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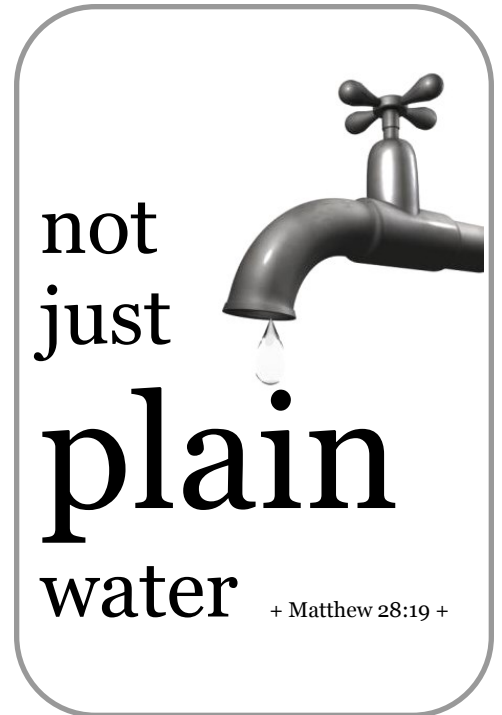
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### Baptism Ministry

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Water is pretty common. We wash dishes and mist our plants with it, and we really should drink more of it. But, frankly, it can become commonplace, just plain water.

Luther always rejoiced in how God uses the ordinary to bring to us His extraordinary gifts and blessings. God likes to use the everyday and the unexceptional to do His miracles. He uses water as His vehicle in Baptism and brings to us such things as forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

There's something connected with plain water that makes Baptism "*not just plain water*," but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word." (Luther's Catechism)

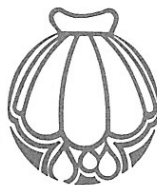
So, Baptism is not just some ceremony, a nice "church thing" we put people through. It is much more than just "the right thing to do." It is bringing our children to God's powerful means of grace, in and through which He actually creates faith and rescues us from the clutches

of the devil. Through Baptism God sets us on the road to a totally new life as His very children.

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The class meets during the Bible study hour (9:30-10:15 a.m.) in the school library. Ideally, families expecting a child would register for the class with the church office during the last trimester. You can also access this information on Immanuel's website ([www.immanuelstcharles.org](http://www.immanuelstcharles.org)).



**Baptism. Three drops of water remind us of the triune God in whose name we are baptized. (Matthew 28:19)**

May our gracious God pour out all His grace on our families through this wonderful opportunity!

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Which class would you like to attend?

- September 13, 2015
- October 4, 2015
- November 1, 2015
- December 6, 2015
- January 3, 2016
- February 7, 2016
- March 6, 2016
- April 3, 2016
- May 1, 2016
- June 5, 2016
- July 10, 2016
- August 7, 2016

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