

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

1400 North Texas Blvd, Alice, Texas 78332 - 361-664-6691

9:00 A.M. Children / Adult Sunday School - 10:00 A.M. Worship

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Glad Tidings - August 2018

Know Christ Live Christ Share Christ



Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt
Director of Mission Growth

Move in the Direction of Jesus

What if we could significantly increase our effectiveness at making disciples by making a few small shifts in our behavior? Over the next five months, I'd like to take the opportunity to unpack one at a time the five "micro shifts" that Daniel Im lifts up in his book *No Silver Bullets: Five Small Shifts That Will Transform Your Ministry*. I believe that we have much to learn from this book as we seek greater effectiveness as we make disciples not only among our members, but most importantly with those who've yet to believe in our communities.

The first shift is to move from focusing our spiritual maturation from destination to direction. Often times we think of spiritual maturity as a destination to be arrived at. We ask "What does a spiritually mature person look like?" Once we can check all the boxes then that means we are spiritually mature. Some large churches even organize their adult education courses around this idea of growing in faith to higher level classes. Others will measure spiritual maturity by counting how many progress from being worship attenders to small group participants to serving ministers to leaders. All of this points to thinking about discipleship as a destination.

Daniel Im in his book suggests that a directional approach would be a more faithful and fruitful discipleship posture. He goes on to explain that discipleship is a journey of following Jesus and the key question we need to ask is: Are we moving in the direction of Jesus... or are we moving away from him? The one who may be proximate to Jesus but stagnate in their faith life is not growing as a disciple. The greater value is the one who is growing toward Jesus, no matter how far away he or she may be at any given moment.

Defining discipleship directionally is by no means new or unique to the author of this book. Many others have done so before (perhaps most famous is Eugene Peterson defining discipleship as "a long obedience in the same direction"). Daniel Im rather is pointing out how easy it is for us to fall into destination patterns that are culturally normative and suggests that we need to be intentional in moving to a directional discipleship.

So what is your church doing to help encourage lifelong journeys of spiritual growth in the direction of Jesus? What can you do to help fight against spiritual stagnation in your church? And how can you use this directional posture to help reach new people with an invitation to take their first step towards Jesus? Just imagine what God could do in and through your church if this posture of directional discipleship became normative!

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**NOTICE: 2nd Quarter Congregational Meeting
Election of council chairs and officers
August 12, 2018 at 11:30A.M.**

As many of you know, Chris Menking and Erin Landry were married a year ago on July 29, 2017. We were not able to have a wedding reception for them in Alice at that time. So on August 12th immediately following the Congregational meeting, there will be a reception with a meal to honor Chris and Erin and the congregation is invited. We would like all of you to share with us in celebrating this wonderful and joyful occasion. So come and join us.

Brian and Ann Menking

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July 29th – 5th Sunday Fellowship and Meal (Noon)
Immanuel Lutheran Church is providing the meal.
Menu: Assorted Salads and Desserts.
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RALLY DAY

August 26, 2018

9:00 a.m. - Breakfast Bash

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for adults and children!!!!

The 10:00 a.m. worship service will include blessing teachers, administrators, and all support staff. Invite family and friends!

POLICY FOR PRAYER CONCERN LIST:

The prayer concern list has been an important addition to our ministry and worship here at Immanuel Lutheran. The length of the list should not bother us, but what does become a problem is after someone is on the list, just how long should they be kept on the list, and who decides. We are setting up a new policy concerning that issue.

When someone is placed on the prayer concern list that is printed in the bulletin, they will be on for ONE MONTH unless the person putting them on the list designates a shorter time. If you want someone to stay on the list longer than that, you will need to call in each month and place them on the list again.

Everyone needs prayers. It is true. We could use the membership list as a prayer concern list, or even the telephone book, and be praying for people who need our prayers. For the purposes of this printed list, we are asking that people who put names on the list remain responsible for keeping them on the list. As it is, the secretary is notified to put someone on the prayer concern list, and then she has to guess when to take them off.

From now on, the secretary will ask you how long the person is to remain on the list, the longest time will be for one month, which can be renewed each month for as long as needed. You, the person who was concerned enough to put them on the list in the first place, will be the one responsible for renewing them on the list, not the secretary.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a family member is ill, hospitalized, or in need of pastoral care, please notify - the church office (361-664-6691), or Bill Botard at (830-460-1595).

Our Christian Sympathy to the family of Amado Garcia. At 71 years of age, Amado was called home with our Heavenly Father on July 17th 2018 surrounded by his family after a short illness. Daddy was a fellow Marine, Loving Father, Son, Dad, Papo, friend and wonderful husband. He loved working on cars, trucks, tractors and any problem that had a mechanical issue. There was not a tractor Daddy could not take apart and put back together.

Daddy retired from the Naval Air Station- Kingsville as a Captain Firefighter after 30 years of service. After his retirement, Daddy enjoyed peddling in the yard, the ranch, spending time with his family and his faithful companion, his dog Reba.

Daddy became a super-user of Facebook and Google. Give him the phone and a stylus and he found what he was looking for. His grandchildren and children were the light of his eyes. He always enjoyed hearing about the next roping, shooting event and their next adventure. Simple pleasures for a simple kind, hearted man.

Daddy was preceded in death by his parents, Octavio and Belen R. Garcia, his brother Octavio Garcia Jr., his son Jody A. Garcia, and his in – laws Salvador and Manuela Chavez. Daddy is survived by his wife of 47 years of marriage, Anita Garcia, his son Amado (Leticia) Garcia JR of Freer, Texas; his daughter Virginia (Bruce) Menking of Alice, Texas. His sisters Gloria (Frank) Saenz of Benavides, Texas and Graciela (+Roberto) Garcia of San Jose Community. His grandchildren, Briana (Jesse) Ramirez of San Diego, Texas, Cody Lynn Garcia of San Diego, Texas, Celeste Laredo, Adam Laredo, Caleb Amado Garcia, Jordan Dayne Garcia, Annyece Daveigh Lillie all of Freer, Texas. Kyndall Leigh Nerio of Benavides and Liana Laso of San Diego, Texas. His Great Grand Children, Caitlin A. Ramirez, Eli Ramirez and Jody Lane Garcia all of San Diego, Texas. His Grand-Cat, Theodore Menking, his faithful companion his dog, Reba, his loving cats, Speedy, Buggy and Wonder. Life long friend to both Mom and Daddy, Ms. Ina Tracy, numerous nieces, nephews and many other friends.

Visitation was held on Sunday, July 22nd , 2018 at 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Mauro P. Garcia Funeral Home in San Diego with a Rosary recited at 7 p.m. that same evening. Funeral Mass was conducted Monday, July 23rd , 2018 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Alice, Texas and burial followed at 2 p.m. at the Coastal Bend State Veteran’s Cemetery in Corpus Christi, Texas. Mauro P. Garcia Funeral Homes entrusted with the arrangements.

Condolences to Jean ‘Gold’ Menking and her family at the death of her beloved twin sister, Joan ‘Gold’ Diemer, on Sunday, July 15, 2018. . .and also for her daughter, Cynthia ‘Menking’ Huyser and her children, Aaron and Ariana, at the death of their father, Gary Buster on Friday, July 13, 2018. (Services to be announced.)

We Pray for the Sick and Grieving. . .

Father of mercy, because You have chosen to love your people, we now pray for people that we know and love. We ask for Your hand of healing and mercy be upon those we name before You now: Nette Barton; William Payne; Diana Shields; Marisol Carbajal-Garcia; Noel Schuette; Allyne Chapman; Simeon Formwalt; Judah; Margaret Carlisle Mordecoi; Inez Zulauf; Lily Cash; and the families of Roberta Cornelius and Amado Garcia.

We Pray for those Serving in our Armed Forces

Bradley Markgraf; Clint Barrett; Robbie Farmer; Dalton Elsik; Kurt Koenig; Gary Weber, Jr.; Wade Powell; Caton Hammock; Clinton Hammock; Anthony Perez; Clint Alanis; Lucas Yocum; Dylan M. Herschap; Christopher Munoz; Brett Williams and Michelle Williams.

ILCW NOTES

(Immanuel Lutheran Church Women)

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength”. The second most important commandment is this: ‘You must love your neighbor as yourself.’ [Mark 12:30-31]

AUGUST BIBLE STUDY: “AUTHORITY AND PRIORITY” — MARK 12 —

This chapter continues the discussion with the religious leaders and Jesus’ response to their questions, such as which commandment is most important over all others. “Jesus told that loving God completely is the first commandment. And, when a person gives God first love, that person will also love his or her neighbor.” (Quote: Shepherd’s Notes, Mark) Dorcas/Priscilla Circle meets on the third Thursday in August!! Visitors are so very WELCOME!!!

THE LYDIA CIRCLE meets on the fourth Monday in August, continuing their study on “GOD LOVES US”. They also made craft items and other items, for the Bazaar, also working at the event. The next project is in the planning stage for an educational mission outreach to children who attended our June Day Camp. Contact Amy Koenning or Mary Jan Jenkins for further information, to help in any way!

QUILTING TIME . . . Quilting will resume in September for Lutheran World Relief and any other projects that happen along! Please read the letter from LWR in response to the ILCW gift to shipping fund. Also, great information on the distribution of projects which you all contribute items in various ways, and where some are sent.

SCHOOL KIT PROJECT. . . Guess the secret is out. . . school starts in a few days!!! Supplies are ready in stores, and ON SALE, compared to prices later. . . These go to LWR as mentioned, and all supplies can be left at church (Women’s Ministry Room). School kits not only help children in learning, but adults who try to further their education. Our MAIN NEED in filling school kits are the **70-sheet SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS**. There are plenty of the other kit items, but with each kit requiring **4 spirals each**, it takes a lot of ‘em!!

FYI: 46 kits sent this year==184 spiral notebooks!! THANKS FOR CARING AND SHARING!!
Complete listing on page 14, ILCW YearBook.

FIFTH-SUNDAY LUNCH/FELLOWSHIP. . . JULY 29. . . Immanuel will host this event for our community churches. Assorted salads and desserts will be served after worship, and we welcome our friends from the other churches. Please bring your favorite dish, help in serving / clean-up, and in welcoming our guests. THANKS to all!!!

SINCEREST SYMPATHY to family and friends of Roberta Cornelius at her passing on July 6, 2018. Services were held at Holmgreen Mortuary on July 10, with burial at the Cornelius Family Cemetery at Alfred, Texas. Following the service, a lunch was served in the Holmgreen Reception Room by the ILCW. Thanks to all who provided food and those who helped serve. Roberta “Bert” has been a long-time friend of our congregation and a recent member, sharing God’s love with many. Always a happy lady with her bright smile and friendly greeting. May God’s love and blessings comfort each of you.

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³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁸nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-Romans 8:38-39

ALTAR GUILD - Given to the glory of God -

ALTAR & ETERNAL CANDLES:

Open - Call the office to sign up.

COMMUNION ELEMENTS:

August 5 - Amy Koenning - Given in honor of Denise and Logan Blanchard.

August 19 - Open - Call the office to sign up.

ALTAR & STANDING VASE FLOWERS:

August 5 - Jack & Renee McMonagle - Given in honor of Clint McMonagle's birthday.

August 12 - Bruce and Virginia Menking - Given in memory of Alonzo Menking and Octavio Garcia.

August 19 - Susie Spaniel - Given in memory of Kirby Park.

August 26 - Jean Menking - Given in memory of Alonzo Menking.

BIRTHDAYS

8/2 Laura Morrisey

8/3 Roy Brandt

8/3 Danilyn Sramek

8/4 Ruben Lassmann, Jr.

8/4 Lucas Revilla

8/5 Jace Wilson

8/8 Clifton Boerm

8/8 Clint McMonagle

8/11 George Fischer

8/12 Becky Buendel

8/13 Scarlet Fling

8/13 Jean Menking

8/15 Gracie Barrett

8/15 Jackelyn Ermis

8/17 Steve Maresch

8/19 Roy Steindorf

8/20 Trey Lindquist

8/21 Carol McKelvain

8/21 Mark Peebles

8/21 Joseph Randall

8/23 Kelly Myers Stewart

8/24 Preston Keen

8/24 Meghan Warnke

8/26 Stanley Grossman

8/26 Ann Tooker

8/29 Alex Pena

8/30 Melba Andersen

8/30 Sean Fox

8/31 Dylan DeReese

8/31 Samuel Tooker

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Bruce Bowen

8/1 Nicole Garza

8/1 Roy Osterloh

8/3 Randy Buegeler

8/3 Andrea Daniels

8/4 Yolanda Revilla

8/5 Delmira Brown

8/6 Jimmie Shoup

8/7 Christopher Menking

8/11 Chelsea Andersen

8/13 Judith Gohmert

8/15 Tyler Fuhrken

8/16 Kody Correa

8/16 Mack Schumann

8/18 Eric Andersen

8/18 Lauren Harville

8/21 Mallori Calvez

8/29 Amy Calvez

8/29 Cameron Garcia

8/29 Jean Menking

8/30 Mary Sue Lassmann

8/31 Renee Brown

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

8/5 Jose/Stefanie Martinez

8/8 Curline Stanley

8/10 Jack/Renee McMonagle

8/16 Vincent/Delores Titzman

8/20 Steven/Becky Buendel

8/20 Hank/Mary Jackson

8/22 Darwin/Sylvia Fuhrken

8/22 Skipper/Pat Gohmert

8/26 Bruce/Carrie Young

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HYMN/SONG?

The Praise Team is asking to please give any Praise Team member the title of your favorite hymn/song, whether it is from the hymnal, a gospel song or a CD song. We will work toward inserting the songs into our Sunday schedule for the upcoming months. Let us raise our voices together in music to pray and to praise God! Thank you.

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CHURCH COUNCIL

Congregational Meeting August 12, 2018 11:15 a.m. Parish Hall after Worship	Council Reports/Agenda Always Due 2nd Monday of each month by 5:00P	Church Council Mtg Sunday, August 20, 2018 12 p.m. Conference Rm
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Council Offices

President: Bill Botard
 Vice Pres: Wolle Huff
 Secretary: Brandy Kennemer
 Treasurer: Bert Buegeler

Standing Committees

Christian Life: Lori Brauchle
 Communications: Mary Jan Jenkins
 Education: Sandra Bowen
 Property/Grds: Renee Brown

Stewardship: Amy Koenning
 Worship: Laurie Buegeler
 Youth: Melissa Slaughter

COUNCIL MEETING - Minutes from the June 18, 2018

Vision Statement - To be the most Christ-centered influence in Alice and beyond.

Mission Statement - Know Christ - Live Christ - Share Christ

1. Call the to Order - Bill Botard
2. Roll Call

Bill Botard	Wolle Huff	Brandy Kennemer	Bert Buegeler
Laurie Buegeler	Sandra Bowen	Melissa Slaughter	Mary Jan Jenkins
Amy Koenning	Lori Brauchle	Helen Grant (employee)	Pastor John Waak
3. Prayer – Lori Brauchle
4. Devotional – Pr. Waak
5. Approval of Agenda:
 Mary Jan Jenkins made the motion to accept the agenda. Wolle Huff seconded. Motion carried.
6. Reading of the Minutes:
 Amy Koenning made the motion to accept the minutes from May 21, 2018, Wolle Huff seconded. Motion carried.
7. Treasurer’s Report:

• 1 st Community Bank – Operating:	5/31/2018	\$ 7,070.01
• Mission Investment Account (Chicago)	5/31/2018	\$200,141.11
8. Reports
 - a. Pastor’s Report:
 - Pastor will be on vacation first two weekends in July – July 1st and July 8th.
 - Baptisms scheduled for July 8th – Ayden Alexander Garibaldi; Noah Agustin Garibaldi, James Dean Halcomb and Kaleb David Harris
 Recommendation from Pastor to allow Bert Buegeler to perform baptisms. Amy Koenning made the motion to accept Pastor’s recommendation. Sandra Bowen seconded. Motion carried.
 - b. Christian Life: Report filed
 - c. Communications: no report; communications continue for upcoming events.
 - d. Education:
 - Pastor Waak continues adult Sunday school through this upcoming Sunday, June 24th.
 - e. Property & Grounds: report filed (Renee not in attendance)
 - f. Stewardship:
 - Amy Koenning provided overview and input with respect to the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* booklet that she previously provided council members.

- g. Worship: no report filed
- h. Youth:
 - Reminder of upcoming Hooks Family Faith night – July 16th. All welcomed to attend. Youth and one adult will be paid for.
- i. Conferences, Regular Council & Congregational Meetings
- j. Council Chairs Coordinators and Committee Members
- k. Money Counters
- l. Call Committee Recommendations:
 - Discussion amongst council on scheduling next called congregational meeting. Council requested July 8, 2018. This will provide 2 weeks notification to congregation prior to meeting. The specific purpose of the called meeting is whether to Rescind or Modify the recent congregational vote to call a Part-Time pastor. We would like to open it up to both Part-Time and Full-Time pastors. Council decided to rescind the vote.

Receive Reports: Amy Koenning made the motion to accept the committee reports. Wolle Huff seconded. Motion carried.

9. Unfinished Business
 - a. Safety Update – Background checks – discussed in Education report
 - b. 5th Sunday Fellowship - July 29
 - Variety of salad type meals; desserts and ice cream
10. New Business
 - a. 2018 Nominating Committee report:
 - Reminder from committee to please provide them with any name suggestions for positions that need filled. If you would like to fill one of the upcoming open positions please get with the nominating committee and let them know.
 - b. Council Meeting with Pastor Formwalt (June 27 -p.m.) – confirmed time of 7pm
 - c. FYI – 2nd Quarter Congregational Meeting / Election of Council / Officers – August 12, 2018
 - d. June 24, 2018 Baptism (Lincoln Bruce Garza)
 - e. Flag Days: July 4th; Labor Day, Sept. 3; Patriot Day, Sept. 11; Veterans' Day, Nov. 11;
 - f. Review upcoming events calendar – July, August, September
11. Adjournment - Lord's Prayer

Sincerely, Brandy Kennemer - Council Secretary

SCHOOL KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

SCHOOL KITS: Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases, adults—continue learning despite the hardships they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Include the following items in each School Kit. ITEMS HAVE CHANGED

4 70- sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper approximately 8" x 10-1/2"

NO LOOSE-LEAF PAPER

1 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

1 pencil sharpener

1 blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; (secure together with a rubber band)

5 ballpoint pens (no gel ink); (secured together with a rubber band)

1 box of 16 or 24 crayons

1 eraser approximately 2 ½ inches long

1 sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" x 17" with a shoulder strap (no standard backpacks). Immanuel provides the backpacks.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition.

Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close.

Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bag.

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			10pm Yoga 1	5:30pm Yoga 2	3	4
5 10am Worship Service/ Holy Communion	6 5pm Bulletin Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts	7 5:30pm Yoga	8	9 5:30pm Yoga 6pm Bunco	10	11
12 10am Worship Service 11:30a - 2 nd Quarter Congregational Meeting Reception / Meal for Chris & Erin Menking Congregation Invited	13 5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Council Info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts	14 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Girl Scouts	15	16 9:15am Dorcas/Priscilla Circle 5:30pm Yoga	17	18
19 10am Worship Service/ Holy Communion	20 5pm Bulletin Info Due 5pm Newsletter info Due 6:30pm - 8p Boy Scouts 7pm Council Meeting	21 5:30pm Yoga	22	23 5:30pm Yoga	24	25
RALLY DAY 26 9am Breakfast 10am Worship Service Blessing of Teachers, Students, Administrators, & all Support Staff	27 5pm Bulletin Info Due 6:30pm Boy Scouts	28 5:30pm Yoga 6:30pm Girl Scouts	29 5:30p-7p Adult Bible Study 5:30p-7p Grades K5 Little Lutherans	30 5:30pm Yoga	31	

Congregational Meeting

	August 5, 2018	August 12, 2018	August 19, 2018	August 26, 2018
Assisting Ministers	Amy Koenning	Megan Calvez	Mary Jackson	Ann Menking
Communion Assistants	Tessie Colle Kandace Fox		Renee Brown Mary Jackson Sandra Bowen Amy Koenning	
Ushers	Brian Slaughter Austin Kennemer	Clint Colle Tessie Colle	Buzzy Botard Bert Buegeler	Laurie Buegeler Brandy Kennemer
Acolytes	Kloe Fox	Mallori Calvez	Logan Blanchard	Ethan Hayslip
Lector	Kandace Fox	Jamie Colle	David Heldt	Wolle Huff
Greeters	Mary Jan Jenkins	Jerri Schulte	Susie Spaniel	Melba Andersen
Coffee Makers	Lori/Kenneth Brauchle	Mary Jan Jenkins	Darrell/Brandy Kennemer	Wolle Huff
Sound Tech	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen
Deacon	Allan Schulte 389-3860	Allan Schulte 389-3860	Clint Colle 460-0577	Clint Colle 406-0577

ALTAR GUILD:

	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Candles</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Paraments</u>
August	Tessie Colle	Melba Andersen	Laurie Buegeler	Sally Soliz
September	Renee Brown	Wolle Huff	Laurie Buegeler	Lori Brauchle

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Pastor: John Waak	President: Bill Botard 830-460-1595
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	September 2, 2018	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	September 23, 2018
Assisting Ministers	Ann Menking	Amy Koenning	Mary Jackson	Tessie Colle
Communion Assistants	Megan Calvez Amy Calvez		Wolle Huff Tessie Colle Renee Brown Amy Koenning	
Ushers	Jim Jochen Steve Maresch	Austin Kennemer David Heldt	Dylan DeReese Darrell Kennemer	Brandy Kennemer Laurie Buegeler
Acolytes	Mallori Calvez	Logan Blanchard	Vera DeReese	Austin Kennemer
Lector	Karen Zepeda	David Heldt	Amy Koenning	Jamie Colle
Greeters	John Martin	Wolle Huff	Karen Zepeda	Clint/Tessie Colle
Coffee makers	Amy Koenning	Clint/Tessie Colle	Waldyne Nesloney	Melba Andersen
Sound Tech	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen	Bruce Bowen
Deacon	Kenneth Brauchle 701-1072	Kenneth Brauchle 701-1072	Steve Maresch 668-6445	Steve Maresch 668-6445

ALTAR GUILD:

	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>CANDLES</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>PARAMENTS</u>
September	Renee Brown	Wolle Huff	Laurie Buegeler	Lori Brauchle
October	Sandra Bowen	Melba Andersen	Laurie Buegeler	Sally Soliz

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