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During my first couple of months back at Immanuel, I have heard many of you expressing many different concerns. Here's a sampling of some of the things I've heard: "I wish we could get more of our young people involved in our church." "I wonder why 'so & so' doesn't come to church anymore." "What are we going to do about Sunday School?" "We've got to try to get more people to come to church." To me, these different statements point to a similar concern. How would I describe this concern? I would say that all of these statements show that you are concerned about this Christ-centered community of ours at Immanuel. My question to you about this concern, though, is this: are you concerned about Immanuel's statistics and finances (the attendance and the offering plate), or are you more concerned about people and their relationships with God and with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ? It is that second part of my question that should concern all of us at Immanuel. In my opinion, our number one concern and question at Immanuel always should be, "How are we being a Christ-centered community that is hearing and sharing

God's call to reflect Jesus to the world?" It is my hope and prayer that you are concerned because you care about the difference that Jesus makes in your life, and that you want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to encounter Jesus.

I have been thinking about ways in which we might be able to share Jesus with more people than just those who are already joining us on Sunday mornings and at our various small groups during the week (Bible study, WELCA, choir, etc.). One idea that I'm really intrigued with is offering a Christ-centered gathering on Monday evenings. I'm not exactly sure what this gathering would "look like," but it would include elements of worship, fellowship, God's Word in Scripture and a Message, and the sacraments. Would there be music? Maybe yes, but maybe no. It would be something that you'd want to go to if you missed worship on Sunday morning, yet at the same time, it wouldn't be like Sunday morning's worship at all, so you would want to go on Monday night, too. It should appeal to all types of people, from "the unchurched" to "church junkies." At this Monday night gathering, all people of all ages would be

able to come as they are and feel welcome to experience God's love in our crucified risen Lord Jesus Christ. This kind of Christian gathering would be a change of pace: it's a kind of gathering where you should have a change of heart and mind because Jesus has come and encountered you in such a way that you can't help but be different than the way you were when you walked in the door. What we would do each Monday night could very well change from week to week. This idea of a very different kind of Christian gathering, with all of these possible changes involved in its very being, has led me to think that maybe we'd call this Monday night gathering "Change." Well, what do you think? Are you ready for "Change"? Or are you a "good ol' Lutheran" who is shaking in your boots at the very mention of the "C" word? Let me know what you think. And let's keep thinking about new and engaging ways of sharing with others God's call to reflect Jesus to the world. Thanks for reading! ~Pastor Justin

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The August 6th council meeting was called to order by President Derek Anderson. All members and Pastor were present. Pastor led us in devotions and prayer. Marlin read the secretary's report and Rod Meier gave the treasurer's report. Pastor gave his report.

Old Business

Dan has gotten another bid for the new carpet. We should have some information to present at the Oct. Quarterly meeting

The organ has been working O.K. lately, so a repair man has not been called. We discussed the organ fund. The progress of this fund is something we should keep in our prayers.

It has come to our attention that someone is interested in buying the property south of the church. He will be at the city council meeting on August 8th to try to get the demolition order reversed. Some of the council members will go to the meeting to listen, and if necessary voice our thoughts.

At the next quarterly meeting we will talk about the new hymnals. Is it time to order the new books?

New Business

The fall highway clean up has been scheduled for October 3rd at 5:30. Afterwards we will share in food and conversation at the Pizza Hut. The rain date is Oct. 10th.

We also briefly talked about the soup dinner; maybe moving it from the spring to this fall, possibly in November.

The total for the Grace Matters fund-raiser is \$74. At the last council meeting it was agreed upon to match this amount. We will send \$150 to Grace Matters.

The next council meeting will be September 10th at 7:30. Pastor closed with prayer and a blessing. If there are any questions or concerns please contact us.

Secretary- Marlin Kaser

ince Pastor Justin will be attending a First Call Theological Education Event at the end of September, he thought it might be helpful to share a bit about what FCTE is all about.

What is FCTE?

irst Call Theological Education (FCTE) is a three-year structured program of theological education designed to assist newly called leaders in the transition to rostered ministry. One of the most dramatic transitions in the life of a newly rostered person is the transition from seminary to the first call to public ministry. For that reason, the ELCA has prescribed standards and expectations for continuing theological education during the first three years of rostered service under Call.

Who has responsibility for FCTE programs?

FCTE programs are designed, offered, supervised and evaluated by synods, following churchwide standards. Theological education is a process of lifelong learning which addresses ministry in our changing community and societal contexts. This requires faithful leaders with abundant gifts and special qualities such as: (a) depth in the faith, (b) practical congregational skills, (c) competence to communicate across cultures, (d) capacity to reach out to unchurched people, (e) ability to make connections between faith and everyday life. Foundations for these competencies have been laid in seminary education. To a large extent, however, the ministry skills are finally realized only in the practice of ministry in the setting of a specific congregation and its larger social, economic, and cultural context. Newly called leaders learn to do ministry and develop a "habit of the heart" for lifelong learning during these early years of service.

What are benefits of FCTE for congregations?

When a congregation commits to this program for a newly called pastor, the congregation may expect:

A graceful transition for the new leader from candidacy to congregational ministry

A more vibrant ministry

Increased support for the ministries of people in their daily lives

A healthy relationship between the new leader and the congregation

More effective ministry to a changing world

Shared participation in learning that makes a difference

Joy in doing ministry together

Learn more about FCTE at <http://www.elca.org/firstcall/fcte.html>

September 2007

September 2, 2007 The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am WOV WORSHIP W/ HOLY COMMUNION

Greeters: Judy & Tamie
Organist: Iris Doolittle
Usher: Dan Kluver

Worship Assistant:
Altar Care Set-up:
Fellowship treats:

Lonna Doolittle
Linda Mintken
WELCA

September 9, 2007 The 14th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am LBW Worship

Greeters: Glen & Darlene Nordby
Organist: Bonnie Gall
Usher: Dan Kluver

Worship Assistant:
Fellowship treats:

Lonna Doolittle
Cleaning Com.

September 16, 2007 The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am LBW Worship w/ Holy Communion

Greeters: Kelly & Michelle Berglund
Organist: Jolene Ziebell
Usher: Dan Kluver

Worship Assistant:
Altar Care Set-up:
Fellowship treats:

Lonna Doolittle
Linda Mintken
Altar Care Team

September 23, 2007 The 16th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 WOV Worship

Greeters: Jed & Melody Knapp
Organist: Iris Doolittle
Usher: Dan Kluver

Worship Assistant:
Fellowship treats:

Lonna Doolittle
Cleaning Com.

September 30, 2007 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 WOV Worship

Greeters: Walt & Viola Kaser
Organist: Bonnie Gall
Usher: Dan Kluver

Worship Assistant:
Fellowship treats:

Lonna Doolittle
Evening WELCA

September Cleaning Committee: Jim & Sharilyn Heller & Robin Flaugh

October Cleaning Committee: Dan & Michelle Kluver & Dave & Marilyn Samuelson





**ATTENDANCE
AND OFFERINGS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>
7-1	33	\$ 636.00
7-8	26	\$ 672.00
7-15	33	\$ 520.15
7-22	27	\$ 895.00
7-29	29	\$1,300.00
Average		
	30	\$804.63

DOLLARS FUNDS
SENSE

July 31, 2007

Our weekly income for the month of July represents approximately 64.3% of our budgeted amount needed (for the month).

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

Amount needed YTD
\$35,987.00

Amount received YTD
\$28,715.00

Camp Fund - \$217.10
Bdg. Fund - \$887.74
Vision Fund - \$10,000.00

Organ Fund - \$352.47
Memorial Act. \$2214.43
BOM CD \$10,000.00

**Birthdays &
Anniversaries**

September 2	Glen Wedekind
September 3	Sharilyn Heller
September 4	Payton Jones
September 5	Iris Doolittle
September 10	Austen Schmidt
September 12	Lori Meier
September 14	Esther Dittberner
September 15	Amber Knapp
September 26	Denise Schwarz

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 3	Dave & Marilyn Samuelson
September 4	James & Sharilyn Heller
September 4	Crystal & Tim Kruid
September 13	Caleb & Sarah Bierman
September 18	Rod & Iris Doolittle
September 23	Duane & Bonnie Gall





OUR SPACE

This page is a new addition to the newsletter. Hopefully it will be a page where our young adults down to confirmation age people, can let you know what's going with them, what they are up to, what their concerns are and what they hope for. They are not limited as to what they can write about or say, so take some time to read what's going on with them, and remember to keep them and all children in your prayers.

I am going into my fourth year at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. I am working on a Bachelor's in Mechanized Systems Management and I hope to attend Graduate school. I am currently on an internship that has led me throughout the midwest. I am doing Harvest Support for New Holland, and I started down in Texas and I am now in Montana, it has been a lot of fun. I work at the Nebraska Tractor Test Lab in Lincoln and I am going to be living with Kurt Gall this next year.

Thanks
Adam Flaugh

Hello Everyone!

Here is a short bit about my current life as of right now:

I am attending the University of Nebraska-Omaha getting my BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) degree with about two years left. I am also minoring in Gerontology (the study of aging) and getting my certificate hopefully after next year. I am also interning at the Bemis Contemporary Art Gallery downtown in the fall so that should be exciting. Eventually I would like to get my masters degree in Art Therapy, specializing in Alzheimer care. I have been living in Omaha for the past two years and love it! I attend St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, but am not a member yet. It reminds me a lot of Immanuel. Back in April, I got a pug named "Oscar". He keeps me busy besides school at work, he's a loving little dog that's always loyal and fun. I am working as a work study at UNO in the Teacher Education Department, and it is a great job. Other than that, nothing else! I miss you all and keep cool!

Heather Cross :)

Let me try my hand at this: Paul Cross is currently a senior at The University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I am enrolled in the Industrial Technology Education department. This degree will allow me to be a ITE (shop) teacher in the very near future. I have been living in Lincoln for the past three years.

In the summer I work nearly (or nearly as a) full time as a campus bus driver. My work includes driving the routes around campus to deliver passengers to their destinations. Also we do a lot of special details, where faculty, students, or athletes, need a bus reserved for them to take them somewhere on campus, or off campus. During school my work schedule will be incorporated with my class schedule.

I live with Zach Ebeling, also another Madison High School 2004 alumnus, who works full time at Nebraska Pump. He supplies Well companies and others who need commercial water pumps.

Take care everyone! I hope everyone has working A/C as this summer has been very hot!

THINGS IN OUR CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
BIBLE BREAD
CANDLES
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FLOWERS
GOD
GOSPEL
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HYMNBOARD
JESUS
JUSTIN

KEYBOARD
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SANCTUARY
STAINEDGLASS
WINE
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To print a copy of the calendar, copy and paste the following into your browser:

http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?print_view=yes&list_by=calendar_month&begin_date=9/1/2007&ci=L6H2G1L6H2I3G1G1&igd=&print_layout=portrait&print_as=HTML

Also, to view the interactive calendar, copy and paste the following into your browser:

<http://calendar.immanuelmadison.com>

Daily Bible Readings–September 2007 [Year C]

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Note: Readings on Monday through Wednesday reflect on the readings heard in church the previous Sunday; readings Thursday through Saturday reflect on the readings that will be heard in church the coming Sunday.

- Sat. 1– Proverbs 21:1–4, 24–26; Matthew 20:20–28; Psalm 112
Sun. 2– Proverbs 25:6–7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16; Luke 14:1, 7–14
Mon. 3– 2 Chronicles 12:1–12; Hebrews 13:7–21; Psalm 119:65–72
Tues. 4– Isaiah 2:12–17; Titus 1:1–9; Psalm 119:65–72
Wed. 5– Isaiah 57:14–21; Luke 14:15–24; Psalm 119:65–72
Thurs. 6– Genesis 39:1–23; Philippians 2:25–30; Psalm 1
Fri. 7– Deuteronomy 7:12–26; Colossians 4:7–17; Psalm 1
Sat. 8– Deuteronomy 29:2–20; Matthew 10:34–42; Psalm 1
Sun. 9– Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–33
Mon. 10– 2 Kings 17:24–41; 1 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Psalm 101
Tues. 11– 2 Kings 18:9–18; 1 Timothy 4:6–16; Psalm 101
Wed. 12– 2 Kings 18:19–25 & 19:1–7; Luke 18:18–30; Psalm 101
Thurs. 13– Genesis 6:1–6; 1 Timothy 1:1–11; Psalm 51:1–10
Fri. 14– Genesis 7:6–10 & 8:1–5; 2 Peter 2:1–10a; Psalm 51:1–10
Sat. 15– Genesis 8:20–9:7; John 10:11–21; Psalm 51:1–10
Sun. 16– Exodus 32:7–14; Psalm 51:1–10; 1 Timothy 1:12–17; Luke 15:1–10
Mon. 17– Amos 7:1–6; 1 Timothy 1:18–20; Psalm 73
Tues. 18– Jonah 3:1–10; 2 Peter 3:8–13; Psalm 73
Wed. 19– Job 40:6–14 & 42:1–6; Luke 22:31–33, 54–62; Psalm 73
Thurs. 20– Exodus 23:1–9; Romans 3:1–8; Psalm 113
Fri. 21– Ezekiel 22:17–31; Romans 8:31–39; Psalm 113
Sat. 22– Isaiah 5:8–23; Mark 12:41–44; Psalm 113
Sun. 23– Amos 8:4–7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13
Mon. 24– Proverbs 14:12–31; Acts 4:1–12; Psalm 12
Tues. 25– Proverbs 17:1–5; 1 Corinthians 9:19–23; Psalm 12
Wed. 26– Proverbs 21:10–16; Luke 20:45–21:4; Psalm 12
Thurs. 27– Proverbs 22:2–16; 2 Corinthians 8:8–15; Psalm 146
Fri. 28– Proverbs 28:3–10; Ephesians 2:1–10; Psalm 146
Sat. 29– Proverbs 28:11–28; Luke 9:43b–48; Psalm 146
Sun. 30– Amos 6:1a, 4–7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31