

## Immanuel's September 2009 Newsletter

We begin with a message from Pastor Mark entitled: "Worship as Service"

*(Part two of our running newsletter series on worship.)*

The services printed in the front portion of the hymnal are called "Divine Service". Rightly understood our worship consists of God serving us with His precious gifts of the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. That is the first and foremost thing of worship. In worship we receive the very things every Christian needs, forgiveness and peace with God that Jesus won for us on Calvary's cross.

There is a second sense in which our worship is service. God not only serves us, we also serve one another. Sitting down at the same altar, gathering around the same Word, finding comfort in the same Savior, we serve one another. This is what was said by every single person in worship this past weekend:

1. To those who are new in the faith, young and old alike, "This Jesus is real and He is God's sacrifice to make you right with Him. As I hold on to Him, so should you."
2. To the parents whose child has been hospitalized for a month, "We love you and are praying for you. Let me know how I can help you."
3. To the man who buried his aged mother this past week, "We love you and support you in your loss. Jesus is the answer to your loss and grief."
4. To the teacher who celebrated 10 years of ministry at Immanuel, "We thank God and we appreciate how you have impacted our children."
5. To the member with cancer, "My presence here today is a testimony that there is a bigger "C" than cancer, and He is Christ."

That was just this past Sunday using situations that are public knowledge. How many circumstances are known only to individuals? By your presence you offer the same love, encouragement and support to even unknown needs. Every time you gather together with your brothers and sisters in Christ at Immanuel you testify to your faith and you offer the love of Christ to more people than you will ever know.

Tragically, when worship is a thing of secondary importance, or worse, our words of support and encouragement are absent, we communicate that God's gifts are not all that healing and you really cannot count on me because I have more important things to do. God forgive us.

God serves us miraculously in Word and Sacrament. At the same time we serve each other with our presence, with our prayers, and with His peace. Next time you are in church, listen to the unspoken sermon by all those who surround you. They are precious. See you in church!

## September Birthdays!

God's blessing to our members who celebrate birthdays in September!

*(If your birthday is listed incorrectly, or if your name has been omitted,  
please contact the church office.)*

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 - Patricia Bryan      | 11 - Sally Haddox           | 22 - Josie Plowman         |
| 1 - Nathan Mauldin      | 11 - Emily Pull             | 22 - Michael Tutt          |
| 1 - Beverly Shockley    | 11 - Bill Wood              | 23 - Brooke Guehne         |
| 1 - David Timm          | 12 - Billy Briggs           | 23 - Joe Haddox            |
| 2 - Carole Eckelkamp    | 12 - Amber Cichon           | 23 - Jim Lohmeyer          |
| 2 - Dustin Heather      | 12 - Benjamin Loesing       | 23 - Mary Oberlies         |
| 2 - Adam Wood           | 12 - Matthew Nobe           | 23 - Alex Pagan            |
| 2 - Matthew Wood        | 13 - Maggie Barron          | 23 - Mary Scheer           |
| 3 - Johannah Bangert    | 13 - Myranda Ferris         | 23 - Colleen Swisher       |
| 3 - Tammy Grim          | 13 - Lorene Hoemann         | 24 - Dan Borgmann          |
| 3 - John Tobben         | 13 - Jonathan Tudor         | 24 - Benjamin Gelinass     |
| 4 - Angie Bauche        | 14 - Doris Burns            | 24 - LuAnn Kaaz            |
| 4 - Jacob Bauche        | 14 - Owen Steffens          | 25 - Marvin Gruett         |
| 4 - Dena Fuhr           | 15 - Marissa Gau            | 25 - David Lochmann        |
| 4 - Amanda Schaller     | 15 - Kaya Otto              | 25 - Adrienne Massmann     |
| 5 - Maleea Oberkramer   | 15 - Shannan Robinson       | 25 - Pete Vincent          |
| 5 - Wynn Scheer         | 16 - Rachel Fredrick        | 25 - Elizabeth Wyman       |
| 5 - Ashley Schweissguth | 16 - Donna Krull            | 26 - Terry Fleer           |
| 5 - Karen Vernum        | 16 - Charlie Peats          | 26 - Willard Luecker       |
| 6 - Jacob Ferguson      | 17 - Michael Husmann        | 26 - Larry Niewald         |
| 8 - Amanda Bailey       | 17 - Sheilah Schoolcraft    | 26 - Hunter Wilkinson      |
| 8 - Hailey Barton       | 18 - Daniel Lock            | 27 - Tom Merkel            |
| 8 - Jean Dawson         | 18 - Marie Oberdieck        | 27 - Kim Moritz            |
| 8 - Andy Heather        | 18 - Elizabeth Tobben       | 27 - Simon Plowman         |
| 8 - Kamryn Mitchell     | 19 - Chris Brinker          | 27 - Katie Pruser          |
| 8 - Nicholas Stork      | 19 - Barb Densford          | 27 - Wayne Sachtleben, Sr. |
| 9 - Rebecca Kaaz        | 19 - A.J. Hallien           | 28 - Ashley Ulsas          |
| 9 - Mandy Mueller       | 20 - Robbi Eckman           | 28 - Jon Wood              |
| 9 - Cynthia Eckelkamp   | 20 - Matthew Klemm          | 29 - Matt Haddox           |
| 10 - Kirk Gruber        | 20 - Dale Loesing           | 29 - Grace Herbert         |
| 10 - Krista Junge       | 20 - Jerome Pepmueller, Sr. | 29 - John Vogel III        |
| 10 - Haley Puetz        | 21 - Krista Emmons          |                            |
| 10 - Benjamin Rogers    | 21 - Bernadette Hoemann     |                            |
| 10 - Robert Zimmer      | 21 - Mike Stelzer           |                            |
| 11 - Bent Collin        | 22 - Ginny Brunjes          |                            |
| 11 - Matthew Dawson     | 22 - Sam Eckman             |                            |
| 11 - Steve Densford     | 22 - Luke Hendrickson       |                            |

## LWML NEWS

Five quilts were knotted at our meeting in August. These 5 quilts, in addition to a donated quilt, will be taken to Guatemala in November and given to the family who will also be receiving a new house built by members of the mission team

Four service projects were carried out at the Zone workshop in Beaufort. Clothespin crosses were assembled to be used as witness tools. Several girls' dresses were cut out and will be sewn and sent to other countries on the Orphan Grain Train. Prayer shawls were crocheted, and will be given to residents of nursing homes and mothers of newborn infants. Greeting cards were designed and will be used to share the love of Christ. It was an enjoyable day with busy hands, chatting and getting acquainted, and lots of great Christian fellowship.

The next Zone event will be the Fall Rally at St. Paul, Union on Saturday, October 24 from 10-2 p.m. More information to follow. Why not mark the date on your calendar right now?

LWML Sunday will be celebrated on October 4. Displays, bulletin inserts, and assembling layettes and health kits will focus on the mission and purpose of LWML.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 5, beginning at 7 p.m. As always, visitors and new members are welcome!

## Altar Guild

Altar Guild had their elections this past month. The President is Marie Engel and Secretary/Treasurer is Janet Petersen. The new Directress is Arlene Marts. Flower Chairman is Betty Curran. The Wedding Chairman is Heather Bohner.

Barbara Hill has served as Secretary/Treasurer for 26 years and decided that it was time to step down. Barb has been a devoted, conscientious Altar Guild worker and will continue to serve as a member. She has been a blessing to the Altar Guild!

## Change on Newsletter Calendar

Due to many changes (and rescheduling) of games and times during the Volleyball/Basketball seasons, we have decided not to list each game on the newsletter calendar. Congregational members are still welcomed and encouraged to attend the games to show support for our school teams. To find current and up-to-date listings for the weekly games, please pick up a copy of the School "News and Notes" from the narthex, or call the school office for more information.

## Help LWML in Mission by Giving in Kind

As part of LWML's mission work, we assemble a variety of kits. These kits are then sent to various locations throughout the world to help those in need. This year, we will be collecting layettes and health kits. If you would like to help, we ask if possible that you donate an entire kit, rather than specific items. The items to be included in each kit are listed below. There will be collection boxes in the narthex Saturday evening and Sunday morning, October 3 and 4. Thank you in advance for your participation in this very worthwhile project.

### LAYETTES

In refugee camps, mission hospitals & villages around the world, gifts of layettes convey a warm welcome to infants and their mothers. Each layette is to contain:

- 2 shirts
- 1 sweater/jacket
- 1 bath-size bar of soap

- 2 gowns or footed sleepers
- 4 cloth diapers
- 2 washcloths
- 2 receiving blankets
- 2 safety pins

Wrap the first six items in the receiving blankets and secure with the safety pins. Good "gentle used" items can be substituted for new

ones. Sizes up to 24 months may be used.

### HEALTH KITS

Clean hands, good grooming, bright shining smiles - you can help bring them about through the gift of health kits. Each kit is to contain the following items:

- 1 hand towel
- 1 washcloth
- 1 bath-size bar of soap
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 1 metal nail file, or nail clippers with file attached
- 6 Band-Aids, preferably  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches

Wrap all the smaller items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

### SEWING KITS

“I can sew!” are words which translate into a previously lacking income for newly trained tailors and seamstresses in villages overseas. Their dedicated teachers showed them how to master a treadle sewing machine and how to make patterns for garments. Now the

new sewers are able to also say “I can take care of myself and those I love.” Each sewing kit is to contain:

- 3 yd. cotton/cotton blend fabric
- 1 pkg. needles for hand sewing
- 2 spools of matching thread
- 1 card of buttons

Wrap all sewing notions inside fabric.



**Adult Choir** will begin rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.** in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Come join the fun and fellowship of praising our Lord and Savior. New members are always welcome.

**Joyful Ringers** will begin rehearsals on **Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. Please speak to LuAnn Kaaz (239-4705 or 390-0285) if you are interested in joining this group.

**“Occasional” Choir** - I would like to get a group of people together that would occasionally rehearse (men’s/women’s/mixed) and sing for worship services. I know that for some people a weekly rehearsal commitment is more than what their schedule can handle. If you are interested in participating in this group, please sign up on the **“Music at Immanuel”** list on the table in the narthex.

***Instrumentalists and Soloists:*** If you would like to provide special music for worship services by playing an instrument or singing a solo, please sign up on the "***Music at Immanuel***" list on the table in the narthex.

If you have any questions regarding the music program at Immanuel, please contact LuAnn Kaaz, Director of Parish Music, at 239-4705 or 390-0285.

## MEN'S (OF EVERY AGE) MOVIE AND BBQ

Sunday, September 6

6:30 p.m. – BBQ Rib Dinner

7:30 p.m. – "Facing the Giants" Movie

Cost - \$10 per person

Contact the church office to purchase tickets!

## **Altar Flower Information**

Part of our Altar Guild's service is to have fresh flowers on the Altar for each weekend service. These flowers are paid for out of the church budget; however, many Immanuel members help supplement the Flower Fund by requesting to have flowers placed on the altar in celebration of a special event, memory of a loved one, honor of an anniversary, etc.

If you would like to support our Flower Fund in this way, please note the following information:

- (1) Check the Flower Calendar at the back of church (above the guest book) and write your name and phone number on the appropriate Sunday. **\*\*Please do not use the calendar in the Altar Guild room - this is only for Altar Guild use**. If someone has already signed up for that Sunday, please contact the Flower Chairman to find out about "sharing the altar flowers". The Flower Chairman is Betty Curran (239-7634).
- (2) Please completely fill out a "Flower Information Sheet" that you will find in the wooden holder directly under the Flower Calendar. Place the sheet back into the right hand side of the holder.

- (3) Use your green Contribution envelope (can be found in your envelope packet) to make your donation for the flowers. Altar flowers are \$15.00 per arrangement, so if you are not sharing the arrangements, the total would be \$30.00.
- (4) The Flower Chairman will contact you if she has any questions. She will also make sure that the church office has the correct information for what you would like printed in the bulletin.
- (5) An important piece of information to remember.... You are asked not to switch dates with anyone without letting the Flower Chairman know. This will eliminate any confusion as to who is getting the flowers and what should be printed in the bulletin.

Thanks so much for helping the Altar Guild keep the beautiful fresh flowers on the Altar – all to the glory of our Lord! If you have any questions, please contact Betty Curran at 239-7634.



**October  
Newsletter Articles  
are due  
in the Church  
Office  
By September 14<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Immanuel SCHOOL NEWS***

### **What a busy summer!**

Many improvements were completed throughout the school during the past two months, including:

- New tile in entrance to gym
- Painted the church office, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, kindergarten, pre-kindergarten, preschool, and cafeteria
- New wooden cubbies outside the school office
- New laptops for teachers
- New administrative software for the office and teachers
- Addition of two white boards

- Standardization of A/V equipment in classrooms
- Replaced 26 student desks
- Overhaul of the ILCS website

These improvements were funded in part by money raised from the 2009 Dinner Auction. The new laptops for the teachers were fully funded by a gift from a school family. We are truly blessed to have your support of ILS and of our mission! The names below are the individuals that assisted with these improvements over the summer - we could not have done it without you!

David Timm, Dan Walther, Bob McCrain, John Adams, Sam Eckman, Robbi Eckman, Lee Sowell, Pastor Bangert, Lisa Bangert, Alan Wunderlich, Kim Wunderlich, Joy Wunderlich, Alan Wunderlich, Ben Wunderlich, Kelly Lang, Kyle Lang, Kierstyn Lang, Kolby Lang, Meg Becker, Andy Becker, Stacy Landers, Linda Landers, Steve Brown, Peter Otten, Shannan Robinson, Walt Winters, Garry Gerhart, Jim Bennight, Dave Dawson, Terry Witthaus, Dave Sherman, *and anyone else inadvertently left off!*

### ***Bible Study Opportunity***

Join us for a breathtaking view of God's Love with a Bible Study on Ephesians! All Immanuel parents, members and friends are invited to join us for a new opportunity to grow together in God's Word this year. A monthly Bible study will be offered on the second Monday of each month at 8:00 am and at 7:00 pm the second Tuesday. The study will start on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am and also at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> in the Upper Room, (Youth Room).

## ***SCHOOL NEWS (continued)***

The Bible studies will be small group in nature, led by Alan Wunderlich, and will center on the book of Ephesians, focusing on some of the materials our school children will be hearing throughout the year based on our theme, "Fruit that will Last!" Each session will start with refreshments and 15 to 20 minutes of "Coffee with the Principals and Pastor", providing opportunities to ask questions and to discuss the ministry and vision of Immanuel. The informal study itself will follow with an hour or so discussion of the book of Ephesians. Through this study we hope to expand our understanding and appreciation of God's purpose for us and the wonderful gift of His grace.

## ***Check out our new website!***

The new Immanuel Lutheran website for the church and school is here! After much planning and anticipation, we are excited to unveil this new user-friendly website. Visit us on the web at [www.imlutheran.org](http://www.imlutheran.org).

## ***Can you smell it?!?***

The annual Apple Butter cook is only a few weeks away! Here's your opportunity to assist with this event. Not only will you be working to raise funds for our school, but you will also be rewarded with great fellowship with school and church families.

There is a sign-up sheet posted at the school office as well as the narthex. Can't donate your time? There are a few spots to donate items needed for this event.



## **Senders Needed!!!**

Our Circuit Mission Team will be leaving for Zacapa, Guatemala in early November for a one week, short-term mission trip to construct a house for a family in need, and to conduct a VBS for children in the village of La Trementina. There are 12 people on our team. Those making the trip from Immanuel include: Mark Becker, Lynn Becker, Meg Becker, Susie Blatt, Dr. Greg Potts, Ron Scheer, Wynn Scheer, Dan Walther and Kathy Walther. Others are Beverly Lehmann from St. John's Lutheran in Drake, MO, and Linda and Ron Kuker from Immanuel Lutheran in Valparaiso, IN.

The home being built will be very simple - made of cinder block with a cement floor. Tile team members cover their own expenses, costs for the construction will be \$4,500, which needs to be paid before we arrive. The VBS program could have as many as 200 children since schools are closed there during the month of November. This will also require materials to be purchased. Congregations in our Circuit have been asked to help raise the funds for these projects.

Can you help by being a SENDER? Look for a display in the narthex with pictures and ways that you can help. There will also be a door offering in the coming weeks. We ask for your prayers as we continue our planning and preparations.

# It's a Whole New World at MOPS!

If you are a mom with a child between the ages birth-Kindergarten and would like to join the Mothers of Preschoolers Group for the 2009-10 year, we are currently accepting registrations. We meet in the narthex from 8:45-10:45 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month (September through May). Childcare is provided. The moms enjoy speakers, scriptural devotions, crafts, hot coffee, brunch, and a wealth of support and encouragement to help them in this task of parenting young children. Read more about the theme MOPS will be exploring this year:

*During the 2009-10 MOPS year, we will explore how to thrive in relationships **Together on Planet Mom**. Time and time again, MOPS moms share that the friends they make in MOPS are significant for this season of their life and on into their future. God created us for relationships! It's one of the defining parts of being human. However, when you become a mom, all your relationships change. It's like you have landed on a different planet - Planet Mom - and the relationship with yourself is different - you are a mom! Your relationship with your husband, girlfriends, extended family, community and God have all changed. Join us as we learn to navigate through this new world together!*

For more information, or to register, please call Angela Hendrickson (390-9959) or Sarah Delleart (636-432-1039).

## Attention Ushers

There will be an ushers' meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at church for about an hour, then head to Pastor Bangert's for fellowship. Fellowship will consist of a meal - meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring your choice of a salad, side or dessert. Please RSVP by September 16<sup>th</sup> to Ray Weaver at 314-630-2273 or [weavers4@fidnet.com](mailto:weavers4@fidnet.com).

## Sunday School News

Sunday School teachers for the Fall session were installed at our annual picnic on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We thank them for their service and dedication.

Pre-Kindergarten	-	Kathy Niewald
Kindergarten	-	Cindy Bossaller and Marie Quaethem
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Cynthia Eckelkamp, Jenny Wallach, and
Sonja Witthaus		
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>	-	Dave Lochmann
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Jill Ferguson
Substitutes	-	Kristie Lock and Myranda Ferris

## YOUTH NEWS

We had a great kick-off to our Jr. and Sr. High programs with over 60 students participating. We look forward to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade kick-off on Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> from 1- 3 PM. All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders of the congregation are invited to join us for fun, games, food, and Bible study.

**CELBRATION** will occur on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8 PM in the cafeteria. This is a special celebration where we bring our youth programs together WITH parents for music, drama & Bible Study. Please plan to attend this special event! ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS are encouraged to be at this celebration because we will be sharing information after the **Celebration** event about the Missouri Synod's National Youth Gathering. All parents and students interested in attending this event next summer should plan to be a part of **Celebration** and the meeting afterward.

Both Jr. and Sr. High will have a regular meeting on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, Jr. High from 4 - 6 PM and Sr. High from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.

BYOB (Bring your own Breakfast) has started for Washington Sr. High students from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM on Wednesday mornings. Feel free to join us for breakfast, fellowship and prayer.

Sr. Highers are also invited to Participate in Chillin' with Prayer on Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 - 8:30 PM.



Immanuel Youth

## **EPHESIANS**

### ***A Breathtaking View of God's Love!***

***(A Bible study for everyone!)***

All Immanuel parents, members and friends are invited to join us for a new opportunity to grow together in God's Word this year. A monthly Bible study will be offered on the second Monday of each month in the morning, and in the evening the second Tuesday, (this is a change from what we previously had shared) for interested parents, members and friends of Immanuel. The study will start on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM and also at 7 PM on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> in the Upper Room, (Youth Room) unless space dictates we utilize the cafeteria.

The Bible studies will be small group in nature, led by Alan Wunderlich, and will center on the book of Ephesians, focusing on some of the same materials our school children will be hearing throughout the year based on our theme, "Fruit that will Last!" Each session will start with refreshments and 15 to 20 minutes of "Coffee with the Principals and Pastor," which will provide opportunity to ask questions, discuss the ministry of Immanuel, and hear and discuss the vision of our church and school. The informal study itself will follow with an hour or so discussion of the book of Ephesians. Through this study we hope to expand our understanding and appreciation of God's purpose for us and the wonderful gift of His grace. We would consider everyone taking a morning or evening of their time each month to explore God's Word in this "Breathtaking View of His Love!" This study will provide a wonderful opportunity each month to grow in your faith, while getting to know others in the Immanuel family, and hear and ask questions about Immanuel's mission. All parents, members, and friends of Immanuel are invited to attend, and grow in God's Word over the course of the year.

If you have an interest in this new study, please sign-up on the board in the narthex, and join us on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM or Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. (Note the change for the evening course) We would encourage you to take time from your busy schedule and give some back to the Lord, with our brothers and sisters in the Immanuel family as we grow together in His love.

## Acolyte Meeting

Students in grades 5-8 (Immanuel students and Public School students) who are interested in being acolytes, are asked to attend the meeting on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 p.m. Pastor will explain the acolytes' duties and we will measure for robes. We will begin promptly at 3:15 p.m. in the church and will be finished in about 30 minutes. If you have questions, please contact Rhonda Bennight at 239-7243.

# 50 Days



Begins September 5 & 6

All Immanuel Members are strongly encouraged to be part of the worship, Bible Study and private devotion for our 2009 edition of 50 Days. If you have not yet signed up, call the church office (239-4705) and we will include you!

## **Adult Instruction Class**

### **Get to Know Immanuel**

**Begins Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

Anyone interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church and what we believe and teach is invited to attend this new class. Likewise, anyone interested in formally becoming a member of Immanuel should take advantage of this opportunity. At the conclusion of the class, participants will have the opportunity to become members at Immanuel. If you would like to be a part of this class, please contact the church office at 239-4705.