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WELCOME

We are excited to share the Good News with you!
Guests, please sign our guestbook in the entry. Please join us again.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

PASTOR N Radichel ♦ DEACON M Stelter ♦ ORGANIST V Schreyer
SOUND E Matzke ♦ VIDEO V Frank ♦ SCREEN R Schmitt
FLOWERS R Greve ♦ GREETERS (Sat) _____ (Sun) Busches
HEAD USHER F Friedrichs ♦ ASSISTANT J Heinze ♦ USHERS N Becker;
J Clobes; D Clobes; Au Hanel; H Hanel; J Hanel; T Hanel; D Heinze;
B Kruse; D Lueck; A Olmanson; Lu Olmanson; P Olmanson; M Rykhus;
R Schmitt; A Schmitt; R Wolle; S Wolle

SERVING US NEXT WEEK

PASTOR N Radichel ♦ DEACON L Wendt ♦ ORGANIST K Olmanson
SOUND G Strand ♦ VIDEO M Schweim ♦ SCREEN R Hanel
FLOWERS R Greve/K Friedrichs ♦ GREETERS (Sat) _____ (Sun) _____
HEAD USHER J Friedrichs ♦ ASSISTANT M Wheaton ♦ USHERS B Busse;
J Busse; P Busse; S Carstensen; J Dick; M Geiger; S Geschwind; S Hagen;
K Moeri; K Mueller; Ber Olmanson; C Olmanson; C Schmid; Ni Schmid;
No Schmid; B Stelter; W Timm

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

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Pastor Joe Naumann 920-266-5386 Pastor Neal Radichel 920-268-8002

Watch therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour in
which the Son of Man is coming.

Matthew 25:13

PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 95 (pg 143, TLH - Red Hymnal)

Prayer: *Dear Father in Heaven, teach me to watchfully pray: "My soul, be on thy guard; Ten thousand foes arise, And hosts of sin are pressing hard To draw thee from the skies. Ne'er think the vict'ry won Nor lay thine armor down; Thine arduous work will not be done Till thou obtain the crown. Fight on, my soul, till death Shall bring thee to thy God; He'll take thee at thy parting breath To His divine abode." Lord Jesus, my Redeemer, and my strength, in Your name I pray. Amen.*

CHANTING ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn 499 TLH (Red Hymnal)

Look from Thy Sphere of Endless Day

INVOCATION

We invoke ("call upon") the name of our Triune God.

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen!

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His

Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.
Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

P: Glory be to God on high

C: ♪ **And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

P: We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,

C: ♪ **We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.**

P: O Lord God, heav'nly King,

C: ♪ **God the Father Almighty.**

P: O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

C: ♪ **O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

P: Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ **Have mercy upon us.**

P: You who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ **Receive our prayer.**

P: You who sits at the right hand of God the Father,

C: ♪ **Have mercy upon us.**

P: For You only are holy;

C: ♪ **You only are the Lord.**

P: You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

C: ♪ **Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 35:2-10

In these verses we get a glimpse of what the restored creation will be like at the Savior's return. Sin and all the effect of it will be gone. This is beautifully pictured by blooming deserts, the restoration of the lame and blind, deaf and dumb. Holiness and righteousness will flourish, and those who have been redeemed by faith will respond with joyful praises to the LORD our Redeemer and King. With joyful anticipation we look forward to and prepare for this coming kingdom!

It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel
and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, The excellency of

our God. **3** Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. **4** Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you." **5** Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. **6** Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. **7** The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes. **8** A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. **9** No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, **10** And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

ILS CHOIR

JUBILATE!

EPISTLE READING

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Paul warns of those who would distract us from the work of preparing for His return with messages of false hope. We are guided by God's Word. We are to be different from the world. Instead of being caught up with the things of this world we look ahead in faith to the salvation Christ has won for us. We encourage one another and build each other up as we await our Savior's return.

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. **2** For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. **3** For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. **5** You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. **6** Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. **8** But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, that whether we

wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. **11** Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

CONFESSION OF FAITH **THE THIRD ARTICLE** (*Sanctification*)

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn 72 *TLH (Red Hymnal)*

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

SERMON

MATTHEW 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. **3** Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. **5** But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. **6** And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' **7** Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. **8** And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' **10** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. **11** Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' **12** But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' **13** Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

THE WISE KNOW HOW TO KEEP WATCH

1. In Preparation
2. In Qualification
3. In Anticipation

*Preaching today Pastor Neal Radichel
services online at www.ImmanuelMankato.org*

OFFERTORY

RED HYMNAL PG 12

*In this prayer we offer God our hearts,
asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn 609 (v. 1-2) TLH (Red Hymnal)

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERING MEDITATION: HE KNOWS MY NAME

by Tommy Walker

Offering Hymn 568 (v. 1, 3) TLH (Red Hymnal)

We Praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

A Good Word or Blessing.

Congregational Response: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

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LAST WEEK

Gatherings

November 9-10

Saturday Worship: 117

Sunday Worship: 168

Weekend Total: 285

Saturday Bible Study: 25

Saturday School: 9

Sunday Bible Class: 21

Sunday School: 18

Ambassadors: 5

Bible Studies

College: 5

Jail: 14 / 12

Men's Breakfast: 30

New Perspective: 10

Old Main: 8

Primrose: 5

Realife: 10

Walnut Towers: 8

Fruits of Faith

Current Expenses

Missions (CBP)

■ Received	\$14,429	■	\$2,124
■ Needed	\$17,179	■	\$1,966

Immanuel

Benevolent \$23

ILS Foundation \$15

ILS Interactive Display Fund \$75

ILS Preschool Fund \$25

ILS Student Aid \$120

ILS Tuition Aid \$40

Land Purchase \$160

Major Improvement \$15

CLC

ILC Building \$20

Mission Development Fund (MDF) \$200

Did you know?

The Benevolent Fund is intended to provide money for emergency aid for both members and non-members. Money from this fund is used to provide among other things gas vouchers, grocery gift cards, clothing vouchers, a night's lodging at a local motel, or emergency utility and rent assistance.

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If you have an announcement or event for next weekend's bulletin, please send it to Bulletin@ImmanuelMankato.org or contact one of the pastors by Thursday at 12 pm. Thank you!

THIS WEEK

- Sat Nov 16 6:00p** **WORSHIP** followed by 3rd Sunday Communion
7:00p Bible Study in the church basement
7:00p Sunday School in the Kindergarten room
- Sun Nov 17 9:00a** Bible Study in the church basement
9:00a Sunday School in designated classrooms
9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
10:00a **WORSHIP** followed by 3rd Sunday Communion
Note: ILS Grade School Choir sings
11:00a Church Choir Practice in the sanctuary
- Mon Nov 18** Have a **blessed week!**
- Tues Nov 19 9:00a** Bible Study, *New Perspective Senior Living, 100 Dublin Road*
9:00a Bible Study, *Realife, 50 Teton Lane*
3p-5p Pastors Office Hours
6:30p Women's Study Guild in the church basement
Use the church office entrance
Serving: Marilyn Timm & Diane Lentz
- Wed Nov 20 12:45p** Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7
1:00p Ladies' Auxilliary in the church basement
Enter through the school's south entrance
Serving: Joan Hartman & Eunice Mutzke
Will be wrapping Christmas gifts for shut-in members
4:00p Public School Catechism Class in the pastors' offices
- Thu Nov 21 9:00a** Bible Study, *Walnut Towers, 105 E. Walnut Street*
1:30p Bible Study, *Old Main, 301 S. Fifth Street*
5:30p ILS PTO Business Meeting in the church basement
5:45p Televised **WORSHIP** Service, Charter #181; Consolidated Communications #7
- Fri Nov 22 6:30a** Men's Breakfast and Bible Study in the church basement
8-9:30a Pastors' Office Hours
9:30a ILS K-12 Chapel in the church sanctuary
3:00p Worship Music Practice in the church sanctuary
5:00p ILS Drama Dinner Theater in the church basement
- Sat Nov 23 10:00a** Bible Study, *Primrose, Fireplace Community Room, 1360 Adams Street*
3p-5p Christmas Card Writing Get-Together in the church basement
6:00p **WORSHIP**
7:30p ILS Drama Play in the church basement
- Sun Nov 24 Food Shelf Sunday:** donations accepted in the church office entry or offering plate
9:00a Bible Study in the church basement
9:00a Sunday School in designated classrooms
9:15a Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
10:00a **WORSHIP**
11:00a Church Choir Practice in the sanctuary
2:00p ILS Drama Play in the church basement

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear members of Immanuel Lutheran Church,

I am writing this letter to notify you that I received the call to teach at Immanuel Lutheran School. I am humbled by the trust you have in our Lord Jesus Christ. I am also humbled that you trust that I can serve and handle the responsibilities of teaching the students at your school. This is vital work as it states in Proverbs 6:22 "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it."

This is a decision I will deliberate over the next couple of weeks. I look forward to speaking with some of you over that time period. Feel free to contact me at jay_sydow@hotmail.com or call me at 803-315-8245.

The Lord has plans for my family and for your school. Please pray for my family and me as we deliberate this call so we can be clear on the Lord's plans for us.

Prayerfully yours, Jay Sydow

NEEDED: Altar Flower Volunteers The altar flower sign-up sheet for November through April is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the narthex. Please consider **volunteering or donating**. Any questions or if interested in donating, please email StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org or call Kristen Friedrichs at 507-382-5257.

THANKSGIVING @ ECHO Food Shelf ECHO is in need of funds to support their Thanksgiving basket distribution from Monday, **Nov 18**, through Friday, **Nov 22**. If you would like to donate, the approximate cost of each basket is \$20.00 and may be dropped off or mailed to: 1014 South Front St, Mankato, MN 56001, or PO Box 3212, Mankato, MN 56002. Intended recipients of the baskets are Blue Earth County and North Mankato residents. Photo ID and proof of address is needed.

HISTORY TOUR FUNDRAISER: Christmas Wreaths The Sophomore Class is selling Christmas wreaths and other decorative items to raise money for the 2020 ILS History Tour. These items make a great gift for friends and family as well as add a nice festive feel to your home. If you would like to see what items are offered, be sure to look for flyers posted around the school or speak with a Sophomore. To purchase one of these items, contact a Sophomore or Mr. Ben Hanel at benjamin.hanel@immanuelmankato.org. Orders are due by Friday, **Nov 22**. Orders may be picked up on Wednesday, November 27, 10 am - 4 pm, or Saturday, November 30, 10 am - 4 pm.

DRAMA CLUB The ILS Drama Club will be presenting its fall play, OZ, on **Nov 22, 23 & 24**. The performance on Friday, Nov. 22, at 5:00 pm is a dinner theatre. Tickets are \$20. Please RSVP no later than noon on Nov. 20 to the school office at 345-3027 or at secretary@ImmanuelMankato.org. Gluten-free meals are available, but must be made known at time of reservation. There is no cost for the performances on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 pm and Sunday, Nov. 24, at 2:00 pm. Free will donations are appreciated to help offset production costs (approx. \$200 per show).

CHURCH DECORATING: Come enjoy time with your family and friends while helping to decorate the church. Everyone is welcome! There are two opportunities to help: **Friday, Nov 29**, at 5 pm, or **Saturday, Nov 30**, at 9 am. WSO will provide beverages and music. Feel free to bring a food item to share.

- **Friday at 5 pm:** we will pull all decorations out of the attic and assemble the trees (fluffing the tree branches as well as adding light strands and tree toppers as we assemble).
- **Saturday at 9 am:** we will finish the trees (fluffing and ornaments), hang wreaths and garlands, set up window displays and nativity sets, and distribute pew cards.

2020 SPAIN TRIP Attention: High School and College Students, Grads and youthful adults attending our CLC schools and churches: Learn about Spain through immersing yourself in culture, scenery, geography, history, and language, as we bike, hike, climb, segway and cook our way through Spain in a small group. Quick stopover to Dublin first. The trip is planned for May 26-June 9, 2020. Please contact Prof. Joel Gullerud, joel.gullerud@ilc.edu, or Poinsettia Travel at askpaula@poinsettiatravel.com ASAP ASAP ASAP if interested. Deposit to confirm your space is **due in November**. Please ask questions to find out if this tour will suit you. Please spread the word to Immanuel alumni and potentially interested persons!!

NEEDED: Volunteers for ILS PTO fundraiser Last year, the PTO was able to raise almost \$1,000 to support the school by volunteering for the Kiwanis Holiday Lights. Help us do that again this year.

** Thank you to the 5 volunteers who helped with set-up on Nov. 2 **

Concessions We need 5 people from 4:40 – 9 pm on **Thursday, December 5**, in the slightly heated concessions area.

Night at the park Our night to work at the park will be **Thursday, December 26**, from 4:40 – 9 pm. We will be looking for 8 volunteers ages 16 or older (more if we split shifts).

Clean-Up While it may be a bit chilly, we need at least 3 volunteers (ages 12 and older) to help with taking down the lights and displays on **January 1, 4, or 5**. Plus 1 volunteer to remove the decorations from the ILS Christmas tree in the morning of January 1.

Ready to volunteer? Be sure to contact Sarah Kruse as soon as possible. When arriving at the park, sign in and list Immanuel Lutheran School Mankato as your organization so we get fundraising credit for your volunteer time.

Sarah Kruse's Contact Info: email: sarah.kruse@mnsu.edu; text: [507-380-6018](tel:507-380-6018); phone/voice messages: [507-625-3512](tel:507-625-3512)

REGISTRATION OPEN: *Whitewater Winter Camp*

Attention High School Freshmen through College Sophomores. Join us **January 24-26, 2020** (Check in Friday 2 pm - Check out Sunday 11 am) for Whitewater XXI Winter Camp. Registration is first come, first served with a deadline no later than January 15. Questions can be directed to Matthew Busch (507-720-4531 mbusch1@isd77.org) or Pastor Neal Radichel (920-268-8002 nealradichel@gmail.com) Find the Info Packet and Schedule online at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QAKtuoY9M3aWTS3nXxfbeBpiWnBWFVZX2U9f1ar6Vr0/edit?usp=sharing>

UPDATE: *Interactive Display Fund* The Lord is good and has provided funding for the 1st/2nd grade display through a generous gift. We are still looking to replace 6 displays in the 3rd through High School classrooms. Each display costs \$3,200. If you would like to help out with this project, please donate to the ILS-Interactive Display Fund. If you have any questions about this or the overall project of replacing our aging technology, speak with or email Mr. Brandon Heinze. Brandon.Heinze@ImmanuelMankato.org

CHURCH NURSERY The church nursery is being revamped! If you have donated artwork or any other items in the past and would like it back, please see or contact Hilary Lien at 507-345-3027 or at church@immanuelmankato.org. We are so grateful to everyone who has helped with this project and very thankful for all the members who have donated time and resources in the past. To God be the glory!

HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS Women's Study Guild has updated the card display in the church office entry so it now includes Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. Cards are available for purchase for 50 cents each.

2020 CALENDARS Women's Study Guild is selling 2020 Wall Calendars for \$5.00 each. Sample calendars and sign-up sheets are available in both church entries. Calendars will be delivered in early December and are available as long as supplies last. Any questions, please email StudyGuild@ImmanuelMankato.org or call Kristen Friedrichs at 507-382-5257.

AVAILABLE: *Books for gifts, personal joy and growth.* What a great idea! Nothing could be better than a devotional and original Christian poetry (the last 30 pages are devoted to Christmas time) written to give all glory to God. These writings are available in the back entry at Immanuel, through the ILC Book House and from the author: L. Dale Redlin: Phone 507-625-2572 or email hope-dale@juno.com

NEW WEBSITE A new version of the Immanuel website went live in early November. Please check it out! If you have questions or feedback about the site, please connect with Matthew Kranz at matthew.kranz@immanuelmankato.org.

ILS WEEKLY UPDATES The school publishes weekly announcements, called the Weekly Updates. If interested in accessing these announcements, visit our newly updated website at immanuelmankato.org. Click on "School" at the top of the page and then click on Weekly Update at the top of the page.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School offers children as young as 2 years old the opportunity to learn about their Savior and grow in their faith. The following locations are where you will find these opportunities for your child(ren) to participate:

In the upstairs school hallway

2-3 year old's meet in the Kindergarten room
4-5 year old's meet in the 1st-2nd grade room
Kindergartner's meet in the 3rd-4th grade room
1st-2nd graders meet in the Social Studies room
3rd-4th graders meet in the Language room
5th-6th graders meet in the Math & Science room

In the downstairs hallway

7th-8th graders meet in the
5th-6th grade room
Ambassadors (high school age)
meet in the 7th-8th grade room

GREETER PROGRAM The Outreach Committee has established a greeter program to help reach out and welcome our visitors. Members are welcome and encouraged to introduce any visitors to the scheduled greeter. There are still a few openings if you are interested in joining this outreach opportunity. For more information, please contact Daniel Pfeiffer (507-304-3473).

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLC CALL NEWS Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA, has returned the call to Trinity, Spokane, WA.

CLC FINANCIAL REPORT – OCTOBER 2019 The CLC monthly financial report for October brings the serious alert that the CLC General Fund (Missions – CBP) deficit has crossed into 6 figures, \$100,487. As able, please consider contributing to this Missions Fund (CBP). Note: The financial report is shared with the weekly bulletin and service reminder email; however, if you did not receive it, please email bulletin@immanuelmankato.org or contact the church secretary at 507-345-3027.

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steven Sippert concludes on June 30, 2020. He has requested that he not be considered for another term. We thank him for his faithful service in this key administrative function at our campus. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2020. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight **December 15, 2019** (letters postmarked December 1, 2019) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

2020 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP TO NEPAL The CLC Mission Helper Program is now accepting applications for the 2020 trip to Nepal in July. This trip will be limited to eight volunteers so please apply early. An online application and more information can be found at www.MHT.LutheranMissions.org

2021 ISRAEL TRIP Pastor Mayhew in Sleepy Eye, MN, is hosting a trip to Israel on **January 13-22, 2021**, with a possible three-day extension to Jordan for those interested. The trip will visit Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, En Gedi and more. It will visit the traditional sites of many of the events in Jesus's ministry as well as those of the prophets and apostles. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the places which we read about in the Scriptures and where God brought His plan of salvation to completion through the life and the death of Jesus. More info can be found in the church entry or by contacting Pastor Mayhew at 404-729-4602 or ndmayhew@att.net.