

IMMANUEL

Lutheran Church

Our Mission:

God with us, touching lives through Christ!

OCTOBER 2011

Upcoming Message Series

- ◆ OCT. 2
MATT. 21:33-46
- ◆ OCT. 9
MATT. 22:1-14
- ◆ OCT. 16
MATT. 22:15-22
- ◆ OCT. 23
MATT. 22:34-46
- ◆ OCT. 30
JOHN 8:31-36

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NIS News

This year's **Discipleship Gatherings** will be: **"Communication and the Congregation - What Would Jesus Tweet?"** Prayerfully consider attending one of these excellent free events. These Gatherings will provide an opportunity for lay and rostered leaders to gather together and learn more about a powerful evangelism tool – communication!



The Churchwide Assembly approved the recommendations from

LIFT - Living into the Future Together - which include **equipping congregations to be centers for mission.** As part of that, congregations have been invited to redefine/review/develop local mission plans. To help with that, the NISynod.org website has a **"toolbox" of resources for your congregation to use in developing your mission plan.**

The new **ELCA World Hunger Resource Packet** has been mailed! Each congregation will receive this packet with a collection of the latest resources

designed to raise funds and awareness for ELCA World Hunger in your congregation. This packet includes the latest edition of "Congregation Connections," reproducible stories, malaria resources and a copy of the new ELCA Good Gifts catalog.



More information is available at the NIS Synod website.

KIDS PROGRAMS

Sunday School

We had a great turnout for our first days of Sunday School. There have been some changes for this school year.

We are back in the basement for classes. Thanks to Roger Olson for all the work he did to get it ready for the new paint job. We also want to thank Russ and Ardys Hughes for the donation to help with the painting expense. Also thank you to all the volunteers who helped clean the basement during cleaning day. We really appreciate everyone's support.

We have a great group of teachers:

Preschool-Kindergarten: Arlene Anderson, Gena Gerdin, & Arrisa Wallis (new)

1st through 6th grade: Lesli Ambrose, Jennifer Borneman (new), & Brenda Corrigan

7th and 8th grade: Laura Devick, **High School:** Brenda Karales (new), **Adult:** Paul Mott

Luther League

Welcome to our new 7th graders: Elizabeth Karales, Hayley Schoot, and Brittany Strause. A special thank you to all who walked and/or donated money for the Kendall County CROP Walk. Our next meeting is Sunday, November 13th after the 10:30 a.m. service.

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

Greetings from Pastor Joe

The Amazing "Faith"

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Hebrew 11:1)

Faith is always an important topic for Christians. But what is faith? Is it *our determination* to focus our mind, thoughts, and energy on God's love and justice when evidence around us shows us otherwise? Or is faith, like grace, simply *a gift from God*?

Faith is something truly amazing and impossible. The things we hope for and do not see (Hebrews 11:1), as witnessed through the Old and the New Testament, are simple: God is love and God will save. This profound love is revealed through the teaching, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The most tangible evidence of God's love and grace is a piece of bread (or wafer) and a sip of wine during communion, or a splash of water at baptism.

If you think about it, the central dictum of our faith, i.e., God's unflinching love for humanity, is not evident in our lives and in our world at all. The world is filled with injustice. Victims of violence and injustice are often the most innocent and vulnerable in the world. For every miracle story of individuals escaping death, are hundreds of sad stories where the undeserving face injury and the fate of untimely demise. The Body of Christ is supposed to mirror the characters of Christ, but as we all know, we as followers of Christ are nowhere near perfect.

And yet, Sunday after Sunday and day after day, billions of believers confess willingly and humbly with these words, "I believe...."

As I grow older, I have become very fond of the Book of Psalms. Psalmists loved to use the words "steadfast love" and "faithfulness" to describe God and to articulate their

faith. What is also interesting to me is that many of the poems are thought to be written by King David. We know that King David was not always faithful. He had brilliant successes but also colossal failures and personal and family tragedies. His life was blessed but was also cursed. Plus, he had many moral lapses. But through it all, as he looked back into the ups and downs of his life, he saw that the core of his being that sustains him is not his intelligence and his achievements, but the steadfastness and faithfulness of God's love and justice.

As I grow older and get to know the stories of the faithful even more, I am ever more convinced that faith, like grace, is God's gift. It is so because we can never come to trust in God's love and justice by our own determination or reasoning. We are simply the recipients and not the initiators of our trust in God.
Peace,
Joe

Confirmation

The confirmation class will meet on **Wednesday, October 5th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 23rd from noon to 1:30 p.m.** The Bateman and Leonetti families will be responsible for lunch.

We will celebrate the confirmation of Ryan Bateman, Jennifer Karales, Hannah Leonetti and Tommy Schoot on Sunday, October 30th at the 10:30 a.m. service.

The class will be studying about reformation and Martin Luther.



Happenings at Immanuel

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild will meet on **October 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** Please remember to bring items to package up for the six college students. We will be packing up boxes during our meeting this month.

Altar committee for October is Jo-Anne Behrens and Connie Worley. Serving for our meeting is Bev Borneman.

Anyone interested in joining Altar Guild or would wanting to learn more about our ministry, please join us or call Connie Worley (630-552-3976) for more information.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle is starting up again. Please join the ladies on **Tuesday, October 11th at 1:30 p.m.** Betty Hardecopf will be the Bible study leader and Dorothy Browning will be the server. ELCA provides the Bible studies. For more information, contact Betty Hardecopf at 630-553-5336.

Servant Hearts Circle

Servant Hearts Circle will begin their Bible study on **Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m.** For more info, contact Brenda Corrigan at 630-553-1525. It is a good time to join in the Bible studies!

GREETERS

9 a.m.

Bill & Diane Hardecopf Oct. 2
 Brian & Arlene Anderson Oct. 9
 Steve & Michelle Halbesma Oct. 16
 Bob & May Heiden Oct. 23
 Earl & Connie Worley Oct. 30

10:30 a.m.

Keith & Sandy Collman
 Tom & Jeanene Coziahr
 Dale & Delores Dierzen
 Jim Follmer
 Beth & Judy Hage

USHERS

9 a.m.

Glenn Bates & Earl Worley

10:30 a.m.

Glenn Borneman & Jim Follmer

COUNTERS

Keith & Sandy Collman, & Jenny Mulvey

READERS

9 a.m.

May Heiden Oct. 2
 Linda Stephens Oct. 9
 Randy Boldt Oct. 16
 Sandy Stone Oct. 23
 Sharon Robinson Oct. 30

10:30 a.m.

Pat Johnson
 Glenn Borneman
 Nancy Curran
 Sharon Hosler
 Laura Devick

ACOLYTES

9 a.m.

Travis Bateman

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School (cont.)

We want to thank Paula Stoehr and Lea Bateman for their many years of service to the Sunday School. You two will truly be missed as teachers and leaders of the Sunday School. THANK YOU!

High School is starting a new curriculum this year called re:form and the students should have fun while also learning about the ancestors of the Bible. The Pre-K through 6th grades started a 4 week rotation about the Creation. Starting October 9 the rotation will be about the First Sin.

7th and 8th grades will be studying the Old Testament in conjunction with Pastor Chu teaching the Catechism.

Miracle Sunday Campaign - Strengthening our Foundation for Tomorrow

On **Sunday, October 9th**, we will launch our exciting "Strengthening our Foundation for Tomorrow" Miracle Sunday campaign. To kick off this event, we will have our joint worship service at 9:30 am, followed by our "Home-Coming" pot luck and celebration. Sunday school will also begin at 9:30 am. Pastor Kurt Nordby, Assistant to the Bishop, NIS, the Northern Illinois Synod, will be our preacher. Please come and celebrate the day together and please bring a main dish to share. More information to follow."



IMMANUEL COOKBOOKS

Surprise your family with a new chili recipe! There are some great ones to try in the cookbook. If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, contact Maryjo Mott at 815-254-9117.

Celebrations!

October

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| 10/1—Bruce Devick
Victor Gauer | 10/14—Bob Borneman | 10/26—Trey Ambrose
Lea Bateman
Nicholas Bates |
| 10/3—Linda Stephens | 10/16—Ruby Anderson | 10/27—Dayna Dean
Brenda Karales |
| 10/5—Robert Merkel | 10/17—Glenn Borneman*
Kim Borneman
Kathy Hughes | 10/28—Sharon Hosler |
| 10/8—Randy Boldt
Sam Bates | 10/18—Seth Nelson | 10/29—Keith Collman
David Dierzen |
| 10/9—Louis Kreppert, Sr. | 10/19—Bev Borneman
Janell Harroun | |
| 10/10—Don Hausler | 10/22—Barb Hosler | |
| 10/11—Autumn Hartnett | 10/24—Matt Heiden | |

*over 80 years old



Anniversaries

- 10/1—Kent & Lea Bateman
- 10/18—Joe & Lindsey Bergthold
- 10/19—Don and Bonnie Hausler
- 10/21—Bill & Diane Hardecop
- 10/22—Steve & Kim Borneman
- 10/25—Dick & Diane Nenne
- 10/26—Chris & Kathy Dove
- 10/30—David & Bonnie Stanford

**Celebrating 50 years or more



Volunteers are needed to help with the coffee time. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway. If you attend the 9 a.m. service, you will be responsible for making the coffee. If you attend the 10:30 a.m. service, you will be responsible for clean up. Thanks for your help with this ministry.

Pray for the Call 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 at Jennings Terrace.

Pray for Arlene Reinboldt at Hillside.

Please pray for Nathan Anders; Bill Butts; Emily Halbesma; Ardys Hughes; Nicole - Brenda and Nicholas Karales's niece; Scott Heiden; Pat Johnson; Jackie Martin; Billie Poppen; Hank Sing; Betty Stone; Ken Stone; family and friends of Angelo Thomas who passed away; Harriet Theiner; and Dawn Edwards.

Pray for all your loved ones.

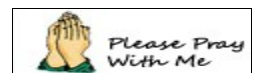
Pray for the safety of all those who serve their country.

Pray for the Outreach Committee.

Pray for Miracle Sunday.

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

Pray for safety as the farmers begin to harvest their crops.





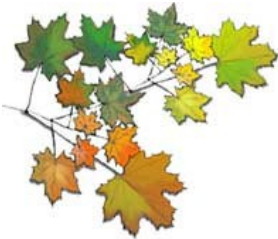
Reaching out to others...

Busy Hands

Busy Hands will meet on **Wednesday, October 12th and October 19th at 9 a.m.** Ninety quilts were made this year. Twenty seven of them are headed to Afghanistan. The quilts are on their way to areas in need all over the world. Thank you to Jenny Mulvey who faithfully takes the quilts to Joliet each year to be loaded onto the truck and prepared for mailing. If you would like to be part of this ministry, stop in on Wednesday morning to join the ladies as they make prayer shawls and quilts. All levels are invited to come. There are lots of jobs to do even if you are not a sewer or crochet/knitter. 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, October 11th @ 7 p.m.



Oktoberfest

Save the date for Oktoberfest! This year Oktoberfest will be on **Saturday, October 22nd.** The fun begins at 4 p.m. Donated and new

items are needed. Contact Cary Stevenson for more information.



Book Nook

Our selection of books keeps growing! Have you noticed that there is a whole shelf of Reader Digest Condensed books? They are always a good choice to read. Please fill out the book sign out sheet when taking out a book.

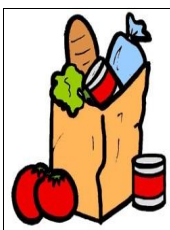
Kay Collman answered the "help wanted" notice and will be helping Janet. If you have any questions, please call Janet Bretthauer at 630-553-5941.

NURSERY

Infants through 3 yrs. are welcome in "Little Blessings" - Immanuel's nursery area - located in Pastor's office each Sunday during the 9 a.m. service. Nursery is staffed when there are children present. Otherwise, toys are available in the room. Please feel free to use them if you'd like to take a break with your little one.

College Student Addresses

If you have or know of a college student that would like to receive the newsletter, please let the office know their email address.



Kendall County

Food Pantry

This month we are collecting diapers and wipes to donate to the Kendall County Food Pantry. This ministry is part of WELCA. Donations for the food pantry will be collected on **Sunday, October 30th.** The Pantry will accept any donations. For more information, contact Brenda Corrigan at 630-553-1525. Thanks for helping!

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Weekly Bulletin - Income & Expense

January 1 - September 22, 2011

Income	Total
Operating Fund Income	93,252.92
Parsonage Income	4,300.00
Total Income	\$97,552.92
Expenses	
Benevolence Resolutions	2,320.00
Christian Education	970.05
Church Administration	25,117.96
Parsonage Expenses	1,583.78
Pastoral Services	40,127.97
Property Insurances & Taxes	2,953.97
Repairs & Maintenance	14,302.39
Utilities	11,432.37
Worship & Fellowship	7,518.37
Total Expenses	\$106,326.86
Net Operating Income	\$(8,773.94)
Net Income	\$(8,773.94)

LOOKING AHEAD

Looking for the Church Calendar?

Starting in October, Cindy will be posting the Church Calendar in a binder on the entrance table by the sanctuary for those looking for upcoming events or open dates. This binder will be a 12 month rolling forward calendar (a page for each month). If you need to schedule something at church, please check the calendar for a possible conflict and inform Pastor Chu of the details (e.g., date, time, duration, location, his involvement (if any), etc.). You can tell pastor or email him at pastorjoe@immanuelyorkville.org. Pastor Chu will coordinate with Cindy and Gena (for Facebook) the updates to the calendar. Please **do not write on the calendar in the binder** as it will not be checked for entries -- it's strictly a lookup tool. Again, please inform Pastor Chu. This includes even just using the Fellowship Hall or Council room for non-church events. Following this process will help Pastor ensure announcements are made and that the calendar is updated cohesively. Cindy will update the binder every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month for changes. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Chu. Thank you for your help.



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

Annual Holiday Shoppe

What's new this year at Immanuel's Annual Holiday Shoppe? A **BAKE SALE!** This year we are going to add a bake sale to go along with the shopping event. Look for a sign up sheet in October, if you would like to contribute some baked goods for the bake sale on **November 12th**. Also, this year you will be able to preview some great raffle baskets and purchase tickets for them **BEFORE** the big day (with more raffle prizes to come the day of the event!). We're always looking for new and interesting vendors/crafters so if you or anyone you know would be interested in participating, contact Kathy Dove at (630) 551-7045.

Congregational Meeting



Quarterly Congregational Meeting

The quarterly congregational meeting will be on Sunday, **October 16th following the 10:30 a.m.** Worship service.

WELCA

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America) meeting on **Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m.** This our end of the year meeting to plan for next year, so if you have any ideas for activities, please come and join us. Also this is our secret pal reveal and we pick new secret pals for next year. All women of Immanuel are invited to attend.

Ushers, Greeters, Readers, and Counters

The Deacon Committee is in the process of scheduling Ushers, Greeters, Readers, and Counters for 2012. Please contact Bill Lippold (815-942-6772) to have your name added or removed from the schedules. If you were on the schedule for 2011, you'll be retained in 2012 unless you direct a change. Being an usher is easy! Just ask Bill Lippold for



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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2011

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School	3 6:30 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting	4 Caring Visits 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Mtg.	5 6 p.m. Confirmation class	6	7	8
9 9:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School	10	11 1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle 7 p.m. Council Mtg.	12 9 a.m. Busy Hands	13 6:30 p.m. Servant Hearts Circle	14	15
16 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sun. Schl. 11:30 a.m. Congregational Mtg.	17	18	19	20 Caring Visits	21	22 4 p.m. Oktoberfest
23 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sun. schl <u>Noon - conf. class</u> 30 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sun. schl.	24 <hr/> 31	25 6:30 p.m. WELCA General Meeting	26 9 a.m. Busy Hands	27 Caring Visits	28	29

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Upcoming Events

October 9th

**Joint worship service at 9:30 am,
followed by our "Home-Coming" pot luck and celebration
Strengthening our Foundation for
Tomorrow Miracle Sunday**

Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

October 16th

**Quarterly Congregational Meeting
Following the 10:30 a.m. Worship**

**October 22nd @ 4 p.m.
Oktoberfest**