



THE REPORTER

*I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly.
They shall seek refuge in the name of the Lord
(Zephaniah 3:12)*

The prophet Zephaniah speaks about God's coming judgment upon Judah, Israel and their neighbors for the first two chapters of his prophecy. When he comes to the third chapter, his words change from Law to Gospel. God's judgment comes on those who do not walk in His way. God's blessings come to those who do walk in His way. His way of humility and lowliness.

Over the last two months, we have seen the political divide in our country play itself out on every media outlet as the Republicans and Democrats met in their national conventions. People on both sides of the aisle seek their party's agenda to be fulfilled in its entirety. People on both sides of the aisle seek the other party's agenda to be destroyed. Our political arena is a place where pride and arrogance hold sway.

This isn't just an American thing. This isn't just because Republicans and Democrats are on opposite sides of most issues. This is what happens when people receive power. Power changes a person, making them more prideful and arrogant each and every day.

What are Christians to do? They are to exercise their rights and duties as citizens. However, they are to model their one true Lord, Jesus. He is "gentle and lowly in heart" (Matthew 11:29). Christians are to be "humble and lowly" in all our vocations.

We are the people God has placed into the middle of the world. We live amidst people who seek their own goals and agendas. But we "shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD". It is the LORD's name that brings peace to this world. It is the LORD's name that uplifts the downtrodden. It is the LORD's name that humbles the haughty.

St. Peter also reminds us in 1 Peter 2:13-15:

*Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution,
whether it be to the emperor as supreme,
or to governors as sent by him
to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.
For this is the will of God, that by doing good
you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.*

A Christian's submission to governing authorities shows humility and lowliness. Not that we are to allow anything and everything because politics has nothing to do with church. (How I wish that were true!) Not to try to create Heaven on earth or a Christian utopia. We are called to follow the government as long as it does not call us to sin against God.

In Christ,
Rev. Doug Minton

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will begin studying the *Psalms of the Messiah* on September 21. NOTE: This is a week later than our normal Saturday. Norm P will be our host. We will look specifically at some of the Psalms that speak directly about Christ. All men of the congregation are invited to join us.

Focus on the Family Inserts

Each month, the Focus on the Family insert is available. Thank you to the Minton Family for donating the inserts this month. Grab your copy from the narthex.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal

We will have our Wednesday Fellowship meal September 4th at 6pm. This month we will have a Taco Bar and we will collect money for Backpack Blessings. Talk to Renee if you are able to provide some of the fixings or a dessert. Join us for some Bingo and fun prizes!

LWML Fall Rally

The Danville Zone LWML Fall Rally will be held Tuesday, September 10th at Immanuel Lutheran in Loda. The theme for the day is "Seek the Lord" and is based on Hosea 10:12. Registration will start at 8am with opening devotions starting at 9am. The guest speaker will be Rev. Martin Eden talking about his efforts in Uganda. In-gathering will be monetary gifts for the Hands of Christ Food Pantry in Paxton. Please let them know you are coming - email, text, or call Sue Sawyer at suez474@aol.com or 815-383-0151.

College Student Sendoff

On Sunday, August 11 we were able to pray over our college aged members and hear about their college journey. Continue to keep them in your prayers.

Chris Catron: Starting his 4th year at SIU-Carbondale majoring in Computer Engineering and minoring in Mathematics and will start classes for the Accelerated Master's Program for Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Jahni Lavicka: Starting her 2nd year at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in English as Second Language.

Anna Minton: Starting her 2nd year at Parkland College in the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.

Gabe Minton: Starting his 4th year of college, transferring from Illinois College in Jacksonville to Washington University in St. Louis majoring in Electrical Engineering and will receive a Physics degree from Illinois College.

Abby Storm: Starting her 1st year at Kankakee Community College. She took summer classes and they went well.

Ben Storm: Starting his 3rd year of college, transferring from Kankakee Community College to Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais majoring in Secondary Education.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Christian Education has resumed after service. As you are able, please consider providing a treat for our fellowship time. Treats can be sweet or savory, and they can be homemade or store bought. All treats are appreciated.

Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

Dianne Estes	423 N Dixie Hwy	Hoopeston, IL 60942
Delmer Henrichs	IMH Residents Home, 200 E. Fairman Ave, Rm 103	Watseka, IL 60970
Arlene Hines	503 S Chicago St	Milford, IL 60953
Sara Janssen	325 E Orange, Rm 303	Hoopeston, IL 60942
Dorothy Knake	106 Fritz Dr	Milford, IL 60953
Joanne Sloan	2364 E 900 North Rd	Milford, IL 60953
Brenda St. Peter	817 S Hanson Dr	Watseka, IL 60970

Update to Member Information

Please update your member directory with this updated information. If you need another directory, ask Renee.

Delmer Henrichs

IMH Residents Home
200 E. Fairman Ave, Rm 103
Watseka, IL 60970

Fish, Music, Tractors, Cars, Pork Chops and Quilts - Oh My!!

Make plans to attend the 50 Years of Celebrating Prairieview Lutheran Homes on Friday, September 6th and Saturday, September 7th. The festival will start on Friday with fish at 11:00a and again at 4:00p with music, vendors, silent auction and pie with ice cream served by Our Savior folks all afternoon and evening. Saturday will begin with food again, porkburgers and hotdogs at 11:00a and pork chop dinner begins at 4:00p. Other festivities include, the first annual Variety Show, tractor show and kiddie tractor pull, car show, bounce houses, games and don't forget about the Quilt Auction at 3:00p. Mark your calendars for a fun-filled day and See you there! Flyers are located in the Narthex or if you have any questions, please see Doug Benner.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build

Join Sleep in Heavenly Peace on September 14, 2024 for a Bunks Across America Build. This build is sponsored by St Paul's Lutheran School of Woodworth. No experience necessary. There are various jobs for everyone. Build will be held from 9am - 12pm. To sign up, <https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/timeslots/bnCHebhVWd>. If you would like more information on what to expect, talk to Pastor or Renee.

Women's Care Clinic in Danville - The Walk 2024

The Annual Walk is happening September 14th in Lincoln Park in Danville. The event begins at 9am with check in beginning at 8:30. Every dollar raised at The Walk 2024 directly supports women and families in their pregnancy and parenting journeys. This is a family friendly event and will include a 5K run, 1K fun walk, face painting, balloons, music and more. To register or donate: give.classy.org/thewalk2024.

Podcast of the Month

Our podcast for September is Pastor's **Wrestling with Theology** podcast. Pastor spends time each week Digging Deeper into the Bible text. In September, he will be going through Paul's small epistle to Philemon and a brief study of slavery before moving into St. John's catholic epistles. Pastor's Confessional Corner returns to the German lands to look at what is going on around the Holy Roman Empire between the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession of 1530 and the publication of the Book of Concord in 1580.

Wrestling with Theology Schedule

Confessional Corner – September 23 – Reformation in the German lands

Digging Deeper

- September 5 – Introduction to Philemon (Philemon 1-7)
- September 12 – He's Useful Now (Philemon 8-16)
- September 19 – Receive Him as Me (Philemon 17-25)
- September 26 – Light and Life in Christ (1 John 1)



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Worship Service 9:00 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:30 am

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SEPTEMBER REPORTER

Join Us Every Sunday Morning for Service
starting at 9:00 am

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