

IMMANUEL

Lutheran Church

MAY 2011

UPCOMING MESSAGE SERIES

◆ MAY 1

JOHN 20:19-31

◆ MAY 8

LUKE 24:13-35

◆ MAY 15

JOHN 10:1-10

◆ MAY 22

JOHN 14:1-14

◆ MAY 29

JOHN 14:15-21

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What Does God Want Us to Do at Immanuel?

More than 80 members have participated in the three rounds of the Bible Study and Mission Forum discussions during Lent. Our adult members were not the only ones enthusiastically engaging in discussion. Our youth made their voices heard as well. Once again, I want to thank the Missioning and Planning Committee for their dedication, commitment and leadership. It was indeed a time for rejuvenation and fellowship at Immanuel.

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.

The work of the MPC will continue. Their next task is to draft a new mission statement based on our current mission statement and the rich input we received during three rounds of

discussions. There will be more consultations with the Council and all members on this matter. Please stay tuned.

Please continue to pray for our Missioning and Strategic Planning process and pray for the dedicated members of this Missioning and Planning Committee. Together, let us continue to discern what God wants us to do at Immanuel as we move forward.

Blessings,

Pastor Joe

KIDS' PROGRAMS

Sunday School

The Sunday School was busy this last month. All the Sunday School children helped Pastor with both of the Palm Sunday Services and sang their hearts out. Thank you to all the families for participating in both services, and to Jane Wallis for arranging the music. We also had a great turn out for the Palm Sunday Family Sunday School. Thank you to all the families that brought food and helped in the kitchen. I hope everyone had fun.

Sunday School starts back up on **May 1st at 9:30 a.m.** The children will be learning in depth, The Lord's Prayer. The last day of Sunday School is **May 22nd.** We will be having a fun day with all grades to appreciate the teachers and helpers who dedicated a lot of time to the church and Sunday School. Also we will be honoring the children who will be graduating from High School. Fun activities are planned.

Confirmation

Our confirmation class on May 1st will be changed to **Wednesday night, May 4th at 6 p.m.** due to the annual meeting scheduled on May 1st. The topics for May will continue to be the Ten Commandments along with the law and the Gospel.

Luther League

The Luther League will be raising money for the Relay for Life of Lower Fox Valley during the month of June. The monies raised will help people stay well, get well, find cures, and fight back against cancer. During the month of June, Luther Leaguers will be selling stars. 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. - 6 a.m. at the Yorkville High School.

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 wants 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.

Greetings from Pastor Joe

HAPPY EASTER!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
He is Risen indeed!

In our secular world, we observe special days – July Fourth, Memorial Day, etc. The events associated with these holidays have special meaning for all of us. Specifically, the reason of these events still “live” in us. For example, we observe Independence Day because the freedom and rights made possible by the sacrifice of our fore-fathers is still “alive” today.

For us Christians, Easter is more than an event that took place long ago and far away that has exceptional impact for us through generations. Easter is a

daily occurrence because the center of this event – **Jesus Christ the Crucified One - is still living today.**

Because Jesus lives, our lives can be very different:

- ◆ The “sting” of death is no more because Jesus’ fate of resurrection is OUR fate. We can face the world with encouragement even in face of death.
- ◆ Love, forgiveness and compassion - principles championed by Jesus, but endeavors that are impossible for us humans to do - will always win at the end.
- ◆ Despair, fear, destruction and sinfulness can no longer claim victory in our lives. Crucifixion is not the end of Jesus’ life and ministry. In fact, it is the beginning of God’s

grace and forgiveness.

Once again, I am reminded of the chorus of the hymn, “Because He Lives.”

*Because he lives, I can face tomorrow
Because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because he lives.*

Let us come together to celebrate Easter with great joy and to live out the Easter promise each and every day!

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
He is Risen indeed!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Joe



Happenings at Immanuel

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild would like to thank everyone who purchased Easter Lilies. They were a beautiful addition to our Easter Sunday worship.

The Altar Guild will be celebrating our 65th anniversary on **June 5th**. Please join us in our celebration with cake and refreshments **after the 9 a.m. service**.

The Altar Committee for May is Sandy and Denise. Our next meeting will be on June 6th.

Anyone interested in joining our group or would like more information, please contact Connie Worley 630-552-3976.

GREETERS

9 a.m.

Brian & Arlene Anderson May 1
 Steve & Michelle Halbesma May 8
 Bob & May Heiden May 15
 Earl & Connie Worley May 22
 Dwayne & Kay Collman May 29

10:30 a.m.

Jim Follmer
 Beth & Judy Hage
 Lye & Sharon Hosler
 Calvin & Jane Wallis

READERS

9 a.m.

Gena Gerdin May 1
 Janet Bretthauer May 8
 Ed Guettler May 15
 Kelly Leonetti May 22
 May Heiden May 29

10:30 a.m.

Bev Borneman
 Pat Johnson
 Cary Stevenson
 Denise Stevenson



All ladies and girls are invited to the **Mother-Daughter-Friend Salad Buffet** on Tuesday evening, **May 3rd at 6 p.m.** in the church fellowship hall. This year's theme is "Weddings". Please bring a large dish to share. If you have a wedding picture or item of interest to display, please bring it to the church on Sunday, May 1st with the names of the bride and groom and the wedding date. If you have any questions, please talk to Brenda Corrigan.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, May 10th at 1:30 p.m.** Dorothy Browning will be the Bible Study Leader and Jeanene Coziahr will be the hostess. Stop in and enjoy being with these faithful ladies. For more information, contact Betty Hardecopf at 630-553-5336.

Servant Hearts Circle

Servant Hearts Circle will meet on **Thursday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m.** Diana Morganegg will be the server. For more info, contact Brenda Corrigan at 630-553-1525. All women of the church are invited to come!

Spring Cleaning

Spring Cleaning Day has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 14th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** We will clean the building's interior and also wash the interior and exterior windows. All are invited as we need as many people as possible – the more people the quicker it gets done. Please come and have fun!

USHERS

9 a.m.

Terry Morganegg & Tom Schoot

10:30 a.m.

Cary & Denise Stevenson

COUNTERS

Paul & Maryjo Mott & Bill Lippold

ACOLYTES

9 a.m.

Ryne Lippold

10:30 a.m.

Can you help as lay Worship Leaders?

There are many members with great spiritual gifts, specifically the gifts of speaking, preaching, and worship leadership. We need lay worship leaders to assist with Sunday worship, particularly on Sundays when the pastor is away. If you feel the call, please prayerfully consider it and contact Pastor Joe. Thank you.





**IMMANUEL
COOKBOOKS**

Spring surely is just around the corner, right? Beat the winter doldrums by trying a new recipe from the great selection of recipes in Immanuel's cookbook! These make great Mother's Day gifts. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, contact Maryjo Mott at 815-254-9117.

Anniversaries



MAY

Celebrations!



- 5/1 – Judy Hage
- 5/2 – Joe Bergthold
- 5/5 – Scott Bretthauer
- 5/9 – Kelly Borneman
- 5/12 – Don Mulvey
- 5/13 – Jennifer Boldt
- 5/16 – Verne Riemenschneider
- 5/18 – Dillan Gauer
- 5/19 – Angela Webber
- 5/24 – Steven Borneman
- 5/25 – Jared Fruland
Louis Kreppert, Jr.
- 5/26 – Laura Hajost
- 5/30 – Michael Smith
- 5/31 – Kelvin Johnson
Alan Kreppert

*over 80 years old

- 5/8 – Neil & Bev Borneman
- 5/18 - Lou & Kelly Leonetti
- 5/19 – Jim Follmer & Millie Tripp
- 5/24 – Dale & Delores Dierzen**
- 5/29 – Peter & Mary Bielby

**over 50 years



Pray for the Calling committee as they begin the process of calling a Pastor for Immanuel.

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; Keith Collman; Pat Russ - Michelle Halbesma's grandmother; the family and friends of Lyle Hardecopf as they grieve his passing; Katie Heiden and baby; Scott Heiden, June Nagel - former member of Immanuel; Kate Smith - friend of the Stevensons; Carole Butts and family as they grieve her brother Jim Sundlin's passing; Cifford Gordon and Trey - Sandy Stone's father and son-in-law; and Harriet Theiner - Pat Johnson's mother.

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, May 11th and May 25th at 9 a.m.** Stop in on Wednesday morning to see what the ladies have been up to. There are so many beautiful shawls and quilts. Join this group to be part of this important ministry or drop in when you can. 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.



The Council meeting is Tuesday, May 10th @ 7 p.m.

LSSI's Intouch Home Care Services - Keep Seniors Safe, at Home

Now, family members seeking home care services for their elderly loved ones have a new way to access information about Intouch Home Care Services, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI). An affordable care option, Intouch helps seniors maintain their independence and their lives at home.

The new Intouch Home Care Services Web site - accessible via the homepage of www.LSSI.org - provides information on a wide range of services that are available, including personal care, meal preparation, housecleaning, and transportation to appointments. To inquire about services in your area, visit the Intouch site on www.LSSI.org.

We Think You Are Beautiful!

Click! Click! Click!

Don't like your picture taken? A lot of us don't. But don't stop reading this yet...if you think about the flipside, we see people and wonder, what is their name? Don't we all wish we could put a face with a name? Nothing like your spouse asking..."honey, the person two rows up in the blue shirt, who is that again?" Wouldn't a current pictorial directory be helpful that has their picture in it and not a place holder? 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. That's right, just come in your Sunday best, sit down, and smile! At the same time someone gets fed and other people get to connect a face with a name. How sweet is that? You are helping others just by having your picture taken. Can't get any better than that! Not convinced...ok, how about when you sign-up at church, you can help vote for which pantry? Now it's a party!!! Let's get this party started. On **May 15th**, we will have our first "Sunday" sign-up event. We will be posting a link on our website to sign-up after May 15th.

Make sure to RSVP for this party!

May 15 - Photo Sign-Up 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

May 22 - Photo Sign-Up 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

May 29 - Photo Sign-Up 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Income & Expense

January 1 - April 20, 2011

| | Total |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Income | |
| Benevolence Offerings | 180.00 |
| Directly Funded Income | 111.00 |
| Operating Fund Income | 39,992.46 |
| Other Funds Income | 253.23 |
| Parsonage Income | 450.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 40,986.69 |
| Expenses | |
| Benevolence Programs | 160.00 |
| Benevolence Resolutions | 1,000.00 |
| Christian Education | 479.79 |
| Church Administration | 10,160.35 |
| Directly Funded Expenses | 74.00 |
| Parsonage Expenses | (173.03) |
| Pastoral Services | 15,702.87 |
| Property Insurances & Taxes | 1,402.50 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | 4,888.85 |
| Utilities | 6,538.79 |
| Worship & Fellowship | 3,564.51 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 43,798.63 |
| Net Operating Income | \$ (2,811.94) |
| Net Income | \$ (2,811.94) |

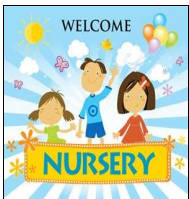
LOOKING AHEAD



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

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.



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.*

Hey, What's That Number?

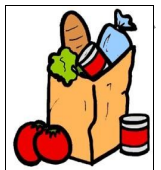
Did you know the number on your offering envelope is used to track your donations to the church? If you received a contribution statement for last year, you'll notice the number on it matched the envelope number you had last year. Most, if not all, have the same number this year as last year, but it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

Constitution Available Online

Need a copy of the church's constitution? It's on the church's website (www.immanuelyorkville.org) under Newsletters. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact Cindy at office@immanuelyorkville.org.

Kendall County Food Pantry



Donations needed for the Kendall County Food Pantry this month are canned vegetables. 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, May 29th**. Of course the Pantry will accept any donation.

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



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.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 2011

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
|--|---------------------------|---|---|---|------------|--|
| 1 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:45 a.m. Quarterly Mtg. | 2 | 3 6 p.m. Mother/ Daughter/Friend Salad Buffet | 4 6 p.m. Confirmation class | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:30 a.m. Luther League | 9 | 10 7 p.m. Council Meeting | 11 9 a.m. Busy Hands | 12 6:30 p.m. Servant Hearts Circle | 13 | 14 9 a.m. Spring Cleaning @ Immanuel |
| 15 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Directory Picture Sign-up | 16 | 17 | 18 6 p.m. Confirmation class | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sun. Sch.- 10-10:30 a.m. Directory Picture Sign-up | 23 | 24 | 25 9 a.m. Busy Hands | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 9 am Worship 10-10:30 a.m. Directory Picture Sign-up | 30 Memorial Day | 31 | | | | |

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Upcoming Events



*We need you to make
our new Pictorial Church
Directory complete!*

May 15 -- Photo Sign-Up 8:30 AM to 12 p.m.

May 22 -- Photo Sign-Up 10:00 to 10:30 AM

May 29 -- Photo Sign-Up 10:00 to 10:30 AM

Pictures will be taken during Vacation Bible School week, Thursday, June 23rd through Saturday, June 25th

Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, May 1st
Following the 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service**