# Immanuel Lutheran Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021 10:00 a.m.

# THE VISION STATEMENT FOR IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

As the body of Christ, renewed by the Holy Spirit as a living community of believers, we are committed to sharing the love of Christ and the good news of salvation. We build relationships with others in the **Community Around Us**, while nurturing the **Community Among Us**, so all may know of and grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

### **GOD'S MISSION FOR IMMANUEL**

Immanuel Lutheran Church is a community of God's people **<u>rooted</u>**, nourished, and educated in the Word of God, to include all people in its fellowship for the sake of Christ, and for their <u>eternal salvation</u>.

### WELCOME VISITORS!

The Immanuel Lutheran congregation is pleased that you have joined us today. If you have no church home, we invite you to make your home among us.

#### **COMMUNION AT IMMANUEL**

We celebrate the Lord's Supper today! According to God's Word, you may commune with us if you:

• Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,

- Have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son, and your personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil,
- Have examined yourselves and recognize that you have sin that needs forgiveness, hurt that needs healing, faith that needs strengthening,
- Believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine you receive the true Body and Blood of the risen Christ, (1 Corinthians 10:16)
- Believe that the body and blood of the Lord will grant you forgiveness of your sins and new life.
- Desire to amend your sinfulness and live a life pleasing to God and in fellowship with His Church,

• Understand that to partake of the sacrament without examining yourself and recognizing the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood is to do so to your harm (1 Corinthians 11:27). If you do not agree with the above, or have questions, please see Pastor before communing at Immanuel.

# As of August 9, 2021, Baltimore City has issued guidance that individuals should wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status.

Processional Hymn #842 – "Son of God, Eternal Savior"



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#### **Divine Service, Setting One**

# **Confession and Absolution**

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. P C

Amen.

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

# Service of the Word



Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*

and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Commit your way | to the LORD;\*

trust in him, and | he will act.

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,\*

and your justice as the | noonday.

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\*

fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

# Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

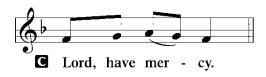
Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*

and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

Psalm 37:5-7; antiphon: v.4

#### **Kyrie**

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

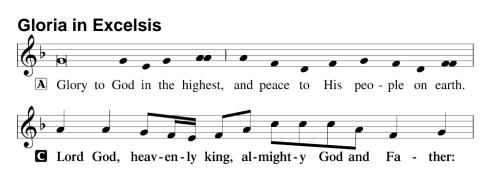


A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.







### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# C Amen.

#### Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Jeremiah 11:18-20

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.
<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."
<sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### CHOIR ANTHEM:

"The Lilies of the Field" – words by Paul Williams music by Jay Althouse

#### Epistle

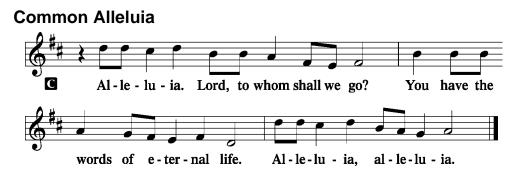
James 3:13-4:10

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

#### Stand



#### **Holy Gospel**

Mark: 9:30-37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the ninth chapter.



<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Hymn of the Day #851 - "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"



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#### Sermon –

Stand

**Apostles' Creed** 

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

#### Offering

(The offering plates are located in the Narthex in an effort to reduce the amount of touch points. Please place your offerings in the plate as you exit.)



### **Prayer of the Church**

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Brief silence

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord of hosts, You oppose the proud and give grace to the humble. Help us by Your Spirit to submit ourselves to You and resist the devil, that he would flee from us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord of hosts, give our Synod's leaders and all pastors the wisdom that comes down from above, that they may be peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. Let them sow among us in peace, and grant a harvest of righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord of hosts, pacify our passions by Your Spirit, that we may not be ruled by the jealousy and selfish ambition that give rise to disorder and every vile practice. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord of hosts, uphold this world in Your order. Preserve the Church and the preaching of Your Word against all enemies. Bless our homes, that parents and children may serve one another faithfully and grow in instruction and faith until life's end. Give health and wisdom to all who serve in public office, that their authority may be exercised for the benefit of our people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Lord of hosts, look with kindness on the sick and those in any need [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, give us faith to draw near to Your altar in repentance, that we may receive Your Son with cleansed hands and purified hearts as He draws near to us in His body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

O Lord of hosts, grant that what we ask from You may not be squandered after our passions, but sought rightly in faith, that we may receive them and put them to service for You and our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.** 

# + Service of the Sacrament +

#### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



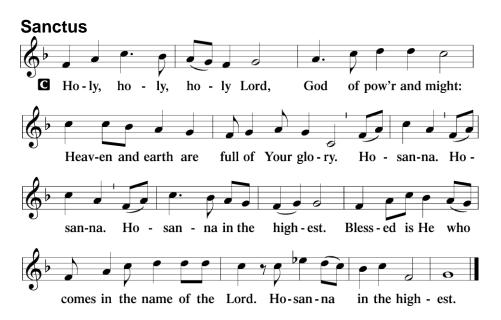
**P** Lift up your hearts.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve

us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- **O**ur Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

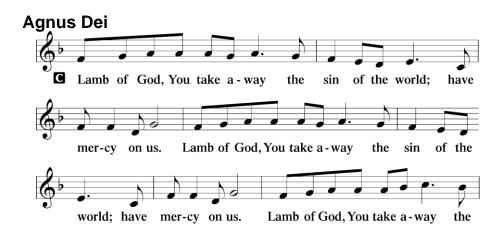
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.







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#### Distribution

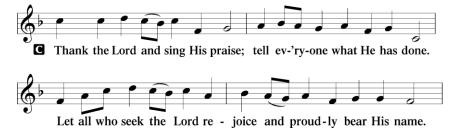
Distribution Hymn #730 - "What is the World to Me"

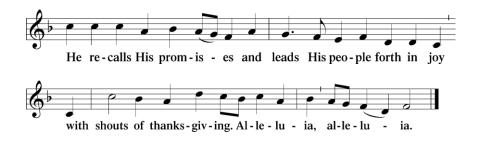
1 What is the world to With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure me the might - y 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon-ored by 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of fers 4 What is sure, the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea -When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure! Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y. is con - tent Though gold should fill its Yet nev - er cof - fers. life, my health, my wealth, My My friend, my love, my plea - sure, b. on - ly, You dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be; Ĭ But what tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He, have а high - er good, Con-tent with it I'll be: I My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal ly. -0 What You my peace, my rest. the world to me! are is Je - sus, a - lone. My What the world me! He is to My Je - sus my wealth. What the world me! is is to de - clare: What Once more, then, Ι is the world to me!

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#### Stand

#### **Post-Communion Canticle**





#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### Announcements

#### Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you
 And be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



#### Recessional Hymn #689 - "Let Me Be Thine Forever"

To the Tune of #644 "The Church's One Foundation"



- Let me be Thine forever, My faithful God and Lord; Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word. Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness, And for such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless.
- And Thou, O Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide, Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide, Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith. Give me Thy constant blessing And grant a Christian death.

Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine, My only consolation, O make me wholly Thine!
For Thou hast dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, Eternal life obtain.

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Organ Postlude – "Präludium in G Major"/BWV 568

–Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### Those Serving Today: Pastor Officiant Director of Music Altar Guild

Rev. Charles Minetree Muriel Hopkins Elaine Schwab/Phyllis Rebstock

Birthdays This Week: A		iversaries:
19 Jeffrey Goelle Albert Lietzau		Carol & Delores Harvey
25 Facia BelleP	•	
This Week at Immanuel:		
Sunday Sept 19	9 am 10 am	Adult Bible Study Worship and Holy Communion
Monday Sept 20	7:15	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday Sept 21	7 pm	LRIA General Meeting
Wed Sept 22	Uploaded 6 pm 7 pm	Acts Bible Study Finance Committee Council Meeting
Sat Sept 25	10 am 12 pm	Compassion Center Lovin' Loch Raven
Sunday, Sept 26	9 am 10 am	Adult Bible Study Worship and Holy Communion

# **Ministry Notes**

**Pastor Lucas**, who we called to be Missionary to Baltimore, has been serving at other congregations as part of our mission to share, encourage, and partner in mission in Baltimore. This morning Pastor Witt is serving and preaching at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Glen Burnie. (9/12,19)

# A Menu of Soul Nourishing and Faith Growing Bible Study Opportunities at Immanuel Basics of the Christian Faith

Whether you are new to the Christian Faith or would like a refresher course on our fundamental beliefs, this class is for you. We will begin with the topic "The Natural Knowledge of God" and move through to "The Last Things and End of Time." This class will be uploaded to our YouTube page and linked to our Facebook page on a bi-weekly basis. If you wish to receive the homework sheets which will be receive and discussed with Pastor, please send an email to ilcadmin@immanuellutheran.org.

#### Wednesday Bible Class on the Book of Acts

Our Wednesday YouTube class on Acts will continue. The class is uploaded on Wednesdays. The class sessions consist of a presentation of a portion of Scripture from Acts, review of

homework, and homework assignment for the next class. The first chapters of this class may be found on our Facebook page. Later classes and the current class may be found on our YouTube page.

### Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class

We will resume our in-person Sunday Bible Class September 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. in the Conference Room (former library). This class will not be recorded or streamed. We will look at Living as Disciples through Lutheran Spirituality. We will look at such spirituality topics as: The Word, Prayer, Confession, The Cross, Witness, Vocation, Community, and Promise. Please join Pastor Minetree for this faith growing class.

## Serving God and Immanuel During the Divine Service (9/19)

Immanuel is currently looking for helpers in several areas during our Divine Service. These include Acolytes, Crucifers, Readers, and Communion Assistants. Both men and women are invited to serve in each of these worship ministries. One must be regular in Sunday Morning Worship attendance. Each ministry will be described below.

### Acolytes

These servants light and extinguish the altar and reredos candles, participate in processionals and recessionals, and help Pastor as needed. These servants are robed.

### Crucifer

These servants carry the cross in processions and recessions. These servants are robed.

### Readers

These servants read the appointed Scripture of the day from the Lectern. These servants do not need to wear robes.

#### **Communion Assistants**

These servants (both men and women) will assist Pastor with the distribution of the Elements of Holy Communion. While you normally distribute the individual cups, you may be asked to distribute the Host or the Chalice. These servants are robed.

Each participant in these ministries will be properly trained in each before serving. See Pastor Minetree or Steve Heemann to volunteer.

### Other Opportunities to Serve During the Divine Service

There are other opportunities for serving during our Divine Services. These include Altar Guild, Usher, Camera Operator, Choir, Special Musician, Soloist, and Banner Maker. Please see Pastor Minetree, Steven Heemann, Mary Ruble, or Muriel Hopkins to volunteer.

**IMMANUEL'S CHOIR** will resume rehearsals this Fall on Monday, September 13 starting at 7:15 p.m. and we will rehearse until 8:30 p.m. We will meet right here in the Sanctuary. Please park in the front parking lot if you like, or let us know if you need a ride to and from rehearsal. The Church's front doors will be open at 7 p.m.

We welcome people who enjoy singing. You do not need to be able to read music to sing with us.

Please join us.

Please feel free to talk to Muriel Hopkins about the choir. Just come up to the pipe organ after the Service. You can also call or text Muriel at: 410-207-0831. (9/5,12,19,26)

**Lovin' Loch Raven,** 3rd annual event, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 12 to 4 pm, our parking lot. Details can be found on our website, immanuellutheran.org.

**Circuit 3 ReCONNECT** Fellowship. Friday, October 1, 7 pm to 9 pm at Immanuel. Details can be found on our website, immanuellutheran.org.

**Sunday, November 7**<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. *'Til All Have Heard* Mission Bull roast and Shrimp Feast! Extensive menu, live music from *The Reputations*, raffles, auctions, and FELLOWSHIP. Location: Rosedale Gardens, 8037 Philadelphia Road, 21237. Call Denise Waicker at 443-981-0019 for tickets. Complete menu sent via email and will be included in the October *Herald*.

We are collecting door prizes for this event. Please contact Mary Ruble (410-321-0046) if you can donate item(s). There will be a designated place where you can bring these to Church. We hope everyone can participate in this fellowship event to raise funds for our *'Till All Have Heard* mission.

**FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT AND LIFE OF SAINT PAUL.** For Kids ages 3-13. Sundays (excused after the Gospel). Crafts, songs, snacks, Spirit! Come on Back! See you <u>all</u> Sundays about 10:20 a.m. See Emalee for details.

**Book bag project sponsors!** Thanks and praise to all the Book Bag Project Sponsors, thanks to them we filled thirty beautiful book bags – three of which the Witt youngsters can enjoy. *Emalee Smith* (9/12,19,26)

**Sanctuary level bathroom available**. A sanctuary bathroom is located in the pastor's office. Use the south side sanctuary aisle and enter the office just before the exit steps to the downstairs. Once in the office go up the stairs on the left.

**Bulletin items** should be received by Thursday, 11 am, to be included in the bulletin for that Sunday.

#### CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or <u>Denisewaicker@mac.com</u>. Denise needs to know the date you select and the statement you want to include so that she can order the flowers for that Sunday. The cost depends on your selection. Pay by cash or check (made payable to Denise Waicker) and give to Denise Waicker in person or mail checks via the postal service

**Mark Smith.** Thanks to everyone for your prayers. Mark recovered very well and returned to work on August 30<sup>th</sup>. (9/12,19,26)

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

-Heavenly Father, we pray that You be glorified through the effort of our "Til All Have Heard" Ministry. Guide us and Pastor Witt as we seek and pursue avenues to declare that Your Kingdom is coming clearly and powerfully. Give us the opportunity to plant, water, and harvest for Your Kingdom according to Your will, and grant patience to wait on Your timing and purposes. Lord, in Your mercy/Let us pray to the Lord .....

-Wendie Wegner, wife of Jay Wegner, who is battling cancer

- -Rosemarie, daughter of Filleseta James, for healing of her left leg
- -Jean Heeman, who is recovering
- -Bill Hermann, who is battling Parkinson's
- -Joseph Woah-tee, missing and whereabouts unknown
- -John Rebstock, suffering from sciatica and kidney disease
- -Bradley Will, who is being treated for cancer
- -Ray Will, who is having back problems