

IMMANUEL

Lutheran Church

*Our Mission:
God with us, touching lives through Christ!*

SEPTEMBER 2011

Upcoming Message Series

♦ SEPT. 4

MATT. 18:15-20

♦ SEPT. 11

MATT. 18:21-35

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MATT. 20:1-16

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Jesus says, "Be Bold. It is I. Do not be afraid!"

(Matthew 14:27; Mark 6:50; and John 6:20)

As I was writing this article on Tuesday, an earthquake of the magnitude of 5.9 just hit the east coast, sending shockwaves throughout the northeast U.S. But the tremor caused by this earthquake is probably minor compared to the number of dramatic and traumatic natural and human-made earthquakes the world has experienced in the past year or so. Suffice to say, we as a nation are moving towards choppy waters ahead.

In times of uncertainty and pessimism, we tend to *react* to the tremors in life out of fear and anxiety rather than to *act* courageously according to our God-given faith and hope. *Fear will come to us but we do not have to be overcome by it!*

In the classic story of Jesus

walking on water (Matthew 14:22-23, Mark 6:45-52 and John 6:16-21), the disciples were in a boat without Jesus in the middle of the night, being battered by the waves and the headwind of the rough sea. They were completely grappled by fear and believed that no one could help them. When they saw Jesus walk on water to save them, they failed to recognize that their rescue had come. Instead of acting calmly, they descended into a state of high-pitched frenzy, literally, and screamed for help.

It is at this frantic moment that Jesus' calm voice reached out to the disciples, "**Be Bold! This is I. Do NOT be afraid!**"

The good news for us is that Jesus' loving assurance is not just a

one-time event 2000 years ago. Our Resurrected Lord is in ALL of our storms in life, no matter how minor or how horrific. He is present with us even when all hope appears to be lost. When we are being tossed by the rough waves and tortured by the head wind, let us anchor our lives on the rock-solid promise of Jesus that says, "**Be Bold, This is I! Do not be afraid!**"

Let us move into God's future with boldness, trusting in the empowering presence of Jesus Christ our Lord in all that we do! For all things will come to pass, even the seemingly unmitigated challenges that we as a nation are facing at this moment in time. Amen!

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Joe



KIDS PROGRAMS

Sunday School

Sunday School will be starting on **September 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.** We have two new teachers this year; Arissa Wallis will be teaching Preschool - Kindergarten

and Jennifer Borneman will be teaching 1st through 6th grade. The first rotation the students will be learning about is the "Creation".

We look forward to seeing all the students this year. We will be having alot of fun activities throughout the school year.

We are signing up helpers to assist the teachers this year, if you would like to help a Sunday or if you have any questions about Sunday School please call Brenda Karales at 630-553-9251.

Luther League

The Luther League's first meeting of the school year is Sunday, September 11 after the 10:30 service. A light meal will be served. The new 7th grade class will be our guests. Families of Luther Leaguers are also invited to attend. Each Luther League family has been asked to bring a dish to pass. The Luther League meets every other month for fellowship and devotions. We also plan exciting activities to participate in as a group.

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

Greetings from Pastor Joe

“Smart” Goals for Immanuel

The Missioning and Planning Committee, together with the Church Council and our entire congregation, has completed three of the four phases of the Missioning and Strategic Planning process that began in February.

On July 17th, the congregation chose *“Immanuel, God with Us, Touching Lives through Christ!”* as our new mission statement. To define what it means to “touch lives through Christ,” the Missioning and Planning Committee drafted the following short-term SMART goals to guide the work of Immanuel over the next 18 months. SMART goals are *specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and timely.*

Under the guidance of the church council, various committees, including the Outreach Committee, will work on the implementation details of these goals in the months ahead. The “due dates” are the “deadlines” for the completion of the goals. Most likely, these goals will be accomplished way ahead of schedule. Here is the list of our SMART goals, which are divided into three major missional goals or priorities:

A. The Outreach Missional Goal/Priority

By June 2012, Immanuel Lutheran Church will have created and launched a comprehensive

healthcare ministry with the following components (or more)

- ◆ Blood drive
- ◆ Lifeline screening
- ◆ Blood pressure
- ◆ Healthcare Education

These services will be available to both congregational members and members of the larger community as an outreach.

B. The Communication Goal/Priority

By September 2012, Immanuel will have a comprehensive communication strategy and system in place that includes:

- ◆ A detailed list and constantly updated list of all ministries within Immanuel - by September 2011
- ◆ A ministry fair (probably on Rally Sunday) that showcases all ministries within Immanuel - by June 2012
- ◆ A communication network that uses multiple tools, such as phone trees, cell phones, emails, websites, Facebook, Twitter, etc. to ensure information vital for Immanuel’s ministries can be shared quickly throughout the congregation. Ideally such network is driven by members in

collaboration with the with the church office - by June 2012

- ◆ A new format for Immanuel’s monthly newsletters - by June 2012

C. The Educational Goal/Priority

By September 2012, Immanuel will have a revamped youth/education program that revitalizes and integrates the various elements of the youth program and Sunday School. Such programs will have the following characteristics:

- ◆ Attractive to a broader audience - youth who are currently Immanuel members and youth in search of a church home;
- ◆ Leadership well supported by the congregation
- ◆ Plans in place to encourage and mentor new leaders;
- ◆ Coherence between various components of the youth program, including the Sunday School, Luther League and the confirmation class, etc.
- ◆ Good blending of different ages

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Happenings at Immanuel



ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild will not have a meeting in September. Our next meeting is **October 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** The Altar committee for September is Bev Borneman and Sandy Stone.

We welcome anyone interested in joining or coming to visit us to see what Altar Guild is all about. Please join us at our October meeting or if you would like more information, please call Connie Worley at 630-552-3976.

Ruth Circle

Ruth Circle is starting up again. Please join the ladies on **Tuesday, September 13th at 1:30 p.m.** Beryl Borneman will be the Bible study leader and Jeanene Coziahr 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, September 15th 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!

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.

GREETERS

9 a.m.

Ken & Eva Walker Sept. 4
 Billie Poppen Sept. 11
 Glenn & Sally Bates Sept. 18
 Randy & Sue Boldt Sept. 25

10:30 a.m.

Bill & Carole Butts
 Steve & Kim Borneman

USHERS

9 a.m.

Dick & Dianne Nenne

10:30 a.m.

Bill Butts & Bill Lippold

COUNTERS

Bill Lippold, Paul & Maryjo Mott

READERS

9 a.m.

Brenda Karales Sept. 4
 Janet Bretthauer Sept. 11
 Ed Guettler Sept. 18
 Kelly Leonetti Sept. 25

10:30 a.m.

Pat Johnson
 Cary Stevenson
 Denise Stevenson

ACOLYTES

9 a.m.

Hannah Leonetti
 10:30 a.m.
 Emma Wallis

Smart Goals for Immanuel (cont.)

Once again, we want to express our deep appreciation to each of the members of the Missioning and Planning Committee: Craig Borneman (Council President), Arlene Anderson, Glenn Bates, Sue Boldt, Jim Follmer, Glenn Borneman, Kyle Corrigan, Ed Guettler, Pat Johnson, Linda Stephens, Paula Stoehr, Sandy Stone and Calvin Wallis.



Back to School Blessing

Any students, whether kids starting school for the first time, or adults continuing their education, and Sunday school teachers are invited to the **Back to School Blessing on Sunday, September 11th during both services.**

Directory Update

Please update your directory with the following information for Maryann Gorham.

Maryann's new address is:
 1500 Briarcliff Rd.
 Montgomery, IL 60538

Maryann's new phone number is:
 630-486-3128.



SEPTEMBER

- 9/2—Kent Bateman
Susan Fruland
Calvin Wallis
- 9/3—Ryne Lippold
- 9/4—David Harroun

Celebrations!

- 9/6—Laura Devick
- 9/8—Virgil Lippold*
- 9/9—Bill Behrens, Jr.
- 9/10—Pat Johnson
Glenn Bates
- 9/11—Rachel Stoehr
- 9/13—Chris Dove
- 9/14—Eric Johnson
Jane Wallis
- 9/21—Debbie Schoot
- 9/23—Jennifer Karales
- 9/25—Jeanene Coziahr
David Dockstader
- 9/29—Ethel Merkel*
- 9/30—Bill Lippold
Marie Thomas*

*over 80 years old



IMMANUEL COOKBOOKS

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

Anniversaries

- 9/16—Steve & Michelle Halbesma
- 9/17—Kyle & Brenda Corrigan
- 9/17—Kelvin & Pat Johnson
Bill & Michelle Lippold
- 9/17—Randy & Sue Boldt
- 9/26—Louis, Jr. & Becky Kreppert
- 9/30—Ken & Eva Walker

**Celebrating 50 years or more

Confirmation

We will kick off our Confirmation Class again in September. We welcome Elizabeth Karales, Hayley Schoot, and Brittany Strause to join the Confirmation Class. Using the HERE WE STAND curriculum by Augsburg Fortress, Laura Devick and Pastor Joe will again team teach the Confirmation class. Laura covers the Biblical portion of the curriculum during Junior High Sunday School while Pastor Joe works with students on Luther's Catechism on selected Sundays and Wednesdays throughout the year. Anyone interested in having their children in 7th (or 8th grader) enrolled in Confirmation Class, please contact Pastor Joe directly. Thank you.

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; the family of Bill Butts as they mourn the passing of his niece Sheila; Maryann Gorham; Emily Halbesma; Ed Guettler and family as they mourn the passing of his sister Shirley; Ardys Hughes; Scott Heiden; Pat Johnson; Billie Poppen; and Harriet Theiner - Pat Johnson's mom.

Pray for all your loved ones.

Pray for our Sunday School classes, Luther League, and Circles as they begin again after the summer break.

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 safety as the farmers begin to harvest their crops.





Reaching out to others...

Busy Hands

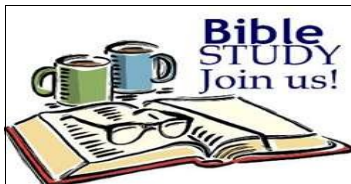
Busy Hands will meet on **Wednesday, September 21st at 9 a.m.** There will be a Blessing of the prayer shawls, quilts, and school bags on **Sunday, September 18th at both worship services.** Jennie Mulvey will be taking them to the Joliet drop off center to be shipped to areas in need all over the world. 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 quilt. 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, September 13th @ 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.



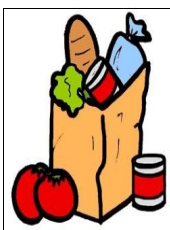
Adult Bible Study

The adult Sunday school class will begin on Sunday, September 11th at 9:30 a.m. Paul Mott will be leading the study. They will be looking at Christianity and other religions and cults. The group will use the book So What's the Difference by Fritz Ridenour.

Being off in the summer and taking a break is nice, but it is even nicer to join this group and be part of this interesting Bible study!

School Bags

The school bags are ready to go! Pick up a bag and school supply list and return it to church.



Kendall County Food Pantry

This month we are collecting toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, etc.) to donate to the Kendall County Food Pantry. This ministry is part of WELCA. Donations for the food pantry will be collected on **Sunday, September 25th.** The Pantry will accept any donation.

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



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.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Weekly Bulletin - Income & Expense January 1 - August 25, 2011

	Total
Income	
Operating Fund Income	82,582.71
Parsonage Income	4,300.00
Total Income	\$86,882.71
Expenses	
Benevolence Resolutions	2,080.00
Christian Education	858.05
Church Administration	22,116.88
Parsonage Expenses	708.78
Pastoral Services	35,475.40
Property Insurances & Taxes	2,953.97
Repairs & Maintenance	12,265.33
Utilities	9,555.15
Worship & Fellowship	6,893.69
Total Expenses	\$92,907.25
Net Operating Income	\$ (6,024.54)
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LOOKING AHEAD

Movie outing - On the Edge

Wonder what it is really like to be homeless? Hear first hand from 7 women as they share their stories. Gena Gerdin is organizing an outing to see this documentary being shown at the Naperville Independent Film Festival. Contact Gena Gerdin at genagerdin@comcast.net or 630-552-1954 if you would like to attend with a group from Immanuel. We will be stopping for dinner beforehand. Watch the bulletins for more information.



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

Holiday Shopping Event

Mark your calendars for Immanuel's FOURTH annual Ladies Holiday Shopping Event. This year's date is **Saturday, November 12th** from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Contact Kathy Dove with questions (630) 551-7045 or krdove5@comcast.net.

**If you think you know
homelessness,
think again.**

**7 courageous women
share their stories in a powerful
new documentary...**

a documentary by Laura Vazquez and Diane Nilan, 60-minutes

Naperville Independent Film Festival



**Premiere Screening
Monday, Sept. 19, 8:20 p.m.
Ogden 6 Theaters
Naperville, \$5**

MEET

Director Laura Vazquez (NIU) &
Producer Diane Nilan (HEAR US)
FREE GIFT TO ALL ATTENDEES!

On the Edge...

because you need to know

Official website: www.ontheedge.niu.edu (view trailer)

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 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 9 a.m. Worship Together	5 LABOR DAY	6 Caring Visits	7	8	9	10
11 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday school 11:30 a.m. Luther League Luncheon	12	13 1:30 p.m. Ruth Circle 7 p.m. Council Mfg.	14	15 6:30 p.m. Servant Hearts Circle	16	17
18 9 & 10:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday school	19 Dinner and Movie Outing 8:20 p.m. Movie - On the Edge	20	21 9 a.m. Busy Hands	22 Caring Visits	23 Fall Begins	24
25 9 & 10:30 Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday school	26	27	28	29 Caring Visits	30	

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Upcoming Events



Beginning Sunday, September 11, 2011

9 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Sunday School