


September Newsletter

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH-2011

Sunday School Classes for September

Adult Classes:

† Classes To Be Announced

Led by Pastor Wilke & Pastor Hintz

† A Comprehensive Study of the Book of Acts,

Led by Pastor Spomer

Children's Classes:

2 & 3 year olds: Room #102
Preschool: Room #110
Kindergarten: Room #111
1st & 2nd Grade: Room #114
3rd & 4th Grade: Room #116
5th & 6th Grade: Rm # 124-125

Teen Classes:

Meet in Luther Hall

7th & 8th Graders,
9th & 10th Graders
11th & 12th Graders



Consecration Sunday
Sunday, September 25
The Day is Coming.
Pray for the Day.



Veritas Seminar on Creation

Saturday, September 10
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
and presentation in Sunday School
on Sunday September 11



ILCA restaurant night
Monday, September 12th
from 4-close at Zios - 71st and Mingo



The Church Office will be closed
Monday, September 5th

Wings



Mid-Week Program for 7th - 12th graders

Every Wednesday

3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join us for Dinner, Bible Study & Worship

Midweek Kick-Off & Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, September 7

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(You provide the ice cream treat and we will provide the toppings)

No Classes this week, but we will meet in the gym for our ice cream social. & then have a group orientation.

6:00 pm - Ice cream in the gym

6:30 pm - 5th & 6th graders & parents go to multi-purpose room A/B

6:30 pm - All other children & parents meet in the Sanctuary.

Teens schedule as usual.

Classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 14

The Schedule will be:

6:00 pm - 6:50 pm - Classes

7 pm - 7:30 pm - Worship w/ Communion

Adult Classes:

- Cornerstone
led by Pastor Wilke & Pastor Hintz
- The 7 Churches of Revelation
led by Pastor Spomer



Handbell rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 14th. We rehearse from 7:45 to 9:00 p.m. in the studio every Wednesday. This is a commitment through Christmas Eve. No previous handbell experience is necessary, but you need to be able to read music.

Come and join us on the 14th to see if this is a ministry you would like to be involved in.



ATTENTION Riding Club Forming

Attention anyone with a two wheeled, motorized, & street worthy vehicle of any kind! We are starting a riding club and you are invited. We will meet for breakfast on Saturday, September 17 at 8:00 am at Burke Kenosha Café and then we will head out for a ride. This will be the first of many rides to come. Sign up in the Narthex. For more information contact Chris Campbell at 918-451-6835.



Can You Bake a Cake For Confirmation Sunday?

Confirmation Sunday is October 30.

We need several cakes again this year to celebrate with our Confirmands.

If you can bring a cake please call the church office at 918-258-5506. Thanks



Beginning Sept 4th

We will be collecting items for MEND the month of September. Gently used baby clothing size 0-2 baby furniture, diapers sizes 3, 4 & 5, baby wipes and formula - Carnation Good Start.

(No toys please.)

There is also a need for gently used maternity clothes of all sizes.

September Teen Events

Movie Night

September 11 - 6 - 8 pm

Laser Tag

September 18 - 5 - 8 pm - Cost \$10

Homeless Shelter

September 25 - ALC - 3:00 pm
Bring \$\$ for a lunch stop & Bingo prize



Guess whose birthday is coming? Ours!

How old will we be? 100 years old

Immanuel is the first Lutheran congregation in the greater Tulsa area to reach this milestone

When?

DECEMBER 29, 2012

It happens only once every 100 years, so what are we going to do?

WE WILL CELEBRATE FOR A WHOLE YEAR!

Our centennial will be celebrated in a wonderful variety of ways.

Plans are already being formed... BUT we want more so we can have a most memorable season of celebration, so

We need your ideas. We need your input. We want your help.

What ideas can you share?

Theme (a couple of words that pull it all together)

A Scripture verse or phrase that summarizes what we are about

A Color – to accompany our theme, graphics, etc. _____

High profile events will help us celebrate

can include worship, enrichment, fellowship, service and fun events

Other ideas?

How can you respond? One of these three ways:

1. Use this form, fill in your ideas, and place in the offering plate or in the mailbox (near the office entrance) of Pastor Spomer or Bill Swanson.
2. Email your ideas to aspomer@immanuelba.org, waswanson@cox.net or mjbence@cox.net.
3. Go to Immanuel web site and follow the instructions.

Deadline: Sunday September 18

Already under consideration

- Exhibits, displays, DVD's
- A booklet of our history
- Highlights of a century of ministries
- Fellowship banquet
- Special music events
- Reunion event(s)
- Synodical president preaching on our highlight worship event
- A full year of special events
- Fundraising for our School
- Special debt reduction thankoffering



Pray for our Mothers-To-Be:

- Kelsey Hamm
- Cindy Heisterberg
- Stacey Long
- Jamie O'Dell
- Jennifer Stickney
- Kate Thomas

If you would like to add your name to the prayer list, please call the church office at 918- 258-5506



You Are Invited to a Baby

Shower for:

Jamie O'Dell

September 11th at 2:00 p.m.

In Luther Hall

Jamie is having twin girls

Hosted by

Marilyn & Rebecca Johnson

Jamie is registered at Wal-Mart, Baby

Depot & Target



IT'S A BOY!

Gage Alexander Harrold

Born: August 1,2011

Weight: 8 lbs 1 oz

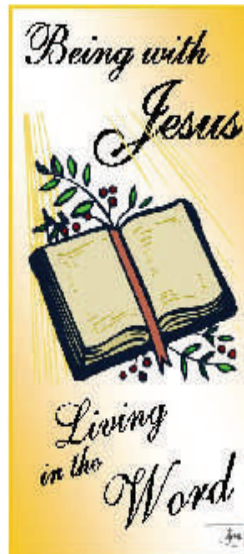
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**Congratulations to
Josh & Alee Harrold**

LWML Zone Fall Fest Tulsa Zone

Immanuel Lutheran—Broken Arrow
September 24, 2011

Registration and coffee at 8:30—Program 9:00 to 2:00—Luncheon 11:30



¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Colossians 3:16-17 (NKJV)

Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____
E-mail _____ Young Woman _____ Teen _____
Zone _____ Society _____

Registration Fee: \$10.00

Please remit registration fee by deadline to : *(Make checks payable to LWML)*

Vicki Wing, 16870 S. Yale Avenue, Bixby, OK 74008 by September 16, 2011

This fall, Immanuel Lutheran Church is hosting the LWML Fall Fest on Saturday, Sept. 24th from 8:30 am to 2 pm. Breakfast and lunch are included and there will be both a Bible study and a guest speaker as well as opening and closing devotionals. We would love to have a lot of ladies from Immanuel attend since we are the host church. Attached is the registration form. Although it states to mail by Sept 16th, you can sign up the day of the event; however we would love pre-registers so we can have an idea of how much food to prepare for breakfast and lunch.

The tentative menu is for a mix of coffee cakes, mini muffins and mini bagels for breakfast and sub sandwiches with your choice of either taco soup or potato chowder and of course dessert.

As you might imagine, it takes a lot of people to make this a successful event and we can use volunteers to help prepare food, help setup and help bake coffee cakes. I would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to help. Contact, Pam Lawson at 918-451-0520 or 918-520-8964. Thanks so much and hope to see you there
Pam Lawson



Elder's Page

*This month the Elder's article is written by
Les Heisterberg*

Since this is my month to write the newsletter, my wife suggested I write on the question of why bad things seem to happen. It was a good suggestion because I've been feeling sorry for myself due to everything going on lately. Let's start with this: how should I think when circumstances don't go good in life, or go the way I think they should go? First, we always seem to ask "why me?", or "do I deserve this?" Those kinds of questions are natural because we tend to focus on ourselves more than we should.

Instead, the first question I should ask is "Who is in control of my life?" The answer starts in Gen. 1--"In the beginning God created...". God is so great that He simply spoke words and out of nothing made everything in existence both visible and invisible to our sight. When I focus on that one verse and believe it, my faith is strengthened because of His might and power. I can be more at peace because it should cause me to think that He has intentionally watched me in this circumstance and knows what is going on. I can see from created order that He has a plan. He says we should call him 'father' so that means I should trust that He knows what is going on, why, and that He is working on a way out of this because He loves us as His children.

Next question: Is His plan good for me? How should I think? First, His word, the Bible, has remained in existence for thousands of years and withstood the test of time. It is trustworthy for that reason alone! That Word records His mercies toward all His creation, especially both good people and bad people alike. Remember it says He "causes the rain to fall on the just and the unjust in due season". So that's how we should think. But, the most important mercy toward us was that He let His perfect Son take our punishment for sin. That is truly a loving plan by a loving God who is in control.

Next question related to 'How should I think when things don't go well?': Why would God do that? The answer is that God so loved the world that He gave His only son to die so that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life". So if I believe in Him I will be victorious in spite of tough times. I can confidently think that if he made a way for my eternal salvation He will also make a way for me through this days troubles. We may then ask, 'How can I be sure?'

The answer is in this: "And we know that God causes ALL things to work together for GOOD to those who love Him, to those who are called according to His purpose...Rom 8: 28-29.

I then ask 'how can I believe this bad stuff will turn out good?' The answer is that "...the just shall live by faith.." followed by we are then told that " faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not yet seen". Our faith in God and His power and mercy is the substance of knowing all will be well for us.

The next question may be; how and where do I get this kind of faith? The answer is that " faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God". The answer always lies somewhere in His Word and son, Jesus Christ.

I am one of those people who persistently ask "Why does this bad stuff keep happening to me?" And if I don't get a believable explanation from some source I have to take peace that I am not supposed to know all things all the time. This is part of God's way of testing my faith to try to make it stronger. Or, I have to accept God at His word that says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, and My ways are not your ways." Again I am asked to live by faith, not by sight (ie, only by what I can understand).

There is one other part of this issue of 'bad stuff' that happens, and that is : What caused it in the first place?? The answer is back in Genesis. Remember Adam sinned against God, which resulted in God telling him that because of his disobedience he would have to toil by the sweat of his brow before he had bread to eat, and he would labor with "thorns and thistles all the days of his life."

SIN is the root of our problems and only God can defeat it for us through Jesus Christ. Jesus said, " In this world you will have trouble, but fear not for I have overcome the world." Daily life can be tough some times, but we have victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

THIS is what we should think!! God's peace be with you.

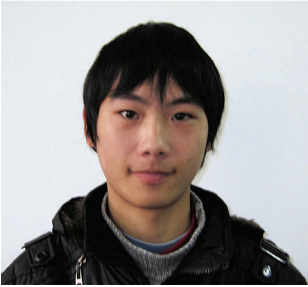
Les Heisterberg

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LCMS WORLD MISSION UPDATE

Dear Immanuel Lutheran Church:

As you can read in the previously sent newsletter update (“Shanghai Year One Report”), God has really blessed my first year in Shanghai, and CWF’s work in the migrant community is moving forward. Currently, I am in the States visiting family, friends, and supporters. It’s been an amazing summer; I’m feeling refreshed and ready to head back over to continue the work that has begun. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for coming alongside me spiritually and financially, and making it possible for me to serve in China. I’d also like to share with you some of the thanks we have received from the migrant students themselves. Without you this work would not be possible, so their thanks belongs to you as well.



(Ren Hang) writes:

“I was born in 1994 and I live in a single parent family. I am attending Jinshan Shihua Mengshan Xuezheng Middle School right now. First of all, on behalf of all the students that you sponsored, I would like to say thank you to you. Thank you for your care. Also, please allow me to thank you on behalf of my parents, thank you for giving me the support I needed, both spiritually and physically. If not for your help, I believe my family would still be under the financial burden that you helped us relieve.

Although I’m not the top student in the class nor the worst, I do my very best, and I believe the kindness, the help and the love you gave me will show itself through my motivation to study well and push myself beyond my limits so hopefully, one day I will be able to repay you for what you’ve done for me. To all the people who’ve helped me, I sincerely give thanks from the bottom of my heart, thank you for all your support and kindness.”



(Tan Xue Mei) writes:

“It is you that showed me the happiness of helping another person’s life. I use to think that helping others is a hard task. After this experience, I will try my best to help others, too. Secondly, I would like to thank you for not looking down upon the migrant children and villagers like us. In the eyes of many others, migrant children and villagers like us are generally looked down upon. Thank you for your kindness.”

Ren Hang and Tan Xue Mei are smart, motivated, and sincere. They will do well in life if given the chance. Through your support of our work in Shanghai’s migrant community, they are getting that chance, and they are experiencing grace and hope in their lives. These are blessings that have been given to us through our faith and trust in Jesus. It’s a pleasure to partner with you to give these blessings away to others. Again, thank you for all of your prayers and support this past year. Please continue to remember me and the work of CWF in your prayers. Please also consider continuing your support of my work financially.

You can do so in one of two ways:

- At <http://www.lcms.org/lange>, scroll down to the bottom and click “Give Now”. Here you can set up a one-time or recurring gift with your credit card.
- Send a check made payable to “LCMS World Mission” (with “Lange” in the memo line) to this address:

LCMS World Mission
P.O. Box 790089
St. Louis, MO 63179-0089

In Christ,
Josh Lange

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS UPDATE

Hi everyone,

Maya said it best when she said, "the third year is beginning so much better than the first." We are beginning our third year here in Botswana, the last leg of our first term in ministry here. We have grown so much and, to be honest, it is SO nice to not be new here anymore.

In the last month we achieved significant milestones: 1) Finalizing a Memo of Understanding between LBT, the Bakgalagari Community and BSB for the operation of the Shekgalagari Bible Translation Project. 2) Obtaining and furnishing an office in the village square of Kang, 3) Interviewing candidates for the position of Project Secretary (this person assists me in the project by helping me learn Shekgalagari, organizing p.r. events, and basic translation duties both oral and written). The worker we have requested for this position works for the Lutheran Church and we are awaiting approval of her secondment to the project by the Church Council at their meeting to be held August 22.

In addition to her household duties, Maya is actively participating in project work as well by entering previously translated material into Paratext, a program that we use for Bible Translation. We have a short term goal to translate the Christmas story of Luke 2, check it with village reviewers and consultants, and make it available in print and audio to the Bakgalagari churches for their use this coming Christmas. We have had contact with people from the Jesus Film Project about dubbing the film into Shekgalagari. This requires a complete translation of the Gospel of Luke, so that is next on our longer term horizon. We have also had contact with a Scripture engagement mission called Gospel Recording Network who records short Bible stories and teachings. They did some work in Kgalagari a number of years back which we are currently checking and they are interested in working with us to produce audio materials for use in Sunday School and basic discipleship courses - so we are evaluating those opportunities as well. Quite a bit coming up all at once, which is exciting and we are thankful for the opportunity to move forward in the next year. Our next big administrative issue with the project is to hire 2-3 people as mother tongue translators. We are committed to working with local church and community leaders to identify and recruit candidates. This, honestly, can be a difficult thing as the opportunity for employment sometimes clouds the need to select qualified men and women of character. Pray that we all walk well together and that the wisdom of God and Christian charity will prevail in this process.

Our kids' teacher, Jayne White, departs the USA for Botswana today. We are excited to have her joining us at this important time. Pray for her travels and her immigration paperwork.

Lastly, we have had difficulties with pictures and getting them uploaded. I am still having trouble getting them to our website, but did manage to load some to facebook.

Thank you for your continued prayer and support.

Kagiso le wena (peace with you)

Rich for Maya & The Crew

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September 2011 Duty Roster

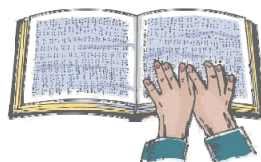
<u>Sept. 4 - 8:30am</u>	<u>Sept. 4 - 11:00am</u>	<u>Sept. 11 - 8:30am</u>	<u>Sept 11 -11am</u>
<p>Acolytes: Jewel Bailey Gabby Beasley</p> <p>Altar Guild: <i>Set-up</i> Heidi Stumbo Pam Lawson</p> <p><i>Clean-up</i> Carol Empson Debbie Axsom</p> <p>Greeters: Hulin & Lois Staton Allen Jumper Mary Sanford Brian & Marilyn Culp</p> <p>Sound: Troy Gacek</p> <p>Powerpoint: Mike O'Dell</p> <p>Counters: Cline Rieck Phipps</p> <p>Elders: *Reck Brigham Beasley Korstad</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>Acolyte: Alyssa Morgenthaler</p> <p>Altar Guild: <i>Set-up</i> April Lemaster</p> <p><i>Clean-up</i> Robin Armer Juanita Rittenhouse</p> <p>Greeters: Allen Braumiller Delores Carr Charles & Linda Hieber Aaron & Julie Thomas</p> <p>Sound: Pam Danner</p> <p>MediaShout: Vickie & Victor Horton</p> <p>Counters: Cline Rieck Phipps</p> <p>Elders: *Brigham Heisterberg Woodruff</p> <p>Prayer Partners: Tim & Jill Dodson Dan & Karen Queck</p>	<p>Acolytes: Andrew Bokal Sophie Jumper</p> <p>Altar Guild: <i>Set-up</i> Loretta Herzberger Jean Benzel</p> <p><i>Clean-up</i> Cathy Thoni</p> <p>Greeters: Glen & Loretta Herzberger Joe & Carol Boatright Allen Jumper Mary Sanford</p> <p>Sound: Tony Sanzalone</p> <p>Powerpoint: Keith Koessel</p> <p>Counters: Wayne & Theresa Wild</p> <p>Elders: *Korstad Woolf Reck Seeman</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sanctuary</i></p> <p>Acolyte: Griffin Beasley</p> <p>Altar Guild: <i>Set-up</i> Loretta Herzberger Jean Benzel</p> <p><i>Clean-up</i> Teresa Eiler</p> <p>Greeters: Allen Braumiller Delores Carr Charles & Linda Hieber Aaron & Julie Thomas</p> <p>Sound: David Lange</p> <p>MediaShout: Vickie & Victor Horton</p> <p>Counters: Wayne & Theresa Wild</p> <p>Elders: *Beasley Heisterberg Jensen</p> <p>Prayer Partners: Sara Hintz Paul Tobben Mike & Kim Hood</p>

September Duty Roster Continued

<u>Sept. 18 - 8:30am</u>	<u>Sept. 18 - 11:00am</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - 8:30am</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - 11am</u>
<p>Acolytes: Alexia Jerred Serena Jerred</p>	<p><i>Sanctuary</i> Acolyte: John D'Arcy</p>	<p>Acolytes: Courtney Koessel Amy Lundborg</p>	<p><i>Sanctuary</i> Acolyte: John Faust</p>
<p>Altar Guild: <i>Set-up</i> April Lemaster Tanya Jensen Sandy Enloe</p>	<p>Altar Guild: <i>Set up</i> April Lemaster Tanya Jensen</p>	<p>Altar Guild: <i>Set up</i> Claudia Karasek Kate Thomas Sharon Sawvel</p>	<p>Altar Guild: <i>Set up</i> Claudia Karasek</p>
<p><i>Clean-up</i> Dianne Hutchins Kathy Siftar</p>	<p><i>Clean-up</i> Valerie Eberhardt Sandy Enloe</p>	<p><i>Clean-up</i> Kate Thomas</p>	<p><i>Clean-up</i> Diane Alden Deidre Regenhard</p>
<p>Greeters: Joe & Carol Boatright Allen Jumper Mary Sanford Jason & Allison Wright</p>	<p>Greeters: Charles & Linda Hieber Aaron & Julie Thomas James & Deb O'Dell</p>	<p>Greeters: Joe & Carol Boatright Allen Jumper Mary Sanford Jason & Allison Wright</p>	<p>Greeters: Allen Braumiller Delores Carr Aaron & Julie Thomas James & Deb O'Dell</p>
<p>Sound: Julie Woodruff</p>	<p>Sound: James Graham</p>	<p>Sound: Christy Hackler</p>	<p>Sound: Pam Danner</p>
<p>Powerpoint: Gary Woodruff</p>	<p>Media Shout: Tim Dinkelman</p>	<p>PowerPoint: Jarrett Metzler</p>	<p>Media Shout Rich Faust</p>
<p>Counters: Herb & Elva Bossaller</p>	<p>Counters: Herb & Elva Bossaller</p>	<p>Counters: Phipps Rieck</p>	<p>Counters: Phipps Rieck</p>
<p>Elders: *Hackler Kuhlmann Krahn Jensen</p>	<p>Elders: *Brigham Woolf Swanson</p>	<p>Elders: *Seeman Kuhlmann Heisterberg Brigham</p>	<p>Elders: *Beasley Seeman Korstad</p>
	<p>Prayer Partners: Connie Spomer Robin Armer Paul Tobben</p>		<p>Prayer Partners: Vickie Horton Robin Armer Paul Tobben</p>

September 2011 Duty Roster-for the Chapel

<u>Sept. 4-11:00am</u>	<u>Sept. 11 - 11:00am</u>	<u>Sept. 18-11:00am</u>	<u>Sept. 25 -11:00am</u>
Chapel	Chapel	Chapel	Chapel
Acolyte: Leigha Odom	Acolyte: Shannon Simonton	Acolyte: Jonathan Willis	Acolyte: Sayre Whiteley
Altar Guild: <i>Set Up</i> April Lemaster	Altar Guild: <i>Set Up</i> April Lemaster	Altar Guild: <i>Set Up</i> April Lemaster	Altar Guild: <i>Set Up</i> April Lemaster
<i>Clean Up</i> Linda Ebert	<i>Clean Up</i> Linda Ebert	<i>Clean Up</i> Linda Ebert	<i>Clean Up</i> Linda Ebert
Greeters: Jeremy & Piper Willis	Greeters: Jeremy & Piper Willis	Greeter: Jeremy & Piper Willis	Greeters: Jeremy & Piper Willis
Elders: Hackler Jensen	Elders: Krahn Korstad	Elders: Hackler Beasley	Elders: Krahn Axsom



Immanuel's Braille Team will meet to put Scripture books together

The next meeting is Monday, September 19 at 9:30 a.m.
at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 146 S. Sheridan, Tulsa.
For more information call Mary Ellen at 357-2991.

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/1

Jeff Lundborg
Logan Meldrum

9/2

Laurel Finkenstaedt
Carmen Guild
Steven Kennedy

9/3

Brian & Marilyn Culp
23 years

9/4

Dorothy Heirich
Donna Meldrum
Erin Parmeter
Alice Richardson
Cheryl Shanks

John & Kelli Carothers
18 years

9/5

Serena Jerred
Jase Murray
Jaxon Murray
Jessa Murray
Darrell Williams

9/6

Caroline Criss
Bonnie Giese
Steven & Jacki Gray
36 years

Joshua & Alee Harrold
3 years

9/7

Lynn McDonald
Isaiah Stevens
Marlon Todd Sr.

9/8

Thad Sankey
Charles Stenslie

9/9

Wanda Kerr
Shawn McDonald
Alan Wheeler

9/10

Kayleigh Cooper
Tyler McGrew
Kimberlynn West

9/11

Courtney Koessel
Vicki McGrew

John Odom

Joey Orvis

Mark Thomas

Jerry & Jolene Stevens
40 years

Aaron & Julie Thomas
12 years

9/12

Diane Alden
Jerry Henningsen
Caden Wright

9/13

Virginia Herout
Leigha Odom
David & Joan Heim
25 years

9/14

Rachel Finkenstaedt
Juanita Rittenhouse

9/15

Diane Graham
Duane & Marsha Gordon
49 years

9/16

Steve Ankle
Sydney Farlow
Spencer Heim
Scott Rainwater

9/17

Susan Heavner

9/18

Nathan Armer
William Hutchins
William Swaim

9/19

Kristie Thomas

9/20

Deborah Axsom
Craig Brown
Aly Grace
Sara Hintz

9/21

Savannah Davis
Robert & Jean Seiler
48 years

9/22

Debra Benton

David Maxey

Sarah Sankey

9/23

Corbin Rengert

Tristan Thomas

Herb & Elva Bossaller
16 years

9/24

Sandra Enloe
Avery Shelton
Blake Smith
Susie Tobeck

9/25

Joe Boatright
Charles Wallace
Marlin & Jackie Bence
40 years

9/26

Mike Green
William Karstetter
Glenn Rittenhouse

9/27

Jacob Bollinger
Christopher Campbell
Grant Maxey
Cayce Scott

9/28

Ryan Stenslie

9/29

Zachary Bokal
Dennise Franklin

9/30

Gary Siftar

