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VBS Starts JUNE 5!

Happy Father's Day!

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SALVATION
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GIVER OF LIFE
PROTECTOR
SAVIOR HOPE
HOLY ONE ELIJAH
PRINCE OF PEACE
COMFORTER
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The OUTREACH

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 5 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

5:20 p.m.VBS Begins

June 12 - Day of Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship (at Immanuel)

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

JOINT SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

VBS KIDS SING

June 19 - The Holy Trinity

9:00 a.m.Worship

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

June 26 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m.Worship/Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.Fellowship

Immanuel's Website is New & Improved!

Visit the church website to view The Outreach,
Weekly Bulletins & The Monthly Calendar.

www.immanuelatwater.com

email: imman@frontiernet.net

Other Helpful Internet Links:

Prayer Ventures:

<http://archive.elca.org/prayerventures/>

Synod Update:

<http://www.swmnelca.org/html/Synod%20Update.html>

GLLM Retreats: www.gllm.org

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST TIMES

Our Sunday Worship is broadcast on
Channel #8 every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.

If you have a special request for a church
service broadcast, please call 320.974.3388.

VBS JOINT SERVICE

June 12

Immanuel and Bethlehem will enjoy a special joint worship service as a "grand finale" of our VBS week. Worship will be at Immanuel Sunday, June 12, at 9:00 a.m. Come early and enjoy gathering music at 8:45 a.m. Our VBS kids will be sharing several songs from VBS week at worship that morning, as well.

Remember to bring your filled coin barns to the joint worship service that morning.

Following worship, there will be a time of fellowship. Please join us for this special celebration!

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Women's Afternoon Bible Study

The Women's Afternoon Bible Study will meet Tues., June 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Men's Morning Bible Study/Breakfast

Any interested men are invited to join the Men's Bible Study Thursday mornings at Peaceful Thymes (on Hwy 12) starting at 7:30 a.m. Come join in the conversation, fellowship & food!

CHURCH COUNCIL NOTE

There were not enough council members present May 11 for a quorum. No minutes were recorded.

CHURCH KEY INVENTORY

Anyone who has a key to church (interior or exterior doors), please let the church office know. We are trying to get a more accurate inventory of who has keys to the church.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE



"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!"

Psalm 100:1

The psalmist seems to include *all of creation* as "proclaiming" the glory and handiwork of God and able to make a joyful noise. Sea, and her creatures, the singing birds, the chattering squirrel, and the majestic deer all proclaim the praise of their Creator in various ways. So can we. It is our glory to proclaim the goodness and grace of God, and to worship our Creator.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork."

Psalm 19: 1

I hope upon return to share with you some of what I learned in these amazing corners of God's world.

As I write this article, I am also preparing for a trip to the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador, and the Upper Amazon Rivers in Peru. This has been a dream for me, and I thank you as a congregation for allowing me the week of study leave, and week and a half of vacation to pursue this. When I return, I will have seen places that are full of different, amazing forms of life, unique cultures and different languages. I am sure I will be in awe much of the time. This world, God's creation, is truly an amazing place. It is astonishing that we can learn, live and be part of God's earth.

Can you find a place this week to sit quietly, (maybe even in your tractor, or car?) and listen to the birds, watch the sunrise, or sunset, watch the flowers blossom, and ponder the wonder and majesty of God's creation?

Sincerely, Pastor Dan Belgum-Blad



*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

A simple line drawing of a sun rising over a horizon. The sun is a semi-circle with several short lines radiating from it, representing rays of light.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Kathy Carity. Kathy passed away May 3, and her funeral was May 7 at Immanuel.

May God bring comfort and peace during this time of grieving.

**JULY
OUTREACH
DEADLINE**

July Outreach **articles are due** in the church office on **Sunday, June 19.**

We will be **folding** the July Outreach Wednesday, **June 29** at 9:00 a.m. Helping hands are needed.

WELCA NOTES

Attention Women!

Congratulations to our seniors who have graduated from high school. WELCA was able to present each one with a token of Immanuel to take with them - a quilt made by our quilters. I am sure there are still graduation parties to attend, then there will be summer weddings, family gatherings, etc. God has blessed us with many things.

The Hog Roast date has been set: JULY 17, 2011, at the Atwater Community Center. Hours of serving will be 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Now...be waiting for a call from you unit chairs for the information of how you may help. I am sure there will be something you will be able to do and share your talents with our church and community.

We have chosen the people or groups that we are able to help benefit in some way from our Love Offerings from this past spring. Our total was down a bit from last year, but we are still helping our community in many ways.

Block Nurse Program \$600.00 (\$300 from our prayer group offerings)
Fire Department\$150.00
Ridgewater Campus Ministry\$100.00
Organ Fund\$200.00
Habitat for Humanity\$100.00
Jim & Carol Sack (our missionaries in Japan) \$100.00

We would still appreciate your Love Offering if somehow it slipped your mind to turn it in.

If you attended church in May, you were able to see the magical quilts our quilters have created. What a nice gift for a graduate, a wedding, birthday, or even a treat for yourself. These monies will help our youth with camping expenses, etc.

Unit 3 is still in charge of the kitchen clean up. Next month, Unit 4 will be in charge. We have had our Go-To-Gals already spring cleaning. Remember we still have those church mice to contend with. It seems they like the kitchen best, so if you are serving anything, don't leave any crumbs behind!

***We are Immanuel!
Sisters in Christ,
Linda Burns, Interim WELCA President***

P.S. - Please consider helping WELCA with any talents you have!

CARD OF THANKS

From the Family of Kathy Carity

We would like to take this time to say "Thank You" to everyone who was so wonderful to Kathy during her battle with cancer. Each and every one of you holds a special place in Kathy and Lucas' heart. A special "Thank You" for your loving kindness, words of comfort and for all the cards, memorial gifts, flowers, as well as for the food and your visits to her. During a time like this we have really come to realize how much our friends and family really mean to us.

Your expression of sympathy will always hold a place in our hearts. If we missed anyone, we are truly sorry.

***Sincerely,
Lucas Damm; Gordon & Gladys Carity; Delrose Carity and Roger Beito; Lee, Konnie, Amy & Kristy Carity***

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE



Please join us in celebrating this event at an Open House in Marty's honor Saturday, June 4, 2011, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
53314 CSAH 22, Grove City MN.

Martin Henry Peterson

60th Wedding Anniversary
Open House
for
John & Sharon Holm
Sunday, June 26, 2011
1-4 p.m.
Blue Sky Restaurant
194 Progress Way
Spicer, MN
No Gifts, Please

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BRIDAL SHOWER

Amber Johnson

Open House Bridal Shower for Amber Johnson, daughter of Michael and Sheryl Johnson. Amber is the bride-to-be of Ross Jaenisch, son of LeRoy and Gwen Jaenisch. Sunday, June 12th, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Come and Go). Harrison Presbyterian Church, rural Spicer.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

The Donna Grahn Memorial Scholarship applications are available in the church office and must be submitted to Immanuel Lutheran Church by **July 15, 2011.**

The Martin Anderson Family Memorial Scholarship applications are available in the church office and must be submitted to Immanuel Lutheran Church by **July 15, 2011.**

The Broman Scholarship applications are available in the church office and must be submitted to Immanuel Lutheran Church by **July 15, 2011.**

NEW! Immanuel is offering a new scholarship in 2011 - the newly-established Marv Otto Memorial Scholarship. The Marv Otto Memorial Scholarship applications will be available in the church office in June and July and must be submitted to Immanuel Lutheran Church by **July 15, 2011.**

Scholarships will be awarded in early August.

Christian Education **corner**

bible Camp Fundraisers

The "Book Sale" Bible Camp Fundraiser continues. Anyone who has gently used books that you are finished with (including children's books) is encouraged to donate books for our sale. **Cost: \$1/hardcover, \$.50/softcover.**

confirmation Classes

During our May 1 pizza party and discussion, it was decided to continue with the Sunday morning confirmation classes. Classes will resume in September.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

bible Camp

Bible Campers: Please take lots of pictures of your time at Bible Camp! Please bring in 5-6 (or more!) of your favorites, along with a few sentences about your camp experience, so we can display them on a camp bulletin board in the fall. We would like to share your experiences with the whole congregation.

Please pray for a safe, fun camp experience for all of these 2011 Bible Campers!

Green Lake Bible Camp: Jacob Belgum, Jordan Nelson, Lucas Damm, Erica Borchert, Erik Belgum, Gabriel Eisenbacher

Shores of St. Andrew: Mia Eisenbacher, Annika Sorenson, Jeremy Nelson, Kiara Rosenquist, Rose Snaveley

Village Family Camp: Kathy & Jonathan Nelson

Lake Beauty Bible Camp: Jaylen Rossell

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU to Immanuel and WELCA for supporting our campers with scholarship money. Also thanks to everyone who supported the camper fundraisers!

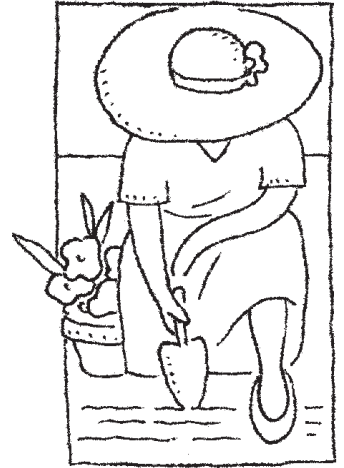
HOW TO PLANT A SPECIAL GARDEN

First plant five rows of peas: Preparedness, Promptness, Perseverance, Politeness and Prayer.

Next plant three rows of squash: Squash gossip, Squash criticism and Squash indifference.

Then five rows of lettuce: Let us be faithful, Let us be unselfish, Let us be loyal, Let us be truthful, and Let us love one another.

And no garden is complete without turnips: Turn up for church, Turn up with a smile, and Turn up with determination.



vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is June 5-9 at Immanuel. Come and join the fun with Vacation Bible School and learn about the Fruits of the Spirit through storytelling, music, crafts, Farm Fun and games.

Our VBS offerings this year will benefit "God's Global Barnyard," a program for ELCA Hunger. Remember to keep filling the coin barns you received in May and plan to bring them to the joint worship service June 12.

We will have a program Thursday, June 9 and our "closing" event will be our joint worship service Sunday, June 12. VBS kids will be singing during worship that morning.

Christian Education Ministry Team Members

Pastor Dan Belgum-Blad ♦ Shane Hagstrom ♦ Barb Everson
Janelle Eisenbacher ♦ Nick Rossell ♦ Bethany Ehrenberg

christian education Calendar of Events

(watch for monthly updates!)

DATE	TIME - PLACE	EVENT
June 5-9	5:20-8 p.m./Immanuel	VBS Week
June 9	7:45 p.m./Immanuel	VBS Closing Program
June 12	9:00 a.m./Immanuel	Joint Worship Service - VBS Kids Sing
June 12	9:00 a.m./Immanuel	Return VBS Offerings (Barns)

APPLYING BIBLE PRINCIPLES

"... if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away ... everything has become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). Christians should have a different outlook on life, including money and material possessions. They realize that they own nothing, that everything they have belongs to God, and that they are only managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to them. Because of that, Christians should have a different attitude towards "things."

That attitude demonstrates itself in many different ways. For example, Christians show mercy and give, in contrast to the those who borrow and do not repay (Psalm 37:21). Christians should hold possessions with an open hand, and "refresh" others with their bounty (Proverbs 11:24-25). They are honest and demonstrate their faith by their work and integrity (1 Thes. 4:11-12). They give to those in need and thereby demonstrate to a watching world the love of God (1 John 3:17).

When this kind of lifestyle is present in our lives, Jesus said that people will see our good works - our different attitude and perspective - and will glorify our heavenly Father (Matt. 5:16). And as we seek His kingdom first and foremost, we have His promise that He will provide what we need (Matt. 6:33).

As others observe you and your lifestyle, do they see any difference because of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? As they observe your relationship to "things," especially to money, do they realize you are a manager, a steward, and not an owner? Or stated another way, is the manner in which you handle money and material possessions a testimony to your faith in Christ?

APRIL OFFERING

General Fund

First Sunday	\$3482.00
Lenten Worship	.698.00
Second Sunday	.2070.00
Lenten Worship	.60.00
Third Sunday	.2247.00
Maundy Thursday	.445.00
Good Friday	.23.00
Fourth Sunday	.2444.00
Total	.\$11,468.00

Building Appeal

First Sunday	.\$220.00
Second Sunday	.270.00
Third Sunday	.535.00
Fourth Sunday	.140.00
Total	.\$1165.00

Pony Express

First Sunday	.0
Second Sunday	.0
Third Sunday	.\$225.00
Fourth Sunday	.0
Total	.\$225.00

Per Sunday

Average Attendance (per Sunday)	.125
Avg. General Giving (per Sunday)	..\$2561.00
Avg. General Giving (per Midweek)	..\$307.00
Avg. Building Fund Giving (per Sunday)	\$291.00
Avg. Pony Express Giving (per Sunday)	\$56.00

Offering Needed

Per Sunday	.\$2880.00
Per Month	.\$12,481.00

Income for 2011 (Thru April)

General	.\$41,541.00
Building Fund	.\$6170.00

Needed for Remainder of 2011

General	.\$93,727.00
Building Fund	.\$10,300.00

2011 Budget

(including Building Appeal):**.\$149,769.00**

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

- 6-1Charles & Jean Stranberg
Michael & Sheryl Johnson
- 6-6Jerrel & Carol Hintz
- 6-9Joe & Becky Fordyce
- 6-10John & Sharon Holm
Vern & Gerry Passmore
- 6-14Matt & Karin Sorenson
- 6-18Dale & Marge Anderson
Jim & Connie Halvorson
Pastor Daniel & Sally Belgum-Blad
- 6-22Harlan & Julie Madsen
- 6-24Robert & Peggy Starz
- 6-25Doug & Debbie Hanson
- 6-26Larry & Sheryl Stranberg
- 6-27Robert & Yvonne Thomsen

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Please remember our homebound members with a visit, a card, or a special prayer to bring a little added sunshine into their lives.



Mark S. Berscheid
Willmar Care Center
500 Russell St. NW
Willmar, MN 56201
Room 5

Blanche Hoepner
Sunnyview
316 Sunrise Lane
P.O. Box 686
Atwater, MN 56209

Ole Hovey
Sunnyview
Side #1, Room #2
316 Sunrise Lane
P.O. Box 686
Atwater, MN 56209

Bill Hutchinson
Bethesda Heritage
Room 322B, 1012 3rd St.
Willmar, MN 56201

Luella Nelson
#306 Lincoln
Apartments
Litchfield, MN 55355

Russell Olson
Sunnyview
Side #1, Room #1
316 Sunrise Lane
P.O. Box 686
Atwater, MN 56209

Grace Peterson
11055 180th St. NE
Atwater, MN 56209
974-8273

Ron Snavely
117 2nd St. SE
Pennock, MN 56279
320-599-5016

- 6-1 Allen Finsrud
Lucas Damm
Ethan Russell
- 6-2 Art Nelson
AubreyAna Erdmann
- 6-3 Melissa Binnall
Tori Anderson
- 6-4 Elaine Nelson
Rose Snavely
- 6-7 Jaylen Russell
Myli Narragon
- 6-9 Yvonne Thomsen
Britta Sorenson
- 6-10 Amber Johnson
Jed Smith
Liz Everson
- 6-11 Bethany Ehrenberg
- 6-12 Katie Peterson
- 6-13 Brenden Russell
- 6-14 Amanda Peterson
Gregory Peterson
- 6-15 Connie Halvorson
Taylor Bolton
- 6-16 Kevin Bomstad
Carol Hintz
Mark Borchert
- 6-17 Jan Peterson
Isaac Fordyce
Miranda Borchert
Brayden Johnson
- 6-18 Robert Starz
Jason Schwartz
Jeremiah Nelson

JUNE



- 6-21 Haley Holm
- 6-22 Robin Johnson
- 6-24 Melissa Russell
- 6-25 Lynnae Shultz
- 6-28 Dwight Skillings
Kimberly Garcia
- 6-29 Jim Halvorson
Matthew Hintz
Joseph Evenson

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Please remember to notify the church office of any corrections that should be made to birthdays, anniversaries, names, addresses, etc., so we can keep our files updated. Thanks!