Thinking Intentionally About Discipleship

What if the church started thinking and acting more intentionally about how we make disciples? This is the second article in a five-part series on increasing effectiveness in developing disciples by making small shifts in our behavior, based on Daniel Im’s book No Silver Bullets: Five Small Shifts That Will Transform Your Ministry.

The second shift Im highlights in his book is to move from focusing on the output goals to the input goals of discipleship. It should come as no surprise that we are typically driven by outputs and outcomes. We always want to win the championship, to make the honor roll, or to lose 20 pounds. Similarly, in the church we desire to see people come to faith in Jesus and grow and mature in their faith as disciples. That is a Kingdom win.

Rarely will anyone win the championship, make the honor roll or lose 20 pounds without developing intentional practices (e.g. drills and training, study, diet and exercise) that will eventually produce the desired result. Likewise, if it is our desire to see people (plural, as in many) come to know Jesus and to grow and mature as his disciples, we need to think and act intentionally about the patterns and practices that will eventually lead to the outcome we are hoping for.

The author learned from extensive research on discipleship that the solution isn’t simply more education. This isn’t to say that discipleship education is unimportant, just is far less important than previously thought. Instead, the research pointed to various faith practices having a larger impact on discipleship outcomes. As one example, according to the research, the faith practice that had the greatest influence on people to share Christ with others was regularly and meaningfully confessing sin and receiving forgiveness. Classically, we likely would have believed that if we desire people to share their faith we need to teach them how to share their faith. As it turns out, this educational input is incomplete. Experiencing the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus first hand is what actually moves people to share Jesus.

This is just one example of the intentional faith practice that we can and should focus on that will lead to the desired result. So, what is it that you can do to help make disciples more effectively? What faith practices can you and your church engage in that will result in the win? If we’d like to see different results in our neighborhoods and communities, then it is time to get to work and figure out what we can intentionally do differently that with the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit will lead to Kingdom wins.

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**Announcements:**

**Dear ILC Family,**

Thank you all for celebrating with us at the reception. It was wonderful getting to see and talk to everyone. We really enjoyed our trip down and are looking forward to visiting again.

Love,

Chris & Erin

**Birth Announcements:**

Steven and Tori (Hodges) Robin are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Malayna Lauren Robin on August 10, 2018. She weighed 7lbs., 3oz & is 20½ inches long. Welcoming Malayna home are big brothers, Mason and Jude, and big sister Jaylee. Grandparents are Larry and Heather Hodges; great-grandparents are Dennis and Wolle Huff.

Congratulations to Holly Benson on the birth of her 2nd son, Kyler Lucas Benson. Kyler was born on August 21st weighing 7 lb., 2 oz. Welcoming Kyler home is Big Brother, Kaden. Proud Grandmother is Linda Benson.

**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: Allyne Chapman; Katherine Botard; Kasey Wallace; Cinco Woods; Brenda Timmons; Mike Fields; Simeon Formwalt; the families of Amado Garcia; Robert Edward Jenkins, Jr.; Maria Elma Garcia; Robert Lee Brandt and Ethredge Pyle.

Katherine Botard may receive cards at the following:
Corpus Christi Rehabilitation Hospital
5726 Esplanade Dr., Corpus Christi, Texas 78414

**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; Michelle Williams; Kimberly Gotelli; and Anica Rangel.

**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 . . .
Mary Jan Jenkins, Robert Edward Jenkins, III, Anna Marie Jenkins and extended family, at the death of husband and father, Robert Edward Jenkins, Jr. Visitation began on Sunday, July 29, 2018, from 5:00 to 7:00pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alice, Texas. Funeral services were held Monday, July 30, 2018, at 10:00am at the First Baptist Church in Cotulla, Texas. Burial followed in the Old Cotulla Cemetery. Rev. John Waak, pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church officiated.

Gracie Barrett and family at the death of wife, mother and grandmother. Maria Elma Garcia, 87, passed away August 1, 2018. She was born August 27, 1930. She was a nurse aide at Hospitality Nursing Home for many years.

Maria was preceded in death by her parents, Jose and Sofia Pena; sons-in-law, Jim Barrett and Roel Garza; brothers, Avilio H. Pena and David H. Pena; sisters, Evangelina P. Cantu, Lilia Garcia, Emma Garza and Estefana Garcia.

Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Norberto G. Garcia of Alice, Texas; son, Mauro O. (Rosie) Garcia of Alice, Texas; daughters, Esmeralda Garcia (Ron) Rodriguez of Wisconsin; Graciela Garcia Barrett of Alice, Texas and Imelda G. Radke-Garza of Rios, Texas; brother, Jose (Edna) Pena of Benavides, Texas. Other survivors include 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Visitation was at 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at Rosas Funeral Home Chapel with a Rosary being recited at 7 p.m. that evening. Funeral Mass was celebrated at 9 a.m. on Monday, August 6, 2018 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Tienditas Cemetery in Duval County.

Pallbearers were Armando Garcia, Avilio Pena, David Barrett, Justin Chapa, Rene Cantu and Jose Pena. Honorary Pallbearers were Romeo Gonzalez, Mario Lopez and Jaime Lopez. Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to Rosas Funeral Home.

The family and friends of Robert Lee Brandt, Sr. He passed away at his home in Corpus Christi, Texas on Thursday, August 9, 2018 after an extended illness. He was 73.

He was born on April 14, 1945 in Kingsville, Texas to Edwin and Myrtle Brandt. He resided in Agua Dulce, Texas. He is preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Edwin Brandt, Jr., Milton Brandt, and Cecil Brandt.

Robert is survived by his children, Jon Morris Brandt, Amanda (Ted) Snelling, Robert Lee Brandt, Jr.; two brothers, Earl (Pat) Brandt and Ronnie (Venice) Brandt; one granddaughter, Madison Snelling, as well as extended family and many cherished friends.

Visitation with family receiving friends was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Holmgreen Mortuary Chapel on Friday, August 10, 2018. Chapel Funeral Service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at Holmgreen Mortuary Chapel with Pastor John Waak officiating. Interment followed at Roselawn Memorial Park in Alice. Arrangements entrusted to Holmgreen Mortuary, 2061 E. Main St., Alice, Texas. Arrangements entrusted to Holmgreen Mortuary, 2061 E. Main St., Alice, Texas. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.holmgreenmortuaryinc.com and shared via Holmgreen Mortuary Facebook.

The family of Ethredge John Pyle at his death on Aug. 18, 2018, at Marble Falls, Texas. He was 93.

He is survived by his wife, Neva Hooper Pyle; sons, Rickey Pyle of Corpus Christi; Scott & wife, Coiece Pyle of Marble Falls; granddaughters, Kristi Pyle of Lakeway; Colleen Pyle of San Antonio; grandson, Aaron & wife, Lindsay of Cottonwood Shores; great-grandsons, Cye & Owen Pyle; sister-in-law, Margarete Pyle of Corpus Christi; numerous cousins, nieces & nephews.

Funeral service was held Tue., Aug. 21, 2018, at Holmgreen Mortuary. Interment followed at Alice Cemetery.

Thank You Note:
With sincerest thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness.
Thank you so much for all the good food and service.
Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Jane (Cornelius) McGowan & David Leon Cornelius
ILCW NOTES
(Immanuel Lutheran Church Women)

“No one knows, however, when that day or hour will come—neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son; only the Father knows. Be on watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will be.” [Mark 13:32-33]

SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY: “A VIEW TO THE FUTURE” —MARK 13—
“Mark 13 is an assurance chapter punctuated with commands on how to face the future. Its writing is prophecy and is steeped in Jewish thought and terminology about the Day of the Lord.” (Quote: Shepherd’s Notes—Mark) Dorcas/Priscilla Circle meets on the third Thursday in September. Visitors are always welcome!! We are so very happy to welcome two new members, Ernestina and Leona!!.

THE LYDIA CIRCLE continues their study on “GOD LOVES US” on the fourth Monday meeting date. The group is assembling school kits for LWR . . . always a good time when supplies are on sale! The ILC RECIPE EXCHANGE-2018 has been completed . . . Thanks to Amy and Mary Jan for their efforts and ideas for the ‘Recipes for Fun’ lunch treat. Some cookbooks are still available, contact them for info!!

ILCW YEARBOOKS—2018-2019—are in the final stages of completion!! They will be out, or perhaps on the table in the back of church soon. Thanks to Mardella, and to Helen for the final touches! Please check and pick up your copy . . . names on, and extras are available.

QUILTING TIME IS COMING!! . . . Thursday, September 13 . . . Come one, Come all who want to share in the fellowship of providing warmth and love for so many around the world, and even some who are close by!!! With thankfulness and love, Katherine Botard has sewn hundreds of tops, bottoms, and in-betweeners for the quilts. We are grateful for her dedication in doing so very much to continue this project! Now to add to our stack of quilts . . .

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to family and friends of Robert Jenkins, Jr. who passed away July 25, 2018, following a brief but valiant battle with cancer. To Mary Jan, Anna, and Robert III, love and prayers to each of you, extended family and friends in this difficult time. Visitation was held at Immanuel Lutheran on July 29, with a reception later in the parish hall. Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church, burial at Old Cotulla Cemetery, Cotulla, with Pastor John Waak, July 30. Thanks to ILCW for providing foods and serving during the Visitation. May God’s love and blessings continue to comfort each of you.

EXTRA NOTE:
Prayers continue for our dear friend, Katherine Botard as she steadily recovers from a light stroke. Katherine is in rehab at:
Corpus Christi Rehabilitation Hospital
5726 Esplanade Dr
Corpus Christi, Texas 78414.
Cards are always welcome. Prayers work wonders . . . and are limitless!
ALTAR GUILD - Given to the glory of God -

ALTAR & ETERNAL CANDLES:
September - Open - Call the office to sign up.

COMMUNION ELEMENTS:
Sept. 2 - Open - Call the office to sign up.
Sept. 16 - Given by Amy Koenning in honor of Denise Blanchard.

ALTAR & STANDING VASE FLOWERS:
Sept. 2 - Given by Linda Benson to the glory of God.
Sept. 9 - Given by Ruth Lindquist in honor of family birthdays.
Sept. 16 - Given by Sean and Kandace Fox in honor of Kloe Khea Fox’s 12th birthday.
Sept. 23 - Open - Call the office to sign up.
Sept. 30 - Given by Bert and Laurie Buegeler in honor of Bert’s birthday.

BIRTHDAYS
9/2 Leandra Barrett 9/12 Kloe Fox 9/22 James A. Shipp
9/3 Kasey Correa 9/12 Rey Zepeda 9/23 Robert Frank
9/5 Susie Yocum 9/13 Elizabeth Bartlett Tjelmeland 9/25 Chuck Crawford
9/7 William Cornelius 9/14 Clay Hayslip 9/25 Hannah Hayslip
9/8 Courtney Davis McIntyre 9/17 Dustin Buegeler 9/25 Bryan Lindquist
9/8 Whitney Davis Stacy 9/17 Sherill Perez 9/26 Ruth Ann Brower
9/11 Bobby Lindquist 9/18 Brandy Kennemer 9/26 John W. Fox
9/11 Sarah Lindquist 9/19 Irene Grisham 9/29 Bert Buegeler, Jr.
9/11 Renee McMonagle 9/21 Eric Andersen 9/30 Gene Spaniel

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS
9/1 Penny Long 9/12 Hollie Buendel 9/21 Mary Jochen
9/2 Kerri Hillmer-Brasher 9/12 Anna Jenkins 9/23 Gaynell Franki
9/4 Kameron Currie 9/12 Robert Jenkins 9/23 Blake Markgraf
9/4 Susan Peeples 9/12 Chris Woods 9/24 Kelly Myers-Stewart
9/4 Ray Zulauf 9/13 Lyle Richter 9/25 Daniel Koerth
9/6 Caleb Gonzalez 9/14 Macy Buegeler 9/26 Samuel Fox
9/8 Clint McMonagle 9/14 Fran Franki 9/26 Sean Fox
9/12 Myla Bowen 9/19 Noel Schuette 9/29 Laurie Buegeler
9/12 Brandi Buendel 9/20 Ty Titzman

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES
9/1 Silvia/Joseph Randall 9/12 Rey/Karen Zepeda 9/20 Stanley Grossman
9/7 John/Ruth Bartlett 9/14 Martin/Laura Gwosdz

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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

Council Offices
President: Bill Botard
Vice Pres: Amy Koenning
Secretary: Brandy Kennemer
Treasurer: Bert Buegeler

Standing Committees
Christian Life: Lori Brauchle
Communications: Laurie Buegeler
Education: Sandra Bowen
Property/Grds: Renee Brown

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

Mission Statement
- Know Christ - Live Christ - Share Christ

COUNCIL MEETING - Minutes from the July 15, 2018

1. Call the meeting to Order - Bill Botard
2. Roll Call
   Bill Botard Wolle Huff Brandy Kennemer Bert Buegeler
   Lori Brauchle Mary Jan Jenkins Sandra Bowen Renee Brown
   Laurie Buegeler Melissa Slaughter Pr John Waak Helen Grant (employee)
3. Prayer – Wolle Huff
4. Devotional – Pr. Waak
5. Approval of Agenda
   • Wolle Huff made the motion to accept the agenda. Laurie Buegeler seconded. Motion carried.
6. Reading of the Minutes
   • Laurie Buegeler made the motion to accept the minutes from June 18, 2018, Melissa Slaughter seconded. Motion carried.
7. Treasurer’s Report
   1st Community Bank – Operating: 6/30/2018 $ 2,609.24
   Mission Investment Account (Chicago) 6/30/2018 $201,175.15
   • Bill brought brief conversation pertaining to the monthly expenses of the Church and the Operating account balance getting low. Discussion led to the possibility of taking funds from the General Budget Fund at the Mission Investment Bank account (Chicago).
     o Mary Jan Jenkins made the motion to move $10,000 from the General Budget Fund if needed for future monthly general fund expenses. Wolle Huff seconded. Motion carried.
8. Reports
   a. Pastor’s Report
   b. Christian Life – report filed
   c. Communications
   d. Education
      • Rally Day: August 26, 2018 – breakfast followed by Sunday School and Church with blessing of Students, Staff, Administrators and all
        o Sunday School will resume this day.
      • Christmas Program: Ringing/Playing of the Bells as well as a program possibly.
At the council meeting on August 20, 2018 the council members voted to have Holy Communion at the rail when there is a 5th Sunday in that month.
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**Emergency Contact Numbers:**

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830-460-1595

**President:**

Bill Botard  
830-460-1595