



# Immanuel Lutheran CHURCH & SCHOOL

May 2010 "The  
Voice of  
Immanuel  
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Dear Members &  
Friends of  
Immanuel:

Welcome to the May 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

### "Worship - God's Holy Word"



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

The Scriptures are the building blocks of our worship. Without the Word of God there is no worship. God's Word is fundamental to our time with Him in Word and Sacrament. This is true in every aspect of our worship.

First, we listen as God speaks to us in His Word. He speaks in the Old Testament Lesson as the prophets point forward to a coming Savior. He speaks in the Epistle as Paul and others explain what that Savior means. God speaks in the Gospel through the Apostles as they reveal the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus for us. Where would our worship be without God's Holy Word? Lots of places, it just wouldn't be worship. Without God's Word we would never be pointed to the cross, we would never be comforted with the forgiveness of sins, we would never come under the umbrella of God's love and grace in Christ.

Second, in our worship we speak back to God. But what words shall we use? What words would be appropriate to speak to an all-holy God? My words fall so far short of the Glory of God. With Isaiah I have to say that "all my deeds (and words) are filthy rags before God." What words could I come up with that would be appropriate before such a wonderful and gracious God? Perhaps you have figured out the answer already. The only words we could use that would fit the bill would be ... God's Word. That is why so much of what we say in response to God's Word in worship is God's Word. Have you noticed that the hymns are filled with God's Word? Have you noticed how we use the Psalms often in worship? Have you noticed that our confession, our prayers, our praise are often peppered with God's Holy Word?

That is on purpose. When we use God's Word in response to God's Word we offer our highest praise to God. When we open God's Word in our homes we offer Him our highest praise.

When we learn in worship to respond to God's

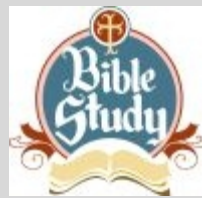
love with God's Word, guess what we learn to do when life throws at us its worst? We respond with God's Word! Our grief, our pain, our loss are responded to with the comfort and assurance of God's Word where he points us to Christ and His love and forgiveness.

The Scriptures are the building blocks of our worship and of our life before God. See you in church. I am

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Mark

## LifeLight Bible Study

### LifeLight Begins April 29



The newest LifeLight Class will be led by Vicar Ted Hopkins and will begin on April 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the 8th Grade Room. You are invited to join the class on the study of Acts. If you have

not already indicated your interest in the class, please contact the church office.

## New Sunday Morning Bible Studies

### Classes Begin Sunday, May 2



Two new Bible Studies will begin on Sunday, May 2nd during the 9:30 to 10:30 hour.

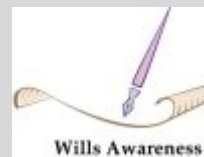
Vicar Hopkins will lead Luther's Catechism: A Guide to

Evangelism. This class will examine the small catechism, but in a way you have never done before.

Pastor Bangert will lead Heaven and Hell. This study will focus on all that God has revealed in His Word about the only two destinations in eternity.

Don't miss your opportunity to be in God's Word during Bible Class.

## Wills Awareness Seminar - May 4th



On Tuesday, May 4th, you will have a great opportunity to learn how to properly structure your estate. This is for information only. Further

assistance from a professional planner will require your initiative.

Dinner from "Qdoba Mexican Grill" will be served at 6:00 pm, with the Seminar

beginning about 6:45 pm.

Contact the church office at 636-239-4705 to sign up, or for more information.

## Immanuel Youth-Sponsored Prayer Vigil

### National Day of Prayer, May 6th



On Thursday May 6th, the Sr. High Youth of Immanuel Lutheran Church will sponsor a Family Friendly Prayer Vigil from 4 - 8 PM.

Everyone is invited to join us for a self-led prayer vigil as you and/or your family move through 6 different "hands on" stations lifting up prayer concerns at each location. Youth members will be at each station to help lead and direct you through each prayer activity. Everyone is invited to join us for this special event as we encourage you and your family to take some time for God in prayer. Sign-up in the narthex or call the church office.

## First Communion for 7th Graders

### Saturday, May 8th / Sunday, May 16th

Immanuel's 7th graders, both in our day school and in public school, are being instructed in our confirmation classes. They have completed their study of what God has told us about His wonderful gift of Holy Communion. They are ready to begin communing with as a part of the family of God at Immanuel. Those first opportunities will be either on Saturday, May 8, or Sunday, May 16. God bless these young adults as they take this important step in their faith walk with the Lord.

## Washington Circuit Ascension Service - May 13, 2010

### Ebenezer Lutheran Church to host Circuit Ascension Service



All members of the Washington Circuit are invited to Ebenezer Lutheran Church - Port Hudson at 9100 Highway YY, Leslie, Missouri for an outdoor Ascension Mission Feast and potluck dinner at the lake. Please enter the church on the East

parking lot and follow the signs down to the lake. There will be plenty of parking at the lake also. Folding chairs will be available, but please consider bringing your own lawn chair.

Please bring a dish to pass. Meat, bread and drink will be furnished, as well as eating utensils. A Circuit Choir will perform - singers are invited to come to the church dining hall at 6:30 p.m. to practice "Draw Us to Thee" from TLH.

A children's choir will also be part of the service. They will sing the Alleluias for "A Hymn of Glory Now We Sing".

The Potluck dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. and the Worship Service begins at 7:00 p.m.

## Senior Ministry Day Trip

### Concordia Seminary & Vatican Splendors on May 19

Immanuel has organized a day trip to St. Louis that will be a great experience. The schedule is as follows:

- 8:00 a.m. Leave Immanuel by carpool
- 9:30 a.m. Attend chapel at Concordia Seminary
- 10:30 a.m. Walking tour of beautiful Concordia Seminary
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch at Seminary Cafeteria
- 1:00 p.m. See "Vatican Splendors" at the History Museum
- 4:00 p.m. Arrive home

The cost is \$25 per person to cover the museum, lunch and gas. Contact the church office to sign up or for more information.

## Youth Benefit at Whiskey Creek

### Tuesday, May 25th

For those who enjoyed the Whiskey Creek Youth Benefit last month (or for those who missed it) we have the same opportunity again on Tuesday, May 25th from 4 PM till close. Everyone is invited to join us for a special night of food and fellowship at the Whiskey Creek Restaurant in Phoenix Place. If you joined us last month, please share with others about your wonderful experience and invite them to join us. We thank you for your support!

## 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.

## 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



Our school has a very busy month of May coming up, including our first "Friends of the Students" event, graduation services,

and preparations for the end of the school year. Click on [School News](#) for information on all these events and much more!

## Youth News

### Immanuel Youth Group Highlights



There will be a Youth-sponsored Cemetery and Church Property "Clean-Up Day" on May 2nd, as well as one other Youth Event in the month of May. Click on [Youth Group News](#) to get more

information.

## "Bird Seed"

### News from Robin McCoy - Missionary to Thailand



Robin's latest newsletter highlights her recent experiences in the Mission Field. Please click on [Bird Seed](#) for all the latest news from Bangkok.

Upward Sports



This summer, we are hosting an Upward basketball camp, July 26-30 for boys and girls as young as entering 1st grade to as old as entering 6th grade (likely

a morning camp; 8-11am). This Upward camp will be a fabulous opportunity for our church to reach out to the Washington community through sports. Upward seeks to provide an excellent sports experience for every child by creating fair competition and by giving each child playing time. In our camp, we will be teaching the basic skills of basketball as well as coaching them in scrimmages and games. The basketball part of the Upward camp is important because it will draw the children in, but it isn't all about the basketball either. While providing an excellent sports experience, we will also be bringing Jesus to the children. Hopefully, we will have the opportunity to share about Jesus to children who do not know Him. This will be done through prayers, devotions, and Scripture. Though this is a really cool opportunity, it also will take some serious work. We need people who will help coach boys and girls. We need people who will help advertise the camp. We need people who will help with food service during the camp. We need people who will help with devotions. We need people who will help with following up with families who are not members of any church. We need portable and adjustable basketball goals that will go down to 7'. Perhaps most importantly, we need all of us to pray for the children of Washington that God would reach many through our ministry. While there is a lot that we need, the great thing about Upward is how organized it is. Upward lays out for us what we need to do. They tell the coaches what drills to run for the whole camp. They have devotions already printed out for the coaches to read for their players. This is the level of detail that Upward goes into to help us run the camp. While it will be some work, this is an awesome opportunity for Immanuel to reach the children of Washington for Jesus Christ. Four people, Vicar Hopkins, Dena Kuddes, Aaron Hallien, and Mark

Birkmann, attended a conference in St. Louis hosted by Upward sports, and we are all very excited about this upcoming camp. Please speak to one of us if you would like more information or you would like to help.

## Beginner Computer Class

### Computers 101!



Mr. Wunderlich would like to know if any of our older members would be interested in a beginner's class on computers and the internet this summer. We did this several years ago and it was well received. This class would be for those members who have heard a lot about

computers and the internet, and are interested in learning more. If you are interested in such a class, please contact the church office.

## New Pictures in the Photo Gallery

### Pancake Breakfast Photos and Our New Vicar



Make sure to take a look at our website and check out the updated Photo Gallery. We have newly posted pictures of our pancake breakfast and the wonderful attendance. Click on [Photo Gallery](#) to take a look now!

We also have a picture of our new Vicar, Eric Moquin and his wife, Kaitlin. Click on [Vicar](#) to see this picture.

## Fun stuff

Student's prayer: "Now I lay me down to rest, and hope to pass tomorrow's test, If I should die before I wake, that's one less test I have to take."

## And Now a Word from our Sponsors....

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