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

IMMANUEL Lutheran Church

JANUARY 2010

UPCOMING MESSAGE SERIES

- JAN. 3
  JOHN 1:1-18
- JAN. 10
  LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22
- JAN. 17
  JOHN 2:1-11
- JAN. 24
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- JAN. 31
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PRAY, TRUST GOD, TRUST THE SYNOD

Has trust ever been betrayed in your congregation? If so, you know the value of building and maintaining a high level of trust. Was it any easier for the disciples? Probably not. While the early Christian church was headquartered in Jerusalem, many of the twelve were on the road for long periods of time. Paul struggled in developing and maintaining a trust relationship with the Corinthians. He reminds them in his letter,

> *Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.*
> *I Corinthians 4:2*

Trust is the fruit of trustworthiness of both people and communities. Nurturing a spirit of trust is not easy. How is it built? In trustworthiness comes from character and competence. Character involves three areas:

Integrity – beliefs, attitudes and behaviors are governed by principles and natural laws

Maturity - a person shows both courage and kindness in addressing difficult issues

Abundance Mentality – rather than seeing life as a competition with only one winner, a person sees a wealth of opportunities and resources

Competence involves three more areas:

Technical competence – skill and knowledge necessary to accomplish a specific task

Conceptual knowledge – ability to see the big picture and how parts fit together

Nurturing a spirit of trust is not easy. How is it built in a congregation? Here are some suggestions:

1. Make and keep promises
2. Practice honesty with integrity
3. Practice kindness with courtesy
4. Clarify expectations
5. Be loyal to those not present
6. Be willing to apologize
7. Give and receive feedback
8. Be willing to forgive

How do you know when a spirit of trust is present? It can often be sensed and seen when a group meets. Trust becomes a verb when individuals communicate to each other their worth and potential so clearly that they are inspired to see it in themselves.

Nutruring a Spirit of Trust by

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE

The Congregation should be advised that the Northern Illinois Synod has provided us the following guidance:

--The Synod will arrange for a supply pastor until an interim pastor is in place;
--There will be no changes in the worship service schedule at this time;
--The Annual meeting will be postponed until the interim pastor is in place;
--Sunday School will resume when the interim pastor is on board:
--January confirmation will be rescheduled

If anyone in the congregation has questions, please call Linda Stephens (630-553-1854) for clarification. As information becomes available during the transition process, it will be disseminated through the newsletter and the weekly services.

Your assistance and prayers will be needed during this stressful period; together we will succeed!
Linda Stephens, Congregation President

Happenings at Immanuel

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Committee for January is Brenda Corrigan and Sandy Stone. Altar Guild would love to welcome more ladies into the ministry of the care of the Altar. Contact Brenda Corrigan (630-553-1525) if you are interested or if you would like more information.

RUTH CIRCLE

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Ruth Circle will meet on **Saturday, January 16th at 10 am** for the WELCA general meeting. Ruth Circle will meet for a Bible study following the meeting. Bev Borneman will lead Bible study. For more information, contact Betty Hardecopf at

Reaching out to others...

Busy Hands will meet on **Wednesday**, **January 13th and 27th at 9 am.** It's time to start working on the quilts to be sent to Lutheran World Relief in September. If quilting isn't your thing, how about crocheting or knitting? The ladies have been working on prayer shawls. Don't forget there are prayer shawls outside of the sanctuary that you may take to someone who is in need of prayer and a hug! Come join us one of the

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Ethnic Dinner Outing

This month the dinner outing will be at East China Inn, 915 Oak St. in North Aurora, on **Saturday, January 23rd at 6 pm**. (Corner of Oak and Randall Rd.) It's fun to go out and try new food and spend a fun evening with friends. Kay Collman is organizing this month's outing. Give her a call (630–553-7675) by Wednesday, January 20th if you are planning on going.

(Chinese symbols for bon appétit)

Counters and Readers

GREETERS

Jan. 3— Kelvin & Pat Johnson
Jan. 10—Don & Jenni Mulvey
Jan. 17—Dick & Dianne Nenne
Jan. 24—Roger & Joyce Olson
Jan. 31—Cary &

USHERS

Steve Borneman (H), Bob Borneman, Buddy Gauer, & Mike Gauer

COUNTERS

Jane Wallis, Calvin Wallis, & Bill Butts

ACOLYTE

Travis Bateman (9am) & Emma Wallis (10:30 am)

READERS

Jan. 3—Judy Hage
Jan. 10—Jane Wallis
Jan. 17—David Hughes
Jan. 24—Bev Borneman

Luther League

Luther League will meet on Sunday, January 10th at 6 pm. Travis and Ryan will be doing devotions. If you have any questions, please call Laura Devick at 815-695-5432.

KIDS PROGRAMS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School classes will begin again when the interim Pastor is here.

CONFIRMATION

The confirmation class will be rescheduled. Watch the bulletins for updates!

CHOIR NOTES

If you are interested in having fun, join in the singing! All levels of ability will be eagerly welcomed! For more info, contact Ed Guettler at 630-553-9511.

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IMMANUEL COOKBOOKS

As the snow blows and the days are cold and chilly, try a new soup recipe to warm you up. If you are interested in purchasing a

Celebrations!

JANUARY

1/2 - Courtney Collman
1/3 - Brian Anderson
1/4 - John Stoehr
1/5 – Wayne Borneman*
Mae Heiden
1/10 – Bill Butts
1/16 – Duane Gerdin
1/17 – Dione Riemenschneider
1/19 – Robin Drane
1/20 – Aaron Hartnett
1/22—Matt Boldt
1/24 – Scott Heiden
Joyce Olson
1/25 – Diana Morganegg
1/26 – Madonna Anderson
Anne Guettler
1/27 Tom Schoot
1/28 – Sue Nelson
1/29 – Jennifer Borneman
1/30 – Mary Bielby

*over 80 years old

Anniversaries

1/3 – Gary & Sue Fruland
1/14—Frank & Linda Eccles
1/17 – Terry & Diana Morganegg
1/30—Earl & Connie Worley

**over 50 years

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be postponed until a later date when the Interim Pastor is in place.

Pray for the council as they begin the task put before them by the Synod in beginning the call process.

Pray for the committee that will be meeting and making decisions regarding the needs of the whole congregation.

Pray for the Synod as they guide Immanuel through this time.

Pray for God to help us keep strong in our faith and trust that his

Pray for our Sister congregation in Iowa as they continue to rebuild.

Pray for safe travels as people travel to warmer weather.

Pray for Katie, Rob Heiden's girlfriend as she recovers from many surgeries due to a work accident.

Irene Thanepohn for the pain she is experiencing. Pray for strength and comfort.

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

Pray for all your loved ones.

Pray for our congregation.

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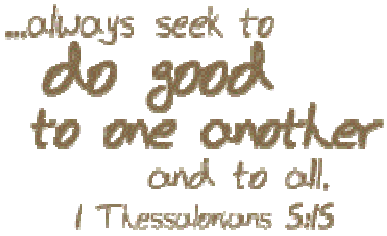
Upcoming Events

WELCA GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, January 16th @ 10 am



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