



# IMMANUEL Lutheran Church

JUNE 2009

## UPCOMING MESSAGE SERIES

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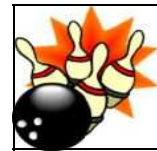
## SUMMERTIME

It's the start of summer and it seems like it has been a long time coming! But it is finally here and time for some summertime fun! Time to kick back and relax! There are a lot of fun activities being planned by different groups in the church for this summer.

The Luther League has planned several outings. Everything from a lock in to golfing, and to going to Starved Rock. Additional drivers or chaperones would be appreciated.



Busy Hands will continue to meet to work on quilts and prayer shawls. The quilts will be boxed up and sent to Lutheran World Relief. From there they are sent all over the world. Several ladies have been busy crocheting or knitting prayer shawls. Looking for something to do this summer? Stop in and learn a new craft or help the on-going ones.



Outings are being planned to attend the Church Basement Ladies play, miniature golf, bowling, and a boat ride down the I&M canal. If there is another activity you have in mind, call the church office at 630-553-5368.



Try something new this summer! Get involved and have fun!

## KIDS PROGRAMS Sunday School

Summer Sunday School is looking for some high schoolers to sign up and volunteer to help with a craft activity with the children during the worship service. If you are interested, please call Gena Gerdin at 630-552-1954.



## Luther League

Luther League is planning a lot of fun events to do in the summer. There will be a lock-in in June or August. Black Light golfing will be the week of July 20th. Haunted Trails will be the week of August 10th. One Sunday afternoon an outing is still in the works to go to Starved Rock. More information will be in the bulletins as it becomes available, or contact Laura Devick at 815-695-5432.

## Confirmation

The Confirmation class should continue to learn Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed and books of the New Testament (remember that Jane will help you learn the song if you ask her). Practice putting the Bible people and events in order. Can you find Christian music for Guitar Hero and/or Rock Band?



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

## Greetings from Pastor Dorothy

Ah...June! Summer begins, and thoughts – or perhaps, daydreams – of vacation begin. And rightfully so! We all need time to renew relationships, to be released from our cares, and find a little rest and peace.

In this summer's economy, though, a new term is being coined: Staycation. More and more people are planning to take their vacation by staying at home. This underscores the importance of re-creation in our vacation time; it is much more important than travel.

As Christians, we always have the ability to escape the pressures and concerns of this world, of the "daily grind" of life. We can begin by reconnecting with God through Christ. We have been given release from daily concerns, because we know that all things important are already taken care of. We can find strength and energy to keep our responsibilities because we know we are not alone.

We know that all relationships are blessings of God's Holy Spirit, and so we honor them and respond in love: **"This is my commandment, that**

**you love one another as I have loved you."** (John 15:12) Time spent with people you care about can be very fulfilling. Maybe you can't actually spend time present with all the people you'd like to see....maybe a phone conversation is a start, or maybe you would choose to spend some time writing a letter: that could be very meaningful to the one who receives it.

We know that we often try to shoulder burdens that we cannot and should not try to carry alone. God has surrounded us with caring family and friends, brothers and sisters in Christ; even more importantly, Christ himself walks with you. **"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."** (Matthew 28: 20b)

A day-trip excursion, or a good book (or The Good Book!), or even a trip to theater or movies may provide the mental diversion you need. Some quiet time, not spent making plans or lists, but just reflecting on God's blessings can help to restore you. And, of course, we cannot overestimate the power of prayer.

We know that true peace comes from Jesus Christ: **"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."** (John 14:27) In the midst of stress and chaos, when all the world and every detail of life seem to be out of control, remember: that's because you're *not* in control. All things, and all of us, rest safely in God's hands. God *is* in control, and God's plans don't go awry the way ours can. God's peace is given to you, to remain with you, not to vanish as things given in this world do.

Whether you travel or stay at home, whether you have many days or just a few precious hours, take time to be renewed, refreshed, re-created as God intends.

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.** (Philippians 4:7)

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Dorothy



Pastor Dorothy will be at Panera on **Wednesday, June 17th from 8:30 am—10 am.** Get out and enjoy the company of friends on a nice spring day!

# Happenings at Immanuel



## ALTAR GUILD

Interested in helping with the ministry of taking care of the altar? Come to the meeting on Monday, June 1st at 7 pm. If you have any questions, contact Brenda Corrigan (630-553-1525) or attend the meeting.

## Servant Hearts



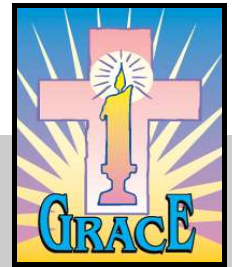
## Circle

Servant Hearts Circle will not meet in June. If you have any questions, or want more info about it, contact Brenda Corrigan at 630-553-1525.

## RUTH CIRCLE

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Ruth Circle will meet on Saturday, June 20th at 1:30 pm. For more information, contact Betty Hardecopf at 630-553-5336.



The next Council meeting is Tuesday, June 16th @ 6:30 pm.

## OUR GREETERS AND USHERS



### GREETERS

June 7—Kelvin & Pat Johnson

June 14—Duane & Gena Gerdin

June 21—Don & Jennie Mulvey

June 28—Dick & Dianne Nenne

## and Counters, and Readers

### USHER

Roger Olson

### COUNTERS

Maryjo Mott, Paul Mott, & Joe Bergthold

### READERS

June 7—Bev Borneman

June 14—Janet Bretthauer

June 21—Linda Stephens

June 28—Glenn Borneman

## Summer Worship Schedule

The summer worship schedule begins Sunday, May 31st. We will worship together at 9 am in Heritage Hall.



*Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted. Ps. 47:1-9*

How about singing with the choir this summer? There is only one service in the summer and it's a good way to give it a try. For more info, call Ed Guettler at 630-553-9511.

## Senior High School



The Senior Highers finished their study on the life of Christ. They learned so much about Him, from His miraculous birth to His amazing ministry to His brutal death and glorious resurrection. They also learned about the power of daily prayer (ask them about the ACTS prayer or M&M prayer) and how Jesus is always there to help and comfort us. They shared the burden of filling our stomachs while also sharing stories about ourselves. It was a great year of learning and growing in their faith. Next year they will learn about important people in the Old and New Testaments.

Paula would like to thank the congregation and Luther Leaguers (and guests) for their support and contributions to the 30 Hour Famine. We raised over \$2,500 for World Vision, which will feed about 7 children for a year. We'll begin work on Famine 2010 in the fall and we hope to feed even more hungry children next year.

# Celebrations!

## June



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| 6/1 – Frank Campbell<br>Jessie Fruland | 6/13 – Lois Johnston<br>Bonnie Stanford                              | 6/26 – Denise Stevenson   |
| 6/3 – Nilslee Kreppert<br>Pat Petersen | 6/14 – Neil Borneman<br>Joe Claar<br>Fred Kreppert<br>Maggie Sampson | 6/28 – Megan Devick<br>Dale Dierzen<br>Kathy Dove   |
| 6/7 – Joanne<br>Riemenschneider        | 6/20 – Ethan Walker  | 6/29—Carol Bowen  |
| 6/8 – Beth Heiden                      | 6/22 – Terry Morganegg   | *over 80 years old  |
| 6/9 – Jamie Borneman<br>Isaac Sampson  | 6/23 – Frances Bretthauer*<br>Tom Coziahr                            | <i>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. James 1:18</i> |
| 6/10 – Lydia Claar                     | 6/24 – Emily Halbesma  |   |



## IMMANUEL COOKBOOKS

Check out the cookbook for new BBQ ideas for this summer's picnics. If you are interested in purchasing one, contact Maryjo Mott at 815-254-9117.

## Anniversaries

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| 6/7 – Tom & Debbie Schoot<br>Eric & Heather Walker     | 6/27 – Ralph & MaryAnn Gorham                      |
| 6/10 – Ken & Sandy Stone                               | 6/29 – Joe & Debbie Claar<br>Michael & Susan Smith |
| 6/11 – Calvin & Jane Wallis                            | 6/30 – Russ & Ardys Hughes**                       |
| 6/17 – Cary & Denise Stevenson                         | **over 50 years                                    |
| 6/20 – Gary & Madonna Anderson<br>David & Kathy Hughes |  |
| 6/24 – Harry & Lois Johnston                           |  |

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

Pray for Jacob Kellen and his family as they prepare for the upcoming surgeries.

Pray for a continued recovery for JoAnne Riemenschneider.

Pray for Betty Kristofer to continue her recovery.



Pray for all your loved ones.

Pray for our Sister congregation as they continue to rebuild.

Pray for our congregation.



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

Pray for the farmers as they continue to get the crops in. Pray for the weather to be sunny days to dry out the fields so the planting can continue.

Pray for safe travel of any families that are going on summer vacations this month.

## Reaching out to others...



### BUSY HANDS

Busy Hands will meet on **June 10th and 24th at 9 am.** Do you know of someone who would like to receive a prayer shawl? Let us know and we would be happy to give you one. The ladies have been very busy and we will be taking them to the local nursing homes. Try something new this summer! Learn to quilt, knit, or crochet! Take a break from the heat to learn a new craft. There are plenty of good teachers available. Or if you want to help iron, cut, bind, or tie quilts, we would love to have you come and join us. We have quilt kits ready to be assembled if you are interested in doing one over the summer!



[www.Goodsearch.com](http://www.Goodsearch.com)

**To date \$32.84 is being donated to the church and 2083 searches have been done.**

It seems like more people from the congregation are using this search tool for the internet. It's a great way of doing searches on the internet and it benefits Immanuel. 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" 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!

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### Gimme A Break!

Project Night On **Monday, June 15**

Community Connections invites you to bring your favorite craft or current project that you just can't seem to get done at home. Are you trying to organize photos? Trying to sort those recipes? Have a pile of yarn and a gift list a mile long? Bring your own beverage, have a chat, and make some progress! We'll meet at **7 p.m.** Contact Kathy at 630-551-7045 for more information or to suggest a future topic for Community Connections.

### Housing Needed

A senior woman member of Immanuel needs housing. Do you know of someone with a room to rent or a home to share? Please contact Julie at 207-333-0808 or call the church office.



### Sister Church

There are blue envelopes on the table in the narthex to give a donation to our sister church. Thanks for your help!

### Maintaining the Church's Economic Wellbeing

Remember that the ministry does not stop – or even slow down – during the summer. Your year-round offering supports the year-round ministries of the congregation. Thanks for your support!

### Altar Guild Looking for Volunteers

Altar Guild is looking for some volunteers to support the worship gatherings by inviting you (and your family) to take part in worship preparation. Sign up for a week when you are available to set up and clean up for Holy Communion. This involves only a few minutes before and after the 9 am service. Written instructions will be provided and an Altar Guild representative will be available should you have a question. If interested, contact Brenda Corrigan (630-553-1525).



### Sunnymere

Sunnymere is located at 925 Sixth Avenue in Aurora and is an affordable senior living community. They are now beginning to offer a 'short term stay' option for caregivers who want to go on vacation or need to take a business trip and are unable/unwilling to leave a senior relative alone. Seniors who have been hospitalized and cannot go home alone but do not need nursing home care can now stay for a week or longer. Rates include meals, housekeeping, laundry and activities. If you have any questions please call Cecelia Sanders at 630-898-7844.

# LOOKING AHEAD

## School Bag Kits

Keep your eyes open this summer for any fabrics that WELCA could use to make school bags. The ladies are in need of sturdy material to make school bags. One yard of fabric makes approximately 3 school bags. These school bags will be put out later this summer to be filled with needed items for school. Contact Betty Hardecopf with any questions at 630-553-5336.



The mighty one,  
God the LORD,  
speaks and summons  
the earth  
from the rising of the sun  
to its setting.  
Psalm 50:1



## Family Game Night

### GAMENIGHT

Did you hear how much fun Game Night was in March?

The next Family Game Night is being planned for Friday night, **June 12th, beginning at 6:30 pm.** Bring a game you enjoy playing and have an evening of fun. All ages are welcome to come and bring along friends!

## Vacation Bible School

Get ready for a week of fun while learning about Jesus at Vacation Bible School this summer. Vacation Bible School will be held at Immanuel the week of July 20th. If you are interested in helping that week, please call Kathy Dove (640-551-7045) Gena Gerdin (630-552-1954), or Michelle Steffa (815-475-5992).



## Church Basement Ladies

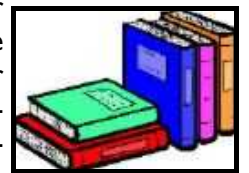
### A New Musical Comedy

An outing is being planned for **August 16th at 6 pm** to see this hilarious play! Inspired by the book Growing up Lutheran, it is a play about the church basement kitchen and the women who so faithfully work there. The setting is a rural Minnesota church in 1965 that is about to undergo changes. Enjoy the relationships between the four major characters as they organize the food and solve the church's problems. From the elderly matriarch of the kitchen to the young bride learning the proper order of things, they share recipes, instruct the young and take care of potential disasters. Plan on going to enjoy the funny and down to earth ladies as the church year unfolds below the house of God.

To receive the discounted price of \$25 each for groups of 10 or more, tickets need to be purchased by **Friday, June 12th.** Call the office at 630-553-5368 if you are interested in attending. We'll stop for ice cream on the way back home.



Take time this summer to kick back with a good book! There are a lot of great summer reading books in the Book Nook in Heritage Hall. Please fill out the book sign out sheet when taking out a book. If you have any questions, please call Janet Bretthauer at 630-553-5941 or Julie Warner at 207-333-0808.



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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 7 pm Altar Guild	2	3	4	5	6
7 9 am Worship	8	9	10 9 am Busy Hands	11	12 Deadline for Reservations for Church Basement Ladies 6:30 pm Game Night	13
14 9 am Worship	15 7 pm Community Connections	16 6:30 pm Council	17 8:30 am Pastor @ Panera	18	19 —Snyod	20 Assembly— 1:30 pm Ruth's Circle
21 9 am Worship	22	23	24 9 am Busy Hands	25	26	27
28 9 am Worship 2 pm Hillside	29	30				

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# **Upcoming Events**

**Summer Schedule**

**Worship Together**

**9 am**

**in Heritage Hall**