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## Immanuel Lutheran CHURCH & SCHOOL

June 2010

### "The Voice of Immanuel" "

Dear  
Members &  
Friends of  
Immanuel,

Welcome to the June issue of "The Voice of Immanuel" online. We always appreciate comments and suggestions. Please feel free to send ideas and opinions.

Remember that our MONTHLY CALENDAR is online and updated each month. Please click [Church Calendar](#) to access Immanuel's schedule and events. This Google calendar also syncs with most phones.

### From Pastor Mark

#### "The Sermon"



*(This is part ten of a running newsletter series on worship.)*

The sermon is a gift the pastor makes each week for his people. He works for upwards of half his time each week constructing that gift. The following goes into the building of that gift, his

sermon:

- He has come to know his people and their needs. He builds a sermon specifically designed to meet those needs.
- He chooses the material for his sermon, usually from one of the assigned Scripture readings for that Sunday.
- He does an in-depth study of the text so that he can faithfully build that gift that his people so desperately need.
- He sketches out a design for the gift and then proceeds through much prayer and thought to construct that gift God has called him to build for his people.
- He delivers the gift in the most effective way he can so that God's people receive the Gospel anew each week.

Recently someone told me the true story of their experience being trained as maker of fine furniture. Their teacher/master-craftsman was a perfectionist. On one occasion this student had worked many hours making what he thought was a fine piece of furniture. When his teacher came in and inspected his work, he found one measurement 1/8 inch off. The teacher's response was to take out a hatchet and destroyed the piece which the student had worked so hard to make.

Each weekend in worship a gift is crafted for you. I refer now not only to the sermon, but to the whole of what happens in worship each weekend. The sermon built by the pastor is but one part of that gift. The whole of the gift is actually far more than that.

Interestingly enough that larger gift is made by a Master-Craftsman. All that He made was perfect. That gift that He makes each week was made with wood and nails. It was fashioned with sweat and blood. It is so perfectly constructed that it cost the Maker his life.

Yes, you see all that happens in worship, the sermon and all else that happens there, has been constructed by no one less than the carpenter from Galilee, Jesus. He knows your

needs. The material for His gift is His body and blood. His gift is exactly what you need each week. He offers you that gift each Sabbath in Word and in Sacrament.

There are two ways to receive that gift from Christ that He builds perfectly for you each week: We receive it with a hatchet when we reject His gift through neglect or unrepentant pride. Or we receive each Sabbath that gift of peace and forgiveness with a repentant, thankful, open heart recognizing the One who has fashioned this gift for us with His own body and blood. See you in church. I am

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Mark

## Summer Sermon Series

### **The Apostles' Creed - June 12/13 through July 17/18**

Last Summer, Immanuel had a sermon series on the Ten Commandments during the summer months. This summer we will hear a six week sermon series based upon the Apostles' Creed. Each week we will hear of the nature of our God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and what that means for us in our daily lives. A Sunday morning Bible Class will accompany the sermon series as a compliment.

## Monday Summer Worship

**June 7 - August 23 at 6:00 p.m.**



A great way to honor the Lord's Day this summer is to worship every Sunday, just like the rest of the year. Find a church on vacation and worship there. If you're traveling home on a Sunday, join your Immanuel family on Monday evenings to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament.

## Let's Have Your Input

### **"Art for Our New Sanctuary"**

All have received the summary of the art proposed for our new place of worship either at the presentation or by mail. You are encouraged to respond to those suggestions by grading them A-F. We will take your ideas into consideration when making our final recommendation.

Each family has also had the chance to offer a gift in support of the art and beauty that will inspire and uplift Immanuel for generations to come. Put your contributions in the envelope labeled "ART" and place in the offering plate. Thank you for your support.

## Vacation Bible School

**June 14-June 18, 2010**



VBS is rapidly approaching! Don't miss your opportunity to sign your children up for this amazing opportunity! Volunteer sign-up and registration forms are available in the narthex. You may also register your children online by clicking [VBS Online Registration](#). The \$10 suggested registration fee may be dropped by the church office, or sent on the first day of VBS.

## School News

### Immanuel Lutheran School Highlights



The 2009/2010 school year has come to a close; however, some exciting summer enrichment classes will be offered starting in June. Click on [School News](#) for more information on how to register for these classes - and

other end-of-the-year information.

## Youth News

### Immanuel Youth Group Highlights



Get your updates on all the summer Youth activities by clicking [Youth Group News](#).

### News from Robin McCoy - Missionary to Thailand



It's the hottest time of the year in Thailand. Read about the special holiday where you get a chance to throw water and cool off anyone who passes by. Robin shares how she helps her students understand why we pray at mealtimes.

Please click on [Bird Seed](#) for all the latest news from Bangkok.

## Annual Rummage Sale

### June 4th & 5th!



Are you finding your life a bit cluttered? Immanuel's Rummage Sale is a great opportunity to donate your extra items to a good cause! The MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) ministry will gratefully accept your donations on Tuesday &

Wednesday, June 1st and June 2nd from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and from 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. No TVs or computers,

please.

The sale itself will take place on Friday, June 4th from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 5th from 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

## Real Men SING!

### Real Men SING is Growing...



By now, you have probably heard about our plans to have a one-time Men's Chorus sing for Father's Day. We have had over 30 men sign up to date to participate in the chorus. You can still sign up! You don't need to be an awesome singer, or even read music. We are looking for men (and sons) with a willing spirit to join in singing a medley of *Crown Him with Many Crowns* and *Rejoice the Lord is King* on Sunday, June 20th. Both songs are well known and easy to sing. We will have one (QUICK) practice on Wednesday evening June 16th at 7:00 p.m. and then review the song briefly at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. Our goal is to fill the chancel on Father's Day with men giving glory to our heavenly Father through song. If you are interested in singing with us, contact the church office!

## 8th Grade Musical Play Review

by Wayne  
Breithaupt

### "Here's How it 'Played Out'!"

If you missed the 8th Grade Musical "Hee Haw Hayride", you truly lost out on a wonderful and enjoyable evening. I know I speak for all who did attend (the standing ovation said it all). From my seat amongst the estimated two, to three, hundred present not one forgotten line or needed prompt was caught by this observer - during the approximate two hour elapsed length of the performance.

The play was certainly worth the exorbitant admission price of "free", which like I always say - you can't beat free, unless they pay you to take it!

From Mr. Wunderlich's disappearance right from the start (I think he went home and came back when it was over - just for the accolades - HA HA). To Mrs. Kaaz's pitching of the pink pig, which borders on animal abuse at the very least, even though it was right on target (you had to see it to enjoy this jest). Even Mr. Wunderlich's mustache and beard stubble and Mrs. Kaaz's mouthing of the lines, because she had it memorized, gave it all an air of authenticity.

I am sure even the janitorial staff appreciated the performance, with all those bare hillbilly feet picking up the missed dust on the backstage floors.

Now on a more serious note, it was very evident right from the beginning, and all could see the fun and joy the students got out of doing the show.

Congratulations to all involved in this production in any way!

What an outstanding multi-talented bunch of students you are! Your parents and teachers must be so very proud of you - I know I am - as should all of Immanuel Church & School members.

Also, kudos to Alan Wunderlich and LuAnn Kaaz - play and musical production directors. You are all truly ready for the Muny and Fox Theatre.

LOOK OUT WORLD - HERE THEY COME!

## Summer Sunday School

### We Need Your Help!

It's time to sign up to help with Summer Sunday School! We are going to try a rotation schedule this year. It should be fun for the teachers and the kids. Craft, music and Bible-reader talents are needed. The Sunday School bulletin board (located in the narthex) has the sign up sheet. Call Jodi Birkmann for more information (636-239-7667).

## Summer Choir & Bible Study

### Don't Miss This Opportunity!

A Summer Choir/Bible Study will again be held on Sunday mornings during the Bible Class hour beginning Sunday, June 13th. The format will be a little different this year. The first half of the Bible Class hour we will be using the book, *"Text, Music, Context: A Resource for Reviewing Worship Materials"*. This book provides a process to work through evaluating music used in worship. The second half of the Bible class hour will be used for learning new hymns/songs that we can use for worship here at Immanuel. If you are interested in participating in this Choir/Bible Study and lead the congregation in learning some new hymns/songs, please sign up at the table in the narthex.

## Immanuel Cub Scout News



Cub Scout Pack 508, chartered by Immanuel Lutheran Church & School, held their advancement ceremony on Saturday, May 15th. All 17 Scouts advanced to the next level of scouting, and received other individual badges.

Betty Hrdlicka, from the Osage District of Scouting, made a presentation on the benefits of "Friends of Scouting" program. I would like to personally thank her, and the parents of our scouts for contributing \$859.00 to the "Friends of Scouting", which benefits the 'Greater St. Louis Area Boy Scouts' Organization.

Anyone interested in becoming an adult leader or assistant please contact me. Your participation in scouting will be very rewarding.

- Wayne Venum (Pack Committee Chairman)

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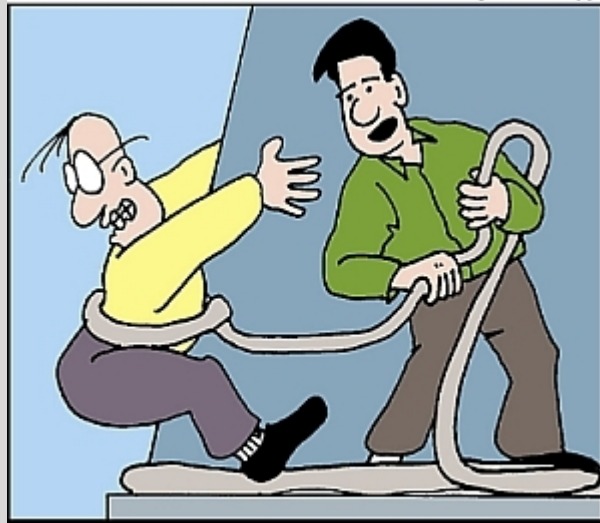
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## Fun Stuff

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Didn't I tell you bungee jumping would bring in a bunch of kids for Vacation Bible School?"

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