rental - 8/13 Rcvd EYFP, Retail. Ce-

real, Mac N Cheese - 8/13 Rcvd Michael Lewis

Co.-Airline Food-Dist 13 Ministries

8/14 PYHT Pantry Day 107 Families, 366 Indi-

viduals Served - 8/17 RCVD EYFP donations, to

Youth Crossroads - 8/19 RCVD Costco Dona-

tion - 8/19 RCVD Imperfect Foods, to ICI Mo-

bile Pantry-Truck Rental - 8/20 RCVD Addison

Township-To Hope Chicago Mobile Pantry

8/23 RCVD GiveNKind Donation, 100 CS Pro-

tein Bars, Christian Books, Halloween Costumes

8/24 RCVD EYFP Cereal, Bread 12 CS

8/25 RCVD SYSCO Foods Donation, Coffee

8/26 RCVD Costco, Retail Bakery to Youth

Crossroads - 8/27 RCVD Addison Township, Re-

tail Donation, 2 pallets - 8/27 RCVD EYFP Re-

tail donations, 10 CS Light Bulbs

Families Served: 107

Individuals Served: 366

Food Relief Agencies-Ministries Served: 19

Volunteer Hours: 160

Food Donations Rcvd. & Re-Distributed:

56,000+ Lbs. for August so far!

Mobile Food Pantry Events: 7 Total events

Total Families Served this month: 800+

Volunteer Stipends Paid Out: \$600

Called to a Life of Faithful Stewardship

In the beginning, God called us and made us His stewards. In the second chapter of Genesis we read, “*The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it*” (Genesis 2:15). Just as God put Adam in the garden to take care of it, He gives us vocations in places such as schools, offices, fields, and factories. Wherever we are placed, we are to be faithful stewards.

In spite of our unworthiness, God has chosen us in Christ to become His stewards. “*You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit...*” (John 15:16). God appoints us, His stewards, to bear fruit. By our own reason or strength, we are unable to be faithful in our stewardship, but, through the Holy Spirit working within us through Word and Sacrament, we can be faithful stewards. It is our connection to Christ which makes us God-pleasing stewards. As the Apostle Paul wrote, “*I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me*” (Philippians 4:13). God equips us to do whatever He calls us to do.

Scripture does not tell us that only a few are called to be stewards; rather, it clearly states that we are all called. In Isaiah 43:1 God says, “*Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine.*” God calls each of us personally by name through the Holy Spirit in Baptism. We are stewards at birth and Christian stewards through Baptism.

The Holy Spirit shapes and molds us, His chosen people, through a lifelong process of sanctification so we can become faithful stewards. “*...God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit...*” (2 Thessalonians 2:13b). Only as the Holy Spirit changes our minds and hearts will we adopt God’s ways in the management of our lives, so let us continually ask the Holy Spirit to change within us all that needs changing. As God’s people and stewards, we are called and equipped by the Holy Spirit to live for Christ. The new life in Christ is entirely the activity of the Spirit of God.

**KNOWING WHAT JESUS HAS
DONE FOR US, GIVES US DESIRE
TO LIVE AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS.**

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich”

(2 Corinthians 8:9).



In John 15:16 we read, “*You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit...*” God’s Word is clear that God does the calling and choosing. The wonderful thing is that we don’t need to have some exceptional talents or abilities. We don’t need to be people of status, have power, or be attractive for God to call us to be a follower. When Jesus picked His 12 disciples, He picked ordinary, diverse people who were not of elite status. He chose some fishermen, a tax collector, and one who was a political activist known as “the zealot.” May God help each of us to be available and willing to follow when He calls.

Stewardship Corner

Our heavenly Father enlists us in the work of sharing the Gospel to all people. He wants to work with us to bring about His will on the earth. Each of us has a vital assignment. Every one of us has a part to play. God will equip us for our work, and He will guide us. Working with God gives us dignity and purpose. When we consider all the ways God could have done His work, it is even more amazing to know He wants our participation. Idleness and lack of direction cause hopelessness. God in His wisdom gives us work to do. He wants to work with us to help “*all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*” (1 Timothy 2:4).

SPIRIT WEAR



If you are interested in Immanuel Christian Academy Spirit Wear, we have items from last year and the year before available for sale. Speak with Joanna. Please make checks out to Immanuel.

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If you're 70½ or older, you can use the IRA charitable rollover (sometimes called the qualified charitable distribution or QCD) to make a tax-free gift to Immanuel Lutheran Church from your IRA. You can transfer any amount up to \$100,000 directly to Immanuel Lutheran Church without paying income tax on the distribution. An added bonus: You'll have the satisfaction of seeing your gift in action during your lifetime.

IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Back to School Valerie Winston

The phrase “back to school” has certainly taken on a different meaning and perspective due to the pandemic that we continue to deal with. Preparations for a school year are certainly different. Teachers have had to make adjustments regarding how and what they teach, as well as how they interact with their students. Parents have had to make adjustments with the addition of face masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes being added to supply lists. Parents will also experience increased concerns with the return of everyone to in-person learning. Students are also making adjustments as they are once again able to be together but must be cautious in how they interact with one another.

I recently read a statement that teachers would most likely not have the same enthusiasm for beginning a school year. There would be a lack of the normal anticipation and excitement. Some would feel that the summer was too short. There has not been enough time to recover from the exhaustion of last year. Last year was not normal. This year won't be either. I am not sure if we will ever go back to what was normal.

But the enthusiasm and excitement are there. You only need look for them. Isaiah 40:1 says, “But they who trust in the Lord will renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not be faint.” I've mentioned that our theme is based on 2 Corinthians 5:7, “For we walk by faith and not by sight.” As we have begun our journey this year, we are on a walk of faith. I have walked through our building and seen the time and effort the teachers have put into making their classrooms warm and inviting to their students. They have created lessons that will engage their students in unique and creative ways. The office staff have added decorations and bulletins boards that have added to that welcoming atmosphere. They have been the face of our school family as they greet our parents and students. And while this may only be exciting to some, the arrival of new books and supplies builds the anticipation of new lessons to be learned.

The enthusiasm and excitement were most certainly on the faces of the students as they arrived the first day, when they were able to sit with one another in a classroom instead of on a screen, and when they were able to play together at recess. Yes, we have come this far by faith. And even though we were weary from last year, God has certainly renewed and will continue to renew our strength. Our hope and our trust are in Him. And we will continue to look to Him as He guides this walk of faith.



Everything written in the Scriptures was written to teach us, in order that we might have hope through the patience and encouragement which the Scriptures gives. Romans 15:4

Getting the Most Out of Your Daily Bible Reading

As you read the Bible each day, allow the Scriptures to speak to you. This daily “dialogue “ between you and the biblical text will reveal new understandings about God, and about yourself.

September

1 Matthew 5:1-20	16 2 Samuel 14:1-24
2 Matthew 5:21-37	17 2 Chronicles 1:1-17
3 Matthew 7:1-14	18 Psalm 1
4 Matthew 7:15-29	19 Psalm 119:1-24
5 Matthew 13:1-23	20 Psalm 119:25-48
6 Matthew 13:24-53	21 Psalm 119:49-72
7 Matthew 25:1-13	22 Psalm 119:73-96
8 Proverbs 4:1-27	23 Psalm 119:97-120
9 Proverbs 8:1-36	24 Psalm 119:121-144
10 Ecclesiastes 11:1-10	25 Psalm 119:145-176
11 Ecclesiastes 12:1-14	26 Jeremiah 17:1-13
12 Job 28:1-28	27 James 1:1-27
13 Job 36:1-33	28 James 2:1-26
14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	29 James 3:1-18
15 1 Corinthians 2:1-16	30 Psalm 139

Set aside time to read the bible on a daily basis.

Find a quiet place to read and reflect on each day's reading.

Begin with prayer, asking God for guidance and blessing.

A Month of Prayer

The fellowship of prayer consists of caring people who pray daily for members in the church. Members and their families will be listed in alphabetical order each month.

Please pray for both their known and unknown needs.

1. Virginia Mazanek
2. Lloyd & Toni Mooney
3. Ed & Karen Mulvihill
4. Heidi Murphy
5. Kathy Nelson
6. Lynda Nickl
7. Irene Niko
8. Mike & Carol Northcutt
9. Phyllis Ondrovic
10. Mindy Ondrovic
11. Pena Family
12. Perez Family
13. Annelies Pitz
14. Lynn Rand
15. Susan Redis
16. Gloria Rubietta
17. Joan Rundgren
18. Karen Sierawski
19. Jayne Siou
20. Rose Slagle
21. Daniel Stallings
22. Rita Stallings
23. Svec Family
24. Thomas Family (Chris, Katie, Braydon, Carson)
25. Thomas Family (Rick, Paris Zariah, Regan)
26. Lisa Tipples
27. Lance Turner
28. Wayne & Debbie Valentino
29. Thy & Sarah Vu
30. Patricia Washington

For the Record - Nothing to report



September Birthdays

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|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Gloria Rubietta | 9 - Grace Hadler | 19 - Arlene Gasperich |
| 2 - Ruth Anne Brendemuhl | 10 - Maxwell Railing | 21 - Selena Perez |
| 3 - Joe Chioda | 13 - Dot Schneider | 23 - Carson Thomas |
| 3 - Lapricka Duff | 17 - Tim Bell | 26 - Clyde Lane |
| 4 - Barbara Brown | 17 - Lisa Chioda | 28 - Omie Lane |
| 4 - Sheila Railing | 18 - Steve Deombeleg | 29 - Joan Rundgren |
| 9 - Patty Pygman | 19 - Mindy Ondrovic | 30 - Lloyd Mooney |



September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 - 8:15 Chapel 3:00 p.m. Faculty Meeting 7pm - Church Choir Practice	2	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5 - 9:30 Worship HC followed by coffee hour 11:15am Bible Study	 6 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	7	8 8:15am Chapel 7pm - Church Choir Practice	9	10	11 - 9am - Noon Garden Work Day / Tree Planting 11am - 1pm Pantry Day
12 - Scrip Orders Due 9:30 Worship followed by coffee hour 11:15am Bible Study	13 - 8:00am Scrip Orders Due for School families	14 - 6pm Church Council	15 8:15am Chapel 7pm - Church Choir Practice	16 - Parent "Get the Scoop" Back to School Night	17 - Informers (church newsletter) Submissions Due	18
19 - 9:30 Worship HC followed by coffee hour 11:15am Bible Study	20	21	22 8:15am Chapel 7pm - Church Choir Practice	23	24	25 - 9am - Noon Garden Work Day
26 - 9:30 Worship followed by coffee hour and the Voters Meeting	27	28 School Picture Day 	29 8:15am Chapel 7pm - Church Choir Practice	30		

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*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10*