

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

# IMMANUEL

## Lutheran Church

JULY 2010

### UPCOMING MESSAGE SERIES

♦ JULY 4

LUKE 10:1-11,  
16-20

♦ JULY 11

LUKE 10:25-37

♦ JULY 18

LUKE 10:38-42

♦ JULY 25

LUKE 11:1-13

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## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR JOE

We had a wonderful Vacation Bible School week last week. Feeling a bit “lonely” in the office this week without the children’s joyous presence and their singing, I picked up a book I got 20 years ago titled “Children’s Letters to God.” Here are a couple of quotes:

“Dear God,  
In Sunday School they told us what you do. Who does it when you are on vacation?”  
Jane

“Dear God,  
Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don’t you just keep the ones you got now.”  
Jane

“Dear God,  
Is Reverend Coe a friend of yours? Or, do you just know him through business?”  
Danny

...and there are more...

Whether or not we have our own children, the presence of children in our midst often remind us—the collective us—of the purpose of our existence. In every election cycle, politicians of all persuasions would use the “future of our children” as part of their the rhetoric to justify their political ideas and hence their candidacy. They do so because looking out for the well being of our future generations is a human trait that is ingrained in our inner psychic and our DNA.

We at Immanuel will celebrate our 150th anniversary in a few years. In many ways, we as a faith community and organization are also moving

into a new generation—a generation that will have continuity with the present Immanuel but will also be different because of the communal and time changes that are inevitable. What a privilege and joy that we have at this juncture of the history of this church to come together to do things and make plans that will strengthen another generation of faithful in the long history of this great Immanuel Lutheran Church.

May God be with Us—Immanuel—as we venture together to ask tough question sof ourselves and plan for the future!

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.



## Outreach Committee

The outreach committee will meet on **Thursday, July 15th at 6:30 pm.** If you want more information, please call Gena Gerdin at 630-552-1954.

## Confirmation

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

## Luther League

Luther League will be having a lock in on **Friday, July 9th.** For more information, contact Laura Devick at 815-695-5432.



**ALTAR GUILD**

The Altar Guild ladies will be going out to dinner on **Thursday, July 8th at 6 pm** at White Tail Ridge. If you are interested in helping with the guild or would like to go to the dinner to learn more about it, call Lesli Ambrose at 630-552-1648.

**Happenings at Immanuel**

**RUTH CIRCLE**

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Ruth Circle will meet on **Saturday, July 17th at 1:30 pm**. For more information, contact Betty Hardecopf at 630-553-5336.

**Busy Hands**

Busy Hands will meet on **Wednesday, July 28th 9 am**. Take a break from the heat and join us for a morning of fellowship and fun while we work on the prayer shawls and quilts!



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Every time you do a search through this search engine a donation is made to the church. Go to the above website and select "Immanuel Lutheran Yorkville" in the benefit box before searching, Immanuel will receive the credit. The search is free to you and is powered by Yahoo. Can't get much easier than that!



**Coffee and Fellowship**

This summer's coffee and fellowship is working well. There are reminders in the bulletins and there is a sign up sheet for the summer posted in Heritage Hall. Check it out and sign up following the schedule posted. Thanks for your help in this ministry and the yummy baked goods enjoyed by all!

**OUR GREETERS AND USHERS**



**GREETERS**

- July 4—Dick & Dianne Nenne
- July 11—Roger & Joyce Olson
- July 18—Cary & Denise Stevenson
- July 25—Ken & Eva Walker

**Counters and Readers**

**USHERS**

Dwayne Collman

**COUNTERS**

Beth Hage, Sandy Collman, & Keith Collman

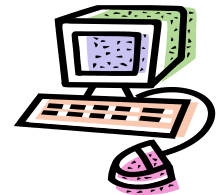
**ACOLYTE**

Eric Straughn

**READERS**

9 am

- July 4—Julie Warner
- July 11—Janet Bretthauer
- July 18—Judy Hage
- July 25—Ed Guettler



**WELCA Dinner**

The WELCA dinner will be on **Tuesday, July 27th at 6 pm**.

**CHOIR NOTES**

It's fun learning new songs with Michelle leading us. If you are enjoy singing, come and sing with the choir! We would love to have more voices for the summer months. For more info, contact Ed Guettler at 630-553-9511.



**Directory Update**

Please update your directory. Debbie Schoot's telephone number is 630-608-8514.

**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 August. 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

JULY



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|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| 7/1 – Jennie Mulvey                                    | 7/12 – Greg Hughes                       | 7/22 – Michelle Halbesma             |
| 7/2 – Lesli Ambrose                                    | 7/13 – Elizabeth Karales<br>Wendy Treest | 7/23 – Ashley Leonetti<br>Eva Walker |
| 7/3 – John Anderson                                    | 7/14 – Brian Straughn                    | 7/24 – Karen Dean                    |
| 7/4 – Kristine Butts<br>Lacey Hardecopf<br>Eric Walker | 7/15 – Carolyn Leifheit*                 | 7/27 – Beryl Borneman                |
| 7/5 – Kerstin Rieg                                     | 7/16 – Mallory Borneman                  | 7/29 – Carol Foster<br>Bob Heiden    |
| 7/7 – Earl Worley, Sr.<br>Barb Tuma                    | 7/17 – Beth Hage                         | *over 80 years old                   |
| 7/8 – Betty Kristofer*                                 | 7/20 – Paul Mott<br>Mildred Tripp        |                                      |

## IMMANUEL COOKBOOKS

Why not try a new summer salad recipe for one of those hot summer nights? Check out the recipes in the cookbook! They make great shower or wedding gifts! If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, contact Maryjo Mott at 815-254-9117.



## Anniversaries

- 7/15—Mike & Joan Straughn
- 7/25 – Duane & Gena Gerdin
- 7/27 – Nicholas & Brenda Karales
- \*\*over 50 years



## Book Nook

Read a good book lately? Be sure to stop and check out the great selection in our book nook. There is sure to be a good book just for you!

## Council Meeting

The next council meeting is **Tuesday, July 20th at 7 pm.**

## Quarterly Congregational Meeting

The Quarterly Congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, July 25th** following the service. Please note the day change.



Pray for the call committee that is faithfully working on the process of calling a Pastor to Immanuel.



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

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

Pray for our Sister Church in Iowa as they continue to rebuild for nearly 2 years.

Pray for comfort and peace for the Stoehr family, the Straughn family, the Gorham family and the Thanepohn family as the deal with the loss of a loved one.

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

Pray for Leroy Lee and Marie Thomas in Hillside.

Pray for the congregation.

Pray for Carolyn Leifheit and Millie Tripp at Bickford Cottage.

Pray for all your loved ones.



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## Upcoming Events

**Quarterly  
Congregational  
Meeting  
Sunday,  
July 25th  
following the worship  
service**