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# Eastminster Messenger

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## “Shipwresckued”

You’re right – the above is NOT a word. However, it’s a combination of the title of our VBS program and the consistent theme of each night’s lesson. As we do every year on Vacation Bible School Sunday, we’ll be reversing the Children’s Sermon and the sermon with the Children’s Sermon being the lengthier of the two.

Also, as is customary on this Sunday, we’ll be connecting our VBS theme with a children’s movie – but one that’s every bit as much for adults as it is for young people. The movie that will be our focus is appropriate for a week in which we have focused our attention on being “Shipwrecked.”

We’ll be looking at lessons that can be learned from the movie (and book) “Swiss Family Robinson.” Read Psalm 107:28-37 as we think of ways in life that we are (look closely at this) “Shipwresckued.”

Vacation Bible School Blessings,  
Dennis



Thank you all so very much for the cards, gifts, and well-wishes. I am moved and humbled by your expressions of appreciation, and I am very grateful that I had the opportunity to serve as your music Director these past eight years. Eastminster is indeed a very special place; a real treasure in the spiritual life of our community. As Rev. Davenport said, I won’t be far away and I look forward to crossing paths with many of you in the near future.

Dennis Malfatti



Two church members were going out in the church neighborhood to invite people to worship. One was an older member and the other a new member.

The younger member was happy to have the older member as a model to follow for this was a new road for the younger member to travel. Together they walked confidently and boldly up to their first house and gave the doorbell a solid ring.

The younger member then looked at the older member and asked, “What do we do next?”

The older member replied, “Now we run!”

While this might have caused you to chuckle, in reality it is not a laughing matter. Far too often we run from inviting someone to church rather than running to invite them to join us in worship.

Yet, study after study shows that the reason most people attend a particular church is simply because someone invited them.

Your outreach committee would like to encourage you in the coming weeks to invite someone to worship.

It could be as easy as saying, “Do you attend a church regularly? I really like our church. Would you come with me this Sunday? Everyone is nice and friendly.”

Or, “We have a great children’s program at our church. Every child is treated special and everyone knows them by name. Why don’t you come with us this Sunday? You and your children will be welcomed and will want to come back.”

However you choose to do it, the important thing is to do it. Invite someone to church this Sunday. Tell them to come dressed for the day, whatever that may mean for them. Lead them to the Gallery for lemonade and cookies following worship and introduce them to other church members.

The best way to help our church remain vibrant is by inviting those you know to become part of our church family. Growth will not happen without your help. So, bring a friend to church with you this Sunday!



### Sunday, June 24, 2018

#### 8:00 A.M. SERVICE

**LITURGIST**  
Tim Fiedler

**USHER**  
Allen Helmstetter

#### 10:30 A.M. SERVICE

**LITURGIST**  
Tim Fielder

**HEAD USHER**  
Mel Ellsperman

**USHERS & GREETERS**  
Corey Fritz, Jimmy Moore  
Mark Nicholson, Dan Tipton  
Steve Fritz, Pat & Jayne Manis

**ACOLYTE**  
Lilly Ferguson

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This week as I was driving a bus full of our kids to camp, listening to the excited chatter and camp songs sung (shouted) over and over, I realized this is the 10th time I've made this trip. I've done it with as few as 2 and as many as 24. I looked at the faces in my rearview mirror, and thought about how much each of them have grown, and it occurred to me that I have a unique view of camp.

I get to take them, to see the joyful reunions with camp friends and favorite counselors. I see the older kids helping the nervous first timers through check in and finding cabins. I see the camp staff, who know our kids by name, and remember who likes to fish and who is a great artist, and who is a little shy and needs some encouragement to come out of their shell. And I see our kids light up when those things are mentioned. To them, it means that they matter, they aren't just another camper.

And I get to pick them up. I get to go to the closing worship service, to hear first hand what they have learned and how they are going to take that back into their own lives. I'm often surprised to see one of our children in a leadership role: reading, leading music, or a prayer, or sharing a talent I wasn't aware of. I see tearful goodbyes, with promises to keep in touch and numbers exchanged. And the whole ride home, I hear stories of their adventures.

I can hardly believe it's been 10 years, but I know it's true. Isaac was one of two in the first group, and he's a counselor now.

Pyoca has been such a blessing in the lives of our children, and thus to us here at Eastminster. So, on this 10 year anniversary, I wanted to take a minute to say thank you.

Thank you for believing me when I insisted that camp mattered. Thank you for your unwavering support when I kept asking, year after year, for your help sending these kids to camp.

Thank you for not throwing up your hands and saying it couldn't be done when the group of campers kept getting bigger.

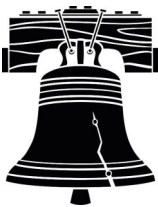
Thank you for your prayers, and for this opportunity every year. Thank you. Thank you. On behalf of all the campers through the years, and from the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Sabrina



## “Echoes” Makes Annual Return July 1st

A long-time tradition at Eastminster Church since 2000, the “Echoes of Independence” 4th of July exhibit makes its perennial return to the Gallery on Sunday, July 1st. Celebrate the Nation’s Birthday with a collection of portraits of the founding fathers and founding heroes along with replicas of flags, maps, and documents of the American Revolution, including the Declaration of Independence, a copy of Thomas Paine’s “Common Sense” and the U.S. Constitution. Celebrate America as this display returns on July 1. To understand the Nation’s Birthday by its true meaning, learn from the Echoes of long ago.



Independence Blessings & Greetings,  
Roland Small, Jr.  
Coloring Bookmaster  
Children’s Ministry



## The Tuesday Book Club

June 26, at Noon at Western Ribeye. We will discuss The Lives They Left Behind by Darby Penney & Peter Lehmann. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. We

Join small groups for a night at the Evansville Otters baseball game on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:05 at Bosse Field where they will play the Southern Illinois Miners. Please call the church office to make your reservation. Tickets will be \$6.00 at the door and there will be a small charge for the bus transportation. We will leave EPC at 4:30 and return following the game’s last out.

# Christian Education

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## Sunday June 24th Sunday school leaders...

**Preschool—Annie Engelbrecht**  
**K-2nd—Meredith Garcia**  
**3rd-5th—Patti Garcia**  
**Middle/High School—Trey Fulkerson**  
**Adults—Dennis Davenport**  
**Children’s Worship—open**



Having a great time at VBS!!



Playing Shepherd and Sheep tag.



SNACK TIME!



What could be better on a warm summer night than playing monkey in the middle at VBS?! Check out this Eastminster kiddos as they try to soak each other! Pure joy!

