

IMMANUEL

Lutheran Church

JUNE 2011

UPCOMING MESSAGE SERIES

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JOHN 20:19-23

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What Does God wants us to do at Immanuel?

An Update on the Missioning and Strategic Planning Process

Based on the discussions of the forums, the Missioning and Planning Committee has created three draft mission statements to be reviewed by the Council in June. Afterwards, the Committee and the Council will share these statements with the congregation through bulletins and other forums. Our goal is that the new Mission Statement will be voted on at the next Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, July 17th.

The Committee is moving ahead to work on Short Term

Goals for the congregation. To assist that process, Pastor Kurt Norby, Assistant to the Bishop of the North Illinois Synod, will conduct an Asset Mapping and Goal Setting exercise with the Missioning and Planning Committee together with members of the Church Council. All members of the congregation are invited to attend as well. It will be a 2 ½ hour session, probably on a Wednesday night either in the 3rd or 4th week in June. We will notify you immediately as soon as a date is set.

Once again, let's review 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.

Please stay tuned for the new announcements from the Missioning and Planning Committee. Please also continue to pray for our Missioning and Strategic Planning process and pray for the dedicated members of the committee. Together, let us continue to discern what God want us to do at Immanuel as we move forward.

God's Blessings,
Pastor Joe

KIDS' PROGRAMS

Sunday School

The Sunday School ended the school year with a Teacher Appreciation Day on May 22. The Sunday School children wish to thank their teachers for all the work they did this school year:

Preschool and Kindergarten Teachers: Arlene Anderson, Kathy Dove, and Gena Gerdin
1st through 6th Grade Teachers: Lesli Ambrose, Lea Bateman, and Brenda Corrigan
7th and 8th Grade Teacher: Laura Devick
High School Teachers: Christopher Dove and Paula Stoehr
Adult Sunday School: Paul Mott
Treasurer of Sunday School: Jane Wallis

The Sunday School wishes to also thank all the helpers and parents. God has blessed the Sunday School with so much love and support for the children. We look forward to a great week of Vacation Bible School. Laura Devick has so graciously agreed to lead the VBS this year. Please contact Laura with any questions at 1-815-695-5432.



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

Please keep in pray
the fellow citizens in
Joplin, Missouri and
other states where
severe weather re-
lated disasters have
ravaged people's
lives and homes.

Greetings from Pastor Joe

Pentecost – Wind of God that Breaks Down Walls

As I was writing this article, the news of tornados ravaging communities and towns across the heartland of America kept splashing across news channels on my computer screen. The tragic scenes at Joplin, Mississippi, with a death toll well over 120, are particularly heart-breaking. The thought of being assaulted by a tornado with a gusting force beyond 200 mph is terrifying. Please keep our fellow Americans whose lives have been affected by the severe weather in earnest prayers.

The powerful twisters, with their virulent whirlwinds and vortexes that uproot trees and buildings, remind me of yet another primordial force that is far more powerful – the Spirit of God or the Holy Spirit. In both Hebrew and Greek, and hence the Old and New Testament, the word “spirit” means “wind.” That wind has been with God since creation. *“In the beginning when God created heavens and earth....while a wind from God (or the spirit of God) swept over the face of waters (Gen 1:1-2).”* And then, on the Day of Pentecost, as the disciples gathered in one place in Jerusalem, God’s wind kicked up again. *“And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it*

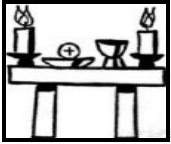
filled the entire house where they were sitting (Acts 2:2).” As the birth of the earth came with the wind/Spirit of God, so was the birth of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Entering into faith in Jesus Christ as the Risen Lord is humanly impossible for the first Christians and for us as well. To believe that a dead man has been resuscitated and is now alive is hard enough. To accept that someone executed on the cross– the worst kind of capital punishment reserved for criminals of treason - is actually the God anointed ruler of the universe defies all human reasoning. If the disciples simply used Jesus as a martyr to stir up bottled up angers and discontent among the listeners in order to fuel violent rebellions against Roman rule, it would have been very understandable. But the message of and about Jesus is not vengeance and revolts but radical forgiveness and love. Unbelievable! Top it all, Christian faith is much more than accepting Jesus as one’s personal Lord and Savior, it is about being in community with people all around the world – those we like and share much in common as well as those we don’t like and with whom we share

nothing in common.

According to human inclinations, none of these is possible. No wonder St. Paul calls the faith in the resurrection of the Crucified One a “stumbling block” for the Jews and “foolishness” for gentiles. The wall that prevents us from faith is deeply rooted in the best human reasoning, survival instincts and traditions. But yet when the Spirit of God came on the Day of Pentecost, the walls that separate God and human, as well as those demarcating humans of different races, classes and cultures are completely uprooted. Thanks Be to God, the Church is born.

In my experience, the life of faith is a daily struggle with many walls and stumbling blocks that divide us from God and from our fellow human beings. I know I cannot do it by my own accord. But the Good News is that the Holy Spirit is still at work each and every day. With gentleness and sometime twister forces, the Holy Spirit helps us break down and uproot the dividing walls that prevent us from living a life of fullness with God and with others. As we celebrate yet another “birthday” of our church on the Day of Pentecost, let us hold on to the promise of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Thank you. Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Joe



ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is celebrating our 65th anniversary on **June 5th**. Please help us celebrate with cake and refreshments after the **9 a.m.** church service.

Our next meeting is **June 6th at 6:30**. The Altar committee for June is Denise Stevenson and Jane Wallis.

We welcome new members to Altar Guild. Anyone interested in attending a meeting to see what we are all about, please come on June 6th or if you have questions about the Altar Guild please contact Connie Worley (630-552-3976).

GREETERS

9 a.m.

June 5 - Bill Lippold
June 12 - Carol Foster
June 19 - Kelvin & Pat Johnson
June 26 - Duane & Gena Gerdin

READERS

9 a.m.

June 5 - Linda Stephens
June 12 - Glenn Borneman
June 19 - Nancy Curran
June 26 - Sharon Hosler

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, June 14th at 1:30 p.m.** Betty Hardecopf will be leading the Bible Study and Beryl Borneman is the hostess for June. All women are invited to come! For more information, contact Betty Hardecopf at 630-553-5336.



USHERS

9 a.m.

Brian Anderson and
Christopher Dove

COUNTERS

Craig Borneman,
Calvin and Jane Wallis

ACOLYTES

9 a.m.

Nathan Pacheco

Servant Hearts Circle

Servant Hearts Circle will meet on **Thursday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m.** Lesli Ambrose is the hostess for June. For more info, contact Brenda Corrigan at 630-553-1525. Join these ladies for Bible study and fellowship!

Vacation Bible School

Immanuel Lutheran Church invites all children to get cookin' at Shake

It Up Cafe: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe Vacation Bible School. Explore and experience recipes for living out God's Word. The fun begins **Monday, June 20th and ends Friday, June 24th, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** The recipe at our cafe includes heaping helpings of Bible fun and special servings of creative crafts, food science, and great music. To be a part of all the excitement at Shake It Up Cafe call Laura Devick at 815-695-5432 or visit the church's website at www.immanuelnyorkville.org

Church Picnic—June 26th

The annual church picnic will be **Sunday, June 26th** after the church service. The students of VBS will be performing some of the songs they learned during the week. There will also be the ever popular cake walk, fish pond, plinko and sucker tree for the kids. We are in need of donations for the cake walk and fish pond. Please bring two dishes to pass and your own table service. There will be pop and ice cream to purchase at the picnic. Please plan on coming and enjoying the day with your church family.





**IMMANUEL
COOKBOOKS**

Salads are quick and easy meals for in the summer. Have you tried a new salad recipe lately? Check out the salads in the cookbook. These cookbooks make great gifts! If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, contact Maryjo Mott at 815-254-9117.

JUNE



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| 6/1 – Frank Campbell
Jessie Fruland | 6/3 – Nilslee Kreppert
Pat Lippold | 6/20 – Ethan Walker |
| 6/6—Sean & Wendy Drane | 6/7 – Joanne
Riemenschneider | 6/22 – Terry Morganegg |
| 6/7 – Tom & Debbie Schoot
Eric & Heather Walker | 6/8 – Beth Heiden | 6/23 – Frances Bretthauer*
Tom Coziahr |
| 6/10 – Ken & Sandy Stone | 6/9 – Jamie Cox
Lynn Molitor
Isaac Sampson | 6/24 – Emily Halbesma |
| 6/11– Calvin & Jane Wallis | 6/13 – Bonnie Stanford | 6/26 – Denise Stevenson |
| 6/17 – Cary & Denise Stevenson | 6/14 – Neil Borneman
Fred Kreppert
Maggie Sampson | 6/28 – Megan Devick
Dale Dierzen
Kathy Dove |
| 6/20 – David & Kathy Hughes | | 6/29—Carol Bowen |
| 6/29 – Michael & Susan Smith | | |
| 6/30 – Russ & Ardys Hughes** | | |



Anniversaries



Pray for the Calling committee as they continue the call process.

Pray for Marie Thomas at Hillside.

Pray for Carolyn Leifheit and Millie Tripp at Bickford Cottage.

Pray for Frances and Ronnie Bretthauer in Jennings Terrace.

Please pray for Bill Butts; Katie and Rob Heiden and baby; Caroly Leifheit; Scott Heiden, Lynn Molitor; Clifford Gordon and Trey - Sandy Stone's father and son-in-law; and the family of Gerald Tuttle – cousin of Beryl Borneman.

Pray for the Missioning and Planning Committee as they lead the congregation into the discernment of God's purpose for Immanuel.

Pray for Steve Halbesma's daughter, Emily, who is on tour of duty in Afghanistan. Pray for the safety of all those who serve their country.

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, June 8th and June 22nd at 9 a.m.** Take a break from the heat and help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief or prayer shawls. There are so many beautiful shawls and quilts. 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. All levels of ability are welcomed. If you know of someone who would like a prayer shawl, please feel free to take one. Hope to see you!



The Council meeting is Tuesday, June 14th @ 7 p.m.



Luther League

The Luther League will be raising money for the Relay for Life of Lower Fox Valley The month of June. The monies raised will help people stay well, get well, find cures and fight back against cancer. Luther Leaguers will be selling stars before and after church. There will be a display at church of all the stars sold. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. The actual relay will be **June 24 - 25, 2011** from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at the Yorkville High School.

Sign-Up for Weekly Giving!!!

Your donation is critical to the success of God's work at Immanuel. When you miss a week, we don't get your donation and things start to come to a halt. But, you can change that!!! One way is to sign-up for weekly giving. You can use a checking account or a credit card. You can do this by filling out a form available at church or on our website which is secured via Vanco services (Thrivent for Lutherans sponsored). Your weekly donation will be automatically transferred from your account to Immanuel's. **IT'S SAFE, SECURE, and RECORDED!!!** Thinking of doing this, but you have questions? Ask Christopher Dove (treasurer@immanuelyorkville.org) for a one-on-one discussion and demonstration. Imagine going to Sunday worship without having to write a check – you know that blessed envelope you forgot on the counter where you picked up your keys. We all have been there. Come worship with God with one less thing to think about.

Lost and Found

There are a few items on the coat rack in the hallway, that have been there for awhile, please check these items and if they're yours please take them home.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Income & Expense

January 1 - May 18, 2011

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Benevolence Offerings	550.00
Directly Funded Income	211.00
Operating Fund Income	71,436.02
Other Funds Income	253.92
Parsonage Income	1,100.00
Total Income	\$ 73,550.94
Expenses	
Benevolence Programs	230.00
Benevolence Resolutions	1,540.00
Christian Education	560.92
Church Administration	12,900.26
Directly Funded Expenses	111.00
Parsonage Expenses	(21.17)
Pastoral Services	20,355.44
Property Insurances & Taxes	1,458.23
Repairs & Maintenance	6,965.17
Utilities	7,764.49
Worship & Fellowship	5,079.15
Total Expenses	\$ 56,943.49
Net Operating Income	\$ 16,607.45
Net Income	\$ 16,607.45

LOOKING AHEAD



The mighty one,
God the LORD,
speaks and summons
the earth
from the rising of the sun
to its setting.
Psalm 50:1

Hey, What's That Number?

Did you know the number on your offering envelope is used to track your donations to the church? If you received a contribution statement for last year, you'll notice the number on it matched the envelope number you had last year. Most, if not all, have the same number this year as last year, but it can change from year-to-year in order to preserve privacy.

Now that you know what that number is, we want to encourage you to **put your envelope number on your check** in the memo line, please. Whether you have an offering envelope or not, write this number your check, including for checks to Altar Guild, WELCA, etc. Likewise, please **put the amount of your contribution on your offering envelope and don't put your name on the envelope**. At some point in the future (to be announced), the counters will no longer be opening the envelope in order to keep your donation private. The counters will only be recording the envelope number and the amount on the envelope on the tally sheet. The counters are not provided with a list of who has what number. The Financial Secretary will be the only one opening the envelope to reconcile it with the tally sheet from the counters. Envelopes without amounts will be opened as they are today. However, the best privacy is to sign-up for our automatic contribution -- forms available by the sanctuary doors. Vanco Services acts as the counter and deposits the money -- can't get better than that!!! Vanco Services is used by many churches and is recommended by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Pastor's Open Invitation

Click! Click! Click!

Hopefully you heard Pastor's message inviting you to come take your picture during the Vacation Bible School week, **Thursday, June 23rd through Saturday, June 25th**, we are taking pictures to produce a current pictorial directory. Hurray! Ok, maybe not that exciting, but it's time. There is **no cost to have your portrait taken** and for each family whose photo is taken, Lifetouch will donate four (4) meals to our food pantry of choice. You can sign-up on our website @ www.immanuelyorkville.org or at church at these dates between the services.

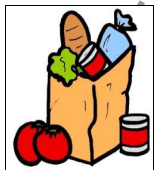
Sign-Up

June 12 – Photo Sign-Up 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
June 19 – Photo Sign-Up 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Pictures Taken

June 23 – Pictures Taken 2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
June 24 – Pictures Taken 2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
June 25 – Pictures Taken 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kendall County Food Pantry



This month we are collecting canned fruit to donate to the Kendall County Food Pantry. This ministry is part of WELCA. Donations for the food pantry will be collected on **Sunday, June 26th**. Of course the Pantry will accept any donation.

For more information, contact Brenda Corrigan at 630-553-1525. Thanks for helping!



Take time this summer to kick back with a good book! There are a lot of great summer reading books in the Book Nook in Heritage Hall. Please fill out the book sign out sheet when taking out a book. If you have any questions, please call Janet Bretthauer at 630-553-5941



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2011

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4
5 9 a.m. Worship Together Altar Guild's 65th anniversary celebration	6 6:30 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting	7	8 9 a.m. Busy Hands	9	10	11
12 9 a.m. Worship Together	13	14 1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle 7 p.m. Council Meeting	15	16 6:30 p.m. Servant Hearts Circle	17 Synod Assembly	18 Synod ssembly
19 9 a.m. Worship Together	20 VBS 9 a.m. to noon (M-F) Vacation Bible School	21 VBS	22 VBS 9 a.m. Busy Hands	23 VBS 2:30 - 9 p.m. Lifetouch	24 VBS 2:30 - 9 p.m. Lifetouch 6 p.m. Relay for Life	25 6 a.m. Relay for Life 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lifetouch
26 9 a.m. Worship Together Church Picnic	27	28	29	30		

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Upcoming Events



Your kids will explore the Bible as an exciting cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's Word.

By celebrating biblical festivals, they will:

- Be ready for God
- Give happily to God
- Believe fully in Jesus
- Remember Jesus often
- Celebrate God forever

Vacation Bible School

June 20-24, 2011

9 a.m. to noon

Where kids carry out God's ministry!