

IMMANUEL

Lutheran Church

APRIL 2011

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A MESSAGE from Bishop Gary Wollersheim

I have been saddened by the deep divisions in our culture.

- Between black and white, Christian and Muslim, rich and poor: blaming each other for all our woes.

- Between labor and management: neither willing to make concessions

- Between political parties - Republican, Democrat, Tea: none willing to cross the aisle for the sake of doing something for the common good.

- Between various schools of Biblical interpretation: questioning the others' faith and ethics.

St. Paul describes a different way, a way called reconciliation. "From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;

see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5:16-20.

I believe Lutherans are uniquely gifted to be about the ministry of reconciliation. For example, the ELCA has entered into Full Communion relationships with six other denominations. Synods of this church have companion partners all across the world. For Lutherans, to be bridge builders and to strive for unity is a part of our nature. It comes from our emphasis on grace and the belief that we are all in need of God's reconciliation through Jesus

Christ, our Lord.

So, as we consider our individual calls by God and the mission of our congregations, let us lift up the ministry of reconciliation: reconciliation in our families, reconciliation in our neighborhoods, reconciliation in our congregations, reconciliation in our society, and reconciliation in the world.

Again, St Paul writes: "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers." Romans 12:9-13

In Christ,

Bishop Gary Wollersheim

KIDS' PROGRAMS

Sunday School

Family Sunday School is Palm Sunday, **April, 17 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** We have a great event for the whole family to enjoy. So come and have fun with your kids and even if you don't have kids in Sunday School, we welcome you to attend. The Sunday School will also be helping Pastor with both services this year on Palm Sunday. Then after the 10:30 a.m. service all the children are invited to the Easter Egg Hunt. Don't forget a basket to carry all those eggs.

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday. When we get back the students will be learning the Lord's Prayer.

Confirmation

Confirmation class will meet on **Sunday, April 3rd at noon** and **Wednesday, April 20th at 6 p.m.**

Luther League

The Luther League will be meeting **Friday, April 15th at 5:30 p.m.** at Jennifer Karales' house. We will be making the bags for the Easter Egg Hunt. Each Luther Leaguer is asked to bring a bag of 36 candy treats for the bags. There will be pizza for supper. After making the bags, we will watch a movie. Luther League will be hiding the eggs on Sunday, April 17th.

The next Luther League meeting is **Sunday, May 8th** at 1:45 p.m. Kyle, Ryne, and Clint are in charge of devotions.

Greetings from Pastor Joe

Living in Christ,
Loving God's
people.
Teaching the
Word,
Reaching the
world.

Let us pray for the people of Libya; we pray that peace and order will soon return to the country and that their aspirations for a free and democratic nation can come true.

Let us pray for the people of Japan as they grapple with the on-going crisis as the result of the mega earthquake and tsunami. Anyone who want to donate towards disaster relief in Japan (and elsewhere) can do so by contributing towards ELCA's disaster relief fund. You may go online to www.elca.org for details.

What Does God Wants Us to Do at Immanuel?

Dear Sisters and Brothers,
Lenten Greetings to you all!

It is with thanksgiving to God and gratitude to leaders of the Missioning and Planning Committee and every member of Immanuel that I cherish the success of the first round of Bible Study and Mission Forums that took place last week. Five different groups, totaling more than 50 members, gathered to share insights and thoughts about the meaning of mission based on the reading of the Scriptures. During the forum session on March 16, I had a chance to visit each of the four groups and was amazed and inspired by the level of discussions and the enthusiasm I witnessed. I was told that when the Friday group met at Panera Bread, a patron of the restaurant overheard the conversation from the next room and then joined in with the conversation briefly. What wonderful testimonies of how God's Spirit moves in mysterious ways when we prayerfully discern His Call for us in mission.

Once again, I would like to reiterate the three concrete goals of the Missioning and Strategic Planning process, namely;

1. The revision of the current mission statement.
2. The Creation of concrete and achievable goals based on the mission Statement.

3. The development of detailed action plans based on the goals.

I also want to quote a beautiful statement drawn up by members of the Mission and Planning Committee on the mission statement.

Every so often we are all called to re-evaluate our lives. It is that time now for Immanuel. It is time to re-evaluate our mission and look forward to the future. We have always known what God wants us to do - to love one another. That will never change. But the world around us has changed and how Immanuel puts this love into action must change with it also.

With our every action it should be apparent that God's love is shining through us. That it is Immanuel - God is with us-sharing that love with everyone. It is time for us to share the Holy Spirit with those around us, in our community, and in the world. And together we will put our plans into action, sharing our great love for the Lord with this ever-changing world.

In addition, I want to emphasize that this is not a process accomplished by an expensive consultant or a small group meeting behind closed door; rather, it is an engaging group process that involves every member of Immanuel. I am very grateful to members of the Mission and Planning Committee for their conscientious efforts in creating an inviting and warm environment for participants during the forum sessions. In the last few weeks, the world has been fixating on a number of

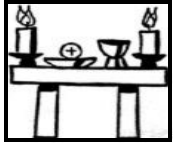
very important and dramatic events: the democratic movements in the Arab world, the conflicts in Libya, the three-prong disasters in Japan – a mega earthquake, a giant tsunami, and the evolving crisis of the nuclear plant in Fukushima. What we are witnessing is the *brokenness* and *possibilities* of the world in real time. There is brokenness and possibilities everywhere: in the far off corners of the world and the communities around us; in complex human relationships and in the lonely inner struggles of human individuals. We as Christians are called to be a part of the Body of Christ to bring healing and grace to this broken world through Proclamation and Service.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life (John 3:16)." Armed with this promise of eternal love, the question for us is: **What does God call us to do at Immanuel, given the gifts we have at Immanuel, and the needs present in the communities around us?**

Once again, I want to thank all of you for your support of the Missioning and Strategic Planning process. We have a great start! We'll continue to need the enthusiastic and prayerful support of everyone so that we can have greater clarity on the question of what God calls us to do at Immanuel.

Please see the schedule of our next Bible Study and Mission Forums. Please come even if you have forgotten to RSVP!

Thank you. Pastor Joe



Happenings at Immanuel

A L T A R G U I L D

The April Altar Guild will meet on **Monday, April 4th at 6:30 pm.** We will be cleaning the altar area in preparation for Easter. Please bring cleaning supplies.

The Altar committee for April is Brenda and Sandy. Brenda is serving at the meeting. We have Easter cards and other Easter items for sale in the hallway display. We are offering Easter lilies for sale again this year. The price will be \$15.00 each. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway and on the card display. We need to have our order sent in by April 12, so please sign up by **Sunday, April 10th.** Anyone interested in more information about the Altar Guild, please contact Connie Worley (630-552-3976).

RUTH CIRCLE Ruth Circle RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, April 12th at 1:30 p.m.** Beryl Borneman will be the Bible Study Leader and Carol Foster will be the hostess. Why not spend an afternoon with the ladies enjoying a Bible Study and fellowship? For more information, contact Betty Hardecopf at 630-553-5336.

Servant Hearts Circle

Servant Hearts Circle will meet on **Thursday, April 14th at 6:30 p.m.** Brenda Corrigan will be the server. For more info, contact Brenda Corrigan at 630-553-1525. All women of the church are invited to come!

Serving at Immanuel

GREETERS

9 a.m.

Billie Poppen	April 3
Glenn & Sally Bates	April 10
Randy & Sue Boldt	April 17
Bill & Diane Hardecopf	April 24

10:30 a.m.

Keith & Sandy Collman
Tom & Jeanene Coziahr
Dale & Delores Dierzen

USHERS

9 a.m.

Glenn Bates & Bill Hardecopf

10:30 a.m.

Roger Olson & Bill Lippold

COUNTERS

Cary & Denise Stevenson, & Jenni Mulvey

READERS

9 a.m.

Linda Stephens	April 3
Randy Boldt	April 10
Sandy Stone	April 17
Sharon Robinson	April 24

10:30 a.m.

Laura Devick
Maryjo Mott
Brenda Karales
Maggie Sampson

ACOLYTES

9 a.m.

Kyle Lippold

10:30 a.m.

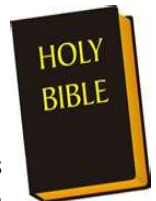
Dhane Hardecopf

Lenten Breakfast



Ladies - Mark your calendars for the Lenten Breakfast on **Saturday, April 9th at 8:30 a.m.** at the Whitetail Ridge Clubhouse, off of Route 126, Yorkville. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend and enjoy fellowship with one another, a delicious buffet breakfast, hear an inspiring message from Pastor Chu and partake in Holy Communion. Cost is \$12.00. For more information, contact Bev Borneman at 630-553-5923.

Adult Sunday School



The adult Sunday School class will begin meeting again on **April 10th** with new material [So What's The Difference by Fritz Ridenour - Buddhism, Mormonism, Humanism, Witchcraft, Jehovah's Witnesses, and more]. Join them for Bible study on Sunday mornings at 9 am.

**IMMANUEL
COOKBOOKS**

Spring is in the air! Instead of making the same thing night after night, try a new recipe. Remember the cookbooks make great gifts! If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, contact Maryjo Mott at 815-254-9117.



Pray for the congregation as they work in groups with the missioning and visioning meetings.

Pray for Marie Thomas and Lyle Hardecopf at Hillside.

Pray for Carolyn Leifheit and Millie Tripp at Bickford Cottage.

Pray for Frances and Ronnie Bretthauer in Jennings Terrace.

Celebrations!



APRIL



4/1 – Sandy Collman
Adam Nenne

4/2 – Britt Johnson

4/7 – Lucas Heiden
Joshua Heiden
Shirley Cunningham

4/8 – Kathi Butts

4/9 – Stan Bretthauer
Billie Poppen

4/10 – Bill Behrens, Sr.

4/13 – Liam Behrends

4/14 – Rob Ambrose

4/16 – Wendy Drane

4/19 – Emma Wallis

4/21 – JoAnne Behrens
Kyle Lippold

4/24 – Kim Morgart

4/27 – Gary Fruland

4/29 – Hayley Schoot

*over 80 years old

Anniversaries

4/4 – Stan & Janet Bretthauer

4/5—Greg & Lynn Molitor

4/13 – Jim & Wendy Treest

4/15 – Jim & Angie Webber

4/19 – Mark & Carol Bowen

4/26—Brian & Arlene Anderson



Please pray for Bill Butts; Keith Collman; Pastor Kurt Nordby and family on the passing of Pastor Kurt's mother-in-law; Pat Russ - Michelle Halbesma's grandmother; Scott Heiden, Kate Smith - friend of the Stevensons; Jim Sundlin - Carole Butts' brother; Clifford Gordon and Trey—Sandy Stone's father and son-in-law; and Harriet Theiner - Pat Johnson's mother.

Pray for the Kendall County PADS project.

Pray for Steve Halbesma's daughter, Emily, who is on tour of duty in Afghanistan

Pray for the Outreach Committee.

Pray for all those things that we may not be able to give words to but lay heavy on our hearts.

Pray for our Sunday School classes, Luther League, and Circles.

Pray for all your loved ones.

Reaching out to others...



Busy Hands

Busy Hands will meet on **Wednesday, April 13th and April 27th at 9 a.m.** The ladies are busy putting quilts together. If you would like to take home a simple quilt to put together, please let Busy

Hands know and they will give you a kit. The girls will sandwich the quilt together with batting and backing. Don't forget if you know of someone you would like to give a prayer shawl to, they are on the bench outside of the sanctuary. The ladies have been busy crocheting them. If you aren't sure how to quilt or crochet, the ladies would love to help you. All levels of ability are welcomed.



The next Council meeting is Tuesday, April 12th @ 7 p.m.

Visit Immanuel on Facebook!

Immanuel Lutheran is now on Facebook! Join us and invite your friends! You can find our Facebook page by typing in "Immanuel Lutheran Church Yorkville" in Facebook's search box. Become a "Liker" of our page and you'll receive regular updates, reminders, pray requests and news about your church.

Lenten Devotion Schedule

The Lenten Devotion schedule for April is as follows: April 6th, 13th, and 20th, a simple meal of soups and breads will be served at 6 pm. The devotions will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Forum 2

- Friday, April 1, 9:30-10:30 a.m. @ Panera Bread, Yorkville
- Saturday, April 2, 10:30-11:30 a.m. @ Immanuel

Forum 3

- Wednesday, April 13, 6:45-7:45 p.m. @ Immanuel
- Friday, April 15, 9:30-10:30 a.m. @ Panera Bread, Yorkville
- Saturday, April 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m. @ Immanuel

Mother-Daughter-Friend Buffet

The Mother-Daughter-Friend Salad Buffet is Tuesday evening, **May 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** This year's theme is "Weddings." All ladies of the congregation and their guests are invited to this fun evening. Watch for more details in the Sunday bulletins and the May Newsletter.

WELCA NEEDS.....

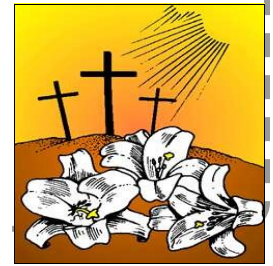
If you have any cool whip, sour cream, butter containers with lids, WELCA could use them. Please put them on the counter in the kitchen. Thanks!

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LOOKING AHEAD

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

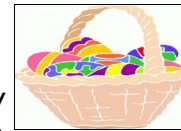
April 17	9 & 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday	Easter Egg Hunt after 10:30 a.m. service
April 21	7 p.m. Maundy Thursday	
April 22	7 p.m. Good Friday	
April 24	6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service	
	7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. Easter Breakfast	
	9:30 a.m. Easter Service	



The mighty one,
God the LORD,
speaks and summons
the earth
from the rising of the sun
to its setting.
Psalms 50.1

Congregational Quarterly Meeting

The council has decided to hold the quarterly congregational meeting on Sunday, May 1st following the 10:30 a.m. service.



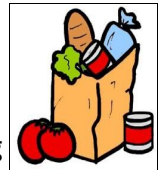
Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt is on **Sunday, April 17th** after the **10:30 a.m. service**. Children in grades lower than 7th are invited to join the fun. Please bring your Easter basket!

Luther League Needs Help

The Luther League is also looking for an adult supervisor. If you would be interested, please contact Pastor or Laura Devick.

Kendall County Food Pantry



WELCA is collecting food for the food pantry on the last Sunday of each month. Donations for the food pantry will be collected on **Sunday, April 24th**. Please bring donations of Paper products (toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, etc.) The Pantry will accept any donation.

For more information, contact Brenda Corrigan at 630-553-1525.

DivorceCare and DivorceCare 4 Kids
Both groups will begin new sessions on **Saturday April 2nd from 8:30a.m.-12:00 p.m.** and continuing on **Thursday evenings April 7th - June 2nd from 6:00-7:30p.m.** The last session will be held on **June 4th from 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m.** All sessions will be held at Cross Lutheran's South Campus. Adult registration fee of \$15.00 includes a workbook. Scholarships are available.

To pre-register, please call Karen Hardecopf, Director of Care Ministries at 630-385-8113 or email khardecopf@hiscross.org.

Welcome Little Blessings!



Spread the word to family and friends with little ones. "Little Blessings" - Immanuel's nursery area - is now available in the Council Room each Sunday during the 9 a.m. service. We welcome with warm smiles and loving arms infants through 3 yrs. Parents are asked to leave a mobile phone number at sign-in so they can receive a text in the event the nursery needs to reach them during service. For more information or to volunteer, contact Sally Bates (sally_bates@hotmail.com) or Kathy Dove (krdove5@comcast.net). At this time we are not in need of additional toys, as our storage space is limited.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be **June 20 - 25 2011, from 9 a.m. to noon**. There will be classes for any child age 3 through 6th grade. The theme this year is Shake It Up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 9:30 a.m. 2nd Bible Study and Mission Forum at Panera in Yorkville	2 10:30 a.m. 2nd Bible Study and Mission Forum at Immanuel
3 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Noon—Confirmation Class	4 6:30 p.m. Altar Guild	5	6 6 p.m. Soup Supper & Lenten Devotions	7	8	9 8:30 a.m. Lenten Breakfast
10 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Sch	11	12 1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle 7 p.m. Council Meeting	13 9 a.m. Busy Hands 6 pm Soup Supper 6:45 pm 3rd Bible Study and Mission Forum	14 6:30 p.m. Servant Hearts Circle Newsletter Items Due	15 9:30 a.m. 3rd Bible Study and Mission Forum at Panera in Yorkville 5:30 p.m. Luther League	16 10:30 a.m. 3rd Bible Study and Mission Forum at Immanuel 5
17 Palm Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Family Sun. Sch. 11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt	18	19	20 6 p.m. Confirmation	21 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service	22 7 p.m. Good Friday Service	23 9 a.m. Easter Breakfast Prep
24 Easter 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service 9:30 a.m. Easter Service Breakfast served 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Kendall County Food Pantry Donation	25	26 6:30 p.m. WELCA General Meeting	27 9 a.m. Busy Hands	28	29	30

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Upcoming Events

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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| April 17 | 9 & 10:30 a.m. | Palm Sunday / Easter Egg Hunt after 10:30 a.m. service |
| April 21 | 7 p.m. | Maundy Thursday |
| April 22 | 7 p.m. | Good Friday |
| April 24 | 6:30 a.m. | Sunrise Service |
| | 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. | Easter Breakfast |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Easter Service |

Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us!