

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

# IMMANUEL Lutheran Church

JUNE 2010

## UPCOMING MESSAGE SERIES

- ◆ JUNE 6  
LUKE 7:11-17
- ◆ JUNE 13  
LUKE 7:36-8:3
- ◆ JUNE 20  
LUKE 8:26-39
- ◆ JUNE 27  
LUKE 9:51-62

## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR JOE

### Let's Dream!

Summer has come to the Midwest with a vengeance. With the 90 degrees heat and high humidity, there is nothing better than taking a snooze in the afternoons and, yes, daydream.

Please don't feel bad about daydreaming. On the Day of the Pentecost, Peter used the words of the Old Testament Prophet Joel to explain the experience of being touched by the Holy Spirit: *"In the last days it will be...I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.....(Acts 2)"*

Being able to see "what it looks like" in the future is a gift of the Holy Spirit. In faith, we know that the very End of the World is life eternal and the "resurrection of the bodies." But while we are on

earth, the Holy Spirit does inspire us individually and collectively to dream of "what it looks like" in our more immediate future. And more, the Spirit will empower us to move toward that future with strengths and determinations that beyond our imaginations. The Book of Acts is filled with stories in which imperfect humans were moved by the Spirit to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all corners of the earth.

I therefore want to invite everyone at Immanuel to use this summer to "daydream" together. Let's dream about the future of this great and historical congregation! God's Spirit has reached us ALL - the young and the old, those who have long roots in this congregation and those who recently joined. But I believe that no single individual could have the full vision of "what it looks like" for the future of

Immanuel. In the Book of Acts, we learned that each Apostle and believer received from the Spirit according to their life experiences, strengths and limitations. The "full picture" of God's mighty act became clear only when each of these Spirit filled believers acted according to what they had received. Just like us, the Apostles were not perfect and they didn't always agree with one another; but at the end, it was the Holy Spirit that guided them to carry out the will of God.

Therefore, my friends at Immanuel, let us use this summer to daydream about the future of Immanuel together. Let us listen to the Spirit together. Thank you.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Joe Chu

## KIDS PROGRAMS

- Happenings 2  
at Immanuel
- Celebrations 3  
and Prayers



**V B S  
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Baobab  
Blast!**  
VBS will be **June 14-18** for ages 3 yrs to 6th grade. Your kids will experience the most amazing community get-together under the sun - God's community. Baobab Blast is a place where they'll explore the wonder, friendships, and joy in building God's community. Registration forms are in the church office.

### Confirmation

Confirmation class will meet on **Sunday, June 6th at 10:30 am.**



### Council Meeting

The next council meeting is **Tuesday, June 15th @ 7 pm.**

### Luther League

If you can help out with Summer Sunday School, the teachers would appreciate the help. Also if a couple of you would like to take a Sunday and conduct the class there are some openings.

We will run the cake walk and fish pond at the church picnic on **June 20th**. Part of the proceeds will go towards the walk in September.



**ALTAR GUILD**

Altar Guild will meet on **Monday, June 7th at 7 pm.** If you are interested in helping during the summer, please call Lesli Ambrose at 630-552-1648.

**RUTH CIRCLE**  
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Ruth Circle will meet on **Saturday, June 19th at 1:30 pm.** For more information, contact Betty Hardecopf at 630-553-5336.

**Busy Hands**

Busy Hands will meet on **Wednesday, June 23rd at 9 am.** Want a quilt to work on this summer? Let us know!



**Promoting Immanuel on Google Maps**

Did you know that websites are ranked higher in search results for Google Maps the more visits the website gets? A visit is just opening the page. Did you know that you can help Immanuel be ranked at the top? Try this. Go to <http://maps.google.com> and search for "Churches near Yorkville IL". You will notice that Immanuel appears as No. 2 or No. 3. Why? Well, a few of us have put Immanuel as their home pages/tabs for their internet browser. This is where you can help. By making our church website (<http://www.immanuelyorkville.org>) one of your home pages or a default tab, you can increase our site traffic which then changes our rank. See if you can help us appear as No. 1 by September. Let me know if you made the change at [treasurer@immanuelyorkville.org](mailto:treasurer@immanuelyorkville.org). NOTE: We have submitted a change to Google to correct our location on the map (i.e., not on the corner of Walker and Immanuel) and updated the contact information.

**2010 Stewardship Campaign**

The Stewardship Committee is very humble to report that we received 42 pledge cards of the 75+ that were distributed to the congregation. Of the 42 pledge cards, almost everyone pledged an amount providing a commitment of \$1,600+ each week. With that said, the committee is thankful and warm hearted by everyone's commitment – all 42 households. This was no doubt a successful first step in establishing a stewardship mission. For those who provided us your envelope number, the Financial Secretary will update the financial system to reflect your pledge as of May 16 (Commitment Sunday). We hope to produce quarterly statements for your own tracking as well as the standard yearly statement. We wish you a wonderful summer as we take a small sabbatical to work on other missions at Immanuel.

**Did we miss your card?**

If we did, please feel free to mail or hand-in your pledge card to Lesli Ambrose (Financial Secretary).

**Automatic Weekly Offering**

On our Church's website there is a place to sign-up for a weekly donation or to donate at anytime. Please feel free to contact Christopher Dove ([treasurer@immanuelyorkville.org](mailto:treasurer@immanuelyorkville.org)) for any questions or how to setup.



**GREETERS**

- June 6—Lyle & Sharon Hosler
- June 13—Kelvin & Pat Johnson
- June 20—Duane & Gen Gerdin
- June 27—Don & Jenni Mulvey

**USHERS**

Roger Olson

**COUNTERS**

Maryjo Mott, Paul Mott, & Bill Lippold

**ACOLYTE**

Brian Straughn

**Counters and Readers**

**READERS**

- June 6—Nancy Curran
- June 13—Linda Stephens
- June 20—Laura Devick
- June 27—Kelly Leonetti

**CHOIR NOTES**

It's great to have special music at the worship service. If you were interested in singing with the choir and want more info, contact Ed Guettler at 630-553-9511.

**Church Picnic**

On **Sunday, June 20th following the 10:30 am** service, there will be a potluck luncheon followed by fun activities for all ages. The cake walk will be returning this year! We also have the fish pond and other games from the past. Please bring two dishes to pass and your own table service. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. If you would like to donate items for the cake walk, please bring them that day or contact Brenda Karales. Watch the bulletin for more details. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Corrigan (630-553-1525) or Brenda Karales (630-553-9251).



### Safety -- Kitchen Doors Closed

When you are the last to leave the Fellowship Hall, please make sure the kitchen doors to the Fellowship Hall are closed. These are fire doors and should remain closed as much as possible. The metal pull down gate is a fire prevention gate that will shut should a fire start in the kitchen to help save Heritage Hall. Keeping the kitchen doors open defeats this safety feature. So, please help us by keeping the kitchen doors shut whenever possible.

# Celebrations and Upcoming

## June

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| 6/1 – Frank Campbell<br>Jessie Fruland                | 6/13 – Lois Johnston<br>Bonnie Stanford                 | 6/24 – Emily Halbesma                             |
| 6/3 – Nilslee Kreppert<br>Pat Petersen                | 6/14 – Neil Borneman<br>Fred Kreppert<br>Maggie Sampson | 6/26 – Denise Stevenson                           |
| 6/7 – Joanne<br>Riemenschneider                       | 6/20 – Ethan Walker                                     | 6/28 – Megan Devick<br>Dale Dierzen<br>Kathy Dove |
| 6/8 – Beth Heiden                                     | 6/22 – Terry Morganegg                                  | 6/29—Carol Bowen                                  |
| 6/9 – Jamie Borneman<br>Isaac Sampson<br>Lynn Molitor | 6/23 – Frances Bretthauer**<br>Tom Coziahr*             | *over 80 years old<br>** 100 years old            |
|   | 6/24 – Emily Halbesma                                   |   |

## Anniversaries

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



## Birthday Celebration

Frances Bretthauer will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 23, 2010. An open house will be held on **Sunday, June 27th from 2-4 p.m.** in Heritage Hall in her honor. In her lifetime, Frances has given countless hours of service to Immanuel Lutheran Church. Come share this momentous occasion with her. A present to Frances will be your presence. A video presentation of her life is being planned. In lieu of gifts, pictures of Frances for use in the video would be appreciated. Pictures are needed by June 6th and can be dropped off in the basket on the Welcome table in Heritage Hall. Please place photos in an envelope marked with your name and phone number and include a short description and date of the occasion/event. Pictures will be returned after the celebration.

Pray for the call committee that is faithfully working using the surveys that the congregation have submitted.



Pray for the Stoehr family and the Straughn family. Give them comfort, peace, and strength as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

Pray for Lynn Molitor she continues recovering at home.

Pray for our Sister congregation.

Pray for Irene Thanepohn, who is receiving extra support.

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

Pray for the Ralph Gorham family and friends who are grieving his passing.

Pray for the farmers as they work in the fields. Keep them safe.

Pray for the congregation.

Pray for all your loved ones.

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## Upcoming Events

GOD'S GREAT GET-TOGETHER



**Vacation  
Bible  
School**

**June 14-18**



**Church Picnic  
Sunday, June 20th  
following the church  
service**