

For
nothing
will be impossible
with God.
Luce 1:37

IMMANUEL

Lutheran Church

AUGUST 2010

UPCOMING MESSAGE SERIES

- ◆ AUG. 1
LUKE 12:13-21
- ◆ AUG. 8
LUKE 12:32-40
- ◆ AUG. 15
LUKE 12:49-56
- ◆ AUG. 22
LUKE 13:10-17
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GREETINGS FROM PASTOR JOE

Like any organism, a living and growing congregation is one that maintains healthy relationships with its members as well as with fellow Christians and organizations outside its walls. One of our most important relationships is with the North Illinois Synod (NIS) of the ELCA, of which we are a part. On the weekend of June 18, Linda Stephens, Christopher Dove and I had the privilege to participate in the Annual Synod Assembly at the campus of Augustana College, Rock Island, IL. For the past few weeks, we printed Bishop Wollersheim's letters summarizing the event in our Sunday Bulletin. Because of its importance, I want to use parts of his letter for my monthly column here:

- Bishop Wollersheim was re-elected as Bishop of NIS for to his third six-year term on the first ballot.

- The Assembly received a new congregation, ordained a pastor, installed Lutheran Youth Organization Officers, and recognized faithful ministers and ministries and more.

- With more than 630 persons, Assembly attendance was one of the highest ever. There was not much debate on any issues and the Assembly passed the \$2,479,000 budget for the Synod unanimously.

- Some of the most important comments by Bishop Wollersheim included, "...We are a Gospel-Center Church....We are a Serving Church... We are a Unifying Church..." He continued, "It is clear to me that the North Illinois Synod is turning a corner. We are turning a corner from lamenting the painful departure of some congregational members and a few congregations to

looking forward to what God has in store for us in the future. The future is bright because the Northern Illinois Synod continues to do God's work with our hands."

At the end Bishop Wollersheim cited a prayer for the Ordination Service from the ELW hymn book. This, I believe, is also our heart-felt prayer at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

"Oh God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Joe Chu

KIDS PROGRAMS



The children are enjoying the summer ministry program. This program is open for all children ages preschool through 10 years old. If you are would like to help on a Sunday, contact Gena Gerdin at 630-552-1954

Confirmation

Please review the Apostle's Creed, 10 commandments, and Lord's Prayer. You will be contacted of upcoming events.

Luther League

Upcoming dates for Luther League—
September 12th - meeting
September 19 after 10:30 service - Luther League will be holding an ice cream social. Watch for more details to follow about these events.



ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild will meet on **Monday, August 2nd at 6:30 pm.** If you are interested in helping with the guild or would like more information, call Lesli Ambrose at 630-552-1648.

Outreach Committee

The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 12th at 6:30 pm. If you want more information, please call Gena Gerdin at 630-552-1954.

OUR GREETERS AND USHERS



GREETERS

Aug. 1—Calvin & Jane Wallis

Aug. 8—Stan & Janet Bretthauer

Aug. 15—Linda Stephens & Billie Poppen

Aug. 22—Glenn & Sally Bates

Aug. 29—Kent & Lea Bateman

Make the "Thrivent Choice"

Help Thrivent direct contributions to Immanuel Lutheran Church. If you are a Thrivent member, you should be receiving information in the mail soon. Please respond and select Immanuel (if you heart chooses too). The selection process ends August 30. For more information, please contact Christopher Dove starting August 1, 2010, if you are a Thrivent customer.

Happenings at Immanuel

RUTH CIRCLE

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Ruth Circle will not meet during August. They will resume their Bible study in September.

Busy Hands

Busy Hands will meet on **Wednesday, August 25th 9 am.** We are busy finishing up quilts to take in September to be sent to areas of need. Beautiful prayer shawls are being made!



Review Us on Google

Say, did you know that during this past summer our description on Google has appeared in over 150 searches for "churches"? Second to that is "vacation bible study." Of those, 20 plus people reviewed our Google description. We need your help – **post your comments about Immanuel on Google!** Search for us on Google (e.g., "Immanuel Yorkville"), and check out our Google description – look Google Maps now has the church and cemetery locations correct. Nothing like our own members rating the church for newcomers!

Coffee and Fellowship

This summer's coffee and fellowship is working well. We have about 6 weeks left of worship in Heritage Hall. If you haven't done so already, you can sign up for a remaining Sunday. There is a sign up sheet for the summer posted in Heritage Hall. Thanks for your help in this ministry and the yummy baked goods.

Counters and Read-

USHERS

Bill Butts

COUNTERS

Jane Wallis, Calvin Wallis & Bill Butts

ACOLYTE

Tommy Schoot

READERS

9 am

Aug. 1—Jane Wallis

Aug. 8—David Hughes

Aug. 15—Sharon Robinson

Aug. 22—Sandy Stone

Aug. 30—Bev Borneman

Thank You!

I would like to thank EVERYONE for the prayers, thoughts, cards etc. during my illness. Also for our anniversary cards. All of it was truly appreciated. God Bless! It was a needed blessing for us! Pastor Joe for your kindness and visit, Thank You! Dale Dierzen (Delores too!)

Sister Church

Our congregational resolution to make a two-year commitment to St. John's Lutheran Church in Clarksville, IA will conclude at the end of this month. As of this date, we have sent over \$4,600. Initially, our donations were used to help pay monthly bills of the church. Now they are used as "pass through" donations for members of the congregation who lost everything in the flooding. If you wish to make a contribution between now and the end of August, just mark on an envelope "Iowa Flood" or use the blue envelopes available on the table outside Heritage Hall, and put it in the offering plate along with your contribution to Immanuel.



Celebrations and Upcoming

AUGUST



- 8/4 – Richard Nenne
- 8/5 – Paula Stoehr
- 8/7 – Dwayne Collman
Arissa Wallis
- 8/8 – Randy Gauer
Savannah Hight
Michelle Lippold
- 8/10 – Willa Bretthauer
- 8/14 – Cary Stevenson
- 8/15 – Kristephanie Drane

- 8/16 – Evan Borneman
- 8/17 – LeRoy Collman*
Amy Harnett
- 8/19 – Mike Gauer
- 8/20 – Sandy Waclaw
- 8/22 – Sue Boldt
Katelyn Borneman
Heather Dulaney
- 8/23 – Russell Hughes
- 8/25 – Jessica Dove
- 8/26 – Ryan Dockstader

- 8/27 – Sally Bates
Karen Delegan
Audrey Walker
- 8/29 – Matt Schoot
- 8/30 – Arlene Reinboldt*
Connie Worley
- 8/31 – Sarah Gerhardt
Bill Hardecopf
Nathan Nelson

*over 80 years old

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COOKBOOKS

Tired of the hot weather, the humidity, and always the question—what should we have for dinner tonight? Try a new recipe from the Immanuel cookbook! If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook,

contact Maryjo Mott at 815-254-9117.



Pray for the call committee that is faithfully work on the important task of calling a Pastor to Immanuel.

Pray for our Sister Church in Iowa as they continue to rebuild. We thank God that we were able to help them financially for the past 2 years.

Pray for Marie Thomas in Hillside.

Pray for Carolyn Leifheit and Millie Tripp at Bickford Cottage.

- 8/5 – Jay & Tiffany Bell
- 8/6 – Robert & Patty Merkel
- 8/10 – Lyle & Sharon Hosler
- 8/14 – Craig & Shirley Cunningham

Anniversaries

- 8/15 – Rob & Lesli Ambrose
- 8/17 – Paul & Maryjo Mott
- 8/21 – Keith & Sandy Collman
- 8/27 – Gary & Willa Bretthauer
- 8/29 – Don & Jennie Mulvey
- 8/31 – Bruce & Laura Devick

**Celebrating 50 years or more

Council Meeting

The next council meeting is **Tuesday, August 17th at 7 pm.**



Pray for Dorothy Browning, Don Hamilton, Scott Heiden, Jacob Kellen, and Lynn Molitor.

Pray for comfort and peace for the Stoehr family, the Gorham family, the Lee family, the Thanepohn family, and the Peters/Kaeseberg families as the deal with the loss of a loved one.

Pray for the congregation.

Pray for all your loved ones.

Holiday Shopping Event

Mark your calendars for Immanuel's THIRD annual Ladies Holiday Shopping Event. This year's date is Saturday, November 6th from from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We had so many people shop last year that we're making it longer this year. Contact Kathy Dove with questions (630) 551-7045 or krdove5@comcast.net.

Pray for safe travel for all the families who are traveling to spend time together with family and friends on vacation.

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



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