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You might remember that in 2007, Immanuel's Fourth of July parade float was me riding my recumbent bicycle with signs that read, "A little float for the little church...a new pastor for new beginnings. We are the people of Immanuel Lutheran Church." As I rode my bicycle down the parade route, I tossed out bags of M&M's™ that had a little message stapled to it, which read, "You can't spell Immanuel without m & m!" Cute and clever, but not quite as catchy as I might have hoped.

Starting on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, we're going to play off of the two Ms in Immanuel once again as we offer Meal & Message nights to our whole community and the surrounding area three weeks in a row on June 17, June 24, and July 1. On each one of these Wednesday nights, we will be serving a Meal at Immanuel from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Meal will be served and available to eat during the entire 90 minute time frame, and a free-will offering will be collected to help support the mission of Christ's ministry at Immanuel. The Message part of the evening will happen as we are eating, starting at approximately 6:05 p.m. with a song or two, followed by a short Christian message that will be done no later than 6:20 p.m. Since the Meal will be available during and after the Message, folks may continue to eat and enjoy one another's fellowship until 7:00 p.m, when the Meal will come to an end.

So what might a Meal & Message night at Immanuel look like? When are you supposed to show up exactly? What will you have to do? Volunteers who are serving the meal each night will likely show up at church around 5 p.m. as they heat up the food and get it all ready to go. At 5:30 p.m., we will say grace for the meal, and whoever is present and ready to eat may toss their free-will offering into the basket and eat at that time. Other folks may not show up to eat until 5:45 p.m. or 6 p.m., but that's okay, because the Meal is continuously served the entire time. Around 6:05 p.m., as folks continue to sit around the dinner tables, I'll grab my guitar and sing a song or two (maybe an old-time hymn and a contemporary song), and folks can either sing-along or just listen. Around 6:10 p.m., I'll read a scripture reading and share a short Message that will be different than the Sunday Sermons. This Message will share the good news of God's love for the world as revealed through Jesus Christ. As the Message concludes around 6:20 p.m., some folks who showed up at 5:30 p.m. may want to head for home. The folks who showed up closer to 6:00 p.m. may want to stay and visit with the others who have showed up for the night. Maybe some people will come at 5:30 p.m. and stay for the whole time. And although they would miss the Message, maybe some folks will show up at 6:40 p.m. to enjoy the Meal and share in a bit of fellowship. The Meal and the Message will be offered consistently at these times for three weeks in a row starting June 17. Following our July 1 Meal & Message night, we'll see if this ministry has potential for continued growth, or if we will direct our ministry efforts in a different direction.

While there are many different reasons we're giving these Meal & Message nights a try, let me mention a few main reasons why I think it's a good idea to give it a shot. First, Jesus calls us to feed the hungry in our midst. A Meal can do this. Jesus also says that "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." The Message will share God's Word with the lives of people. Perhaps the "smells and bells" of Sunday morning worship do not allow people to relate to God as deeply. Also, offering this alternative style of worship may reach out to the unchurched in our community who are looking for a weekly connection with God. With some people unable to attend worship on Sunday mornings, these Wednesday Meal & Message nights are an available option to folks traveling, working, or sleeping-in.

Please join me in praying that Jesus Christ may be revealed in our community through these Meal & Message nights, and be sure to come and join us! ~Pastor Justin



Let's Keep GoodSearching & GoodShopping!

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting Immanuel Lutheran Church - Madison by using GoodSearch.com to search for things on the Internet, and by using GoodShop.com to buy goods & services online. As of May 25, for all of 2009, we've raised \$7.59 by GoodSearching, and \$9.29 by GoodShopping. That's a small but great start!

Remember, to help Immanuel out, all you have to do is go online to <http://www.goodsearch.com> or <http://www.goodshop.com>, indicate that you are supporting Immanuel Lutheran Church – Madison, and then search or shop away. There's over 1000 online stores available through GoodShop (including Amazon.com, LEGO, & 1-800-Flowers). If you're going to place an order online, please double-check with GoodShop to see if they support your online store, and then buy it from the same store through GoodShop, knowing that you won't pay anymore, but that a part of your purchase will be going into the offering plate at Immanuel!

Please use goodsearch.com honestly. Fraudulent searches will result in our church being delisted. If you need help or want more information, feel free to contact Bonnie or Pastor Justin.



Did you miss the latest message? Call in and hear it again!

Did you receive a phone call from Immanuel via One Call Now, only to forget what it said? Did someone else in the house hear the message, but not you? Did the dog or cat answer the phone? However you missed the message, you can hear it again! If you're calling from the phone line that receives the messages, call toll-free 1-877-698-3261, press 1 at the voice prompt, and then listen to the latest messages. If no recent messages have been sent, the voice prompt will tell you, "No messages have been sent to this phone number." If you'd like to check the messages from a different phone line, (i.e. your cell/work phone line), you will need to enter the phone number at which you normally receive the messages.

One Call Now Roster Space Available! Online Messages, too!

Is there someone that isn't getting One Call Now messages from Immanuel that you think should be? We currently have 7 openings on our roster list that we can fill for free. Are there any college students or potential new members that would like to be added? Let us know, and we'll try to accommodate requests as we are able. Also remember, the latest message can be heard online at <http://www.immanuelmadison.com>. Click on the little speaker icon in the One Call Now banner.

Meal & Message Nights at Immanuel

June 17. The Meal will include BBQ Pork Sandwiches. The Message will be by Pastor Justin.

June 24: The Meal will include Spaghetti. The Message will be by Pastor Justin.

July 1: The Meal will be a Grill-Out. The Message will be by Pastor Justin.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS
MONTH TO:**

June 2 Kandis Biehle
 June 5 Robin Flaugh
 June 6 David Samuelson
 June 8 Michelle Kluver
 June 9 Michael Panek
 June 14 Jerrett Lapour
 June 15 Judy Lapour
 June 18 Travis Ogan
 June 20 Jerry Lapour
 June 21 Cody Schwarz
 June 22 Kirsten Maas
 June 26 Jenny Ogan
 June 26 Crystal Kruid
 June 27 Sara Jones
 June 30 Edie Maas



Offerings for April 2009

<u>Offerings –</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Misc. Income</u>
4-5-09	\$ 775.00	\$ 244.92
4-12-09	\$1915.00	\$ 104.00
4-19-09	\$ 648.00	\$ 2.00
4-26-09	\$1305.00	\$ 8.00
	<u>Totals</u>	
	\$4643.00	\$ 357.92

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY THIS
MONTH TO:**

June 4 Rod & Lori Meyer
 June 15 Verl & Harriett Nahrstedt'
 June 18 Tim & Sandy Wiltman
June 23 Colby & Sara Jones

Statement of Funds

General Fund

As of April 30, 2009

The May 7th council meeting was called to order by President Rod Doolittle. Pastor will lead the prayers at the Memorial Day service. Pastor and the confirmation students will be at confirmation camp May 31st to June 5th. Pastor, Keith, and Iris will be at Ne. Synod Assembly June 5th to 7th. Pastor will be here for the service on June 7th. The wall hanging photo album has been ordered. We will discuss the idea of a pancake feed more at the next meeting. There was also discussion of a carnival for a fund raiser, which will be discussed more at the next meeting. Also discussed was the idea of a weeknight service with a meal. We may try this sometime in June. We will try as soon as possible to fix the water damage in the basement walls, and paint the walls. The next council meeting will be June 11th. The quarterly meeting will be June 28th.
 Secretary- Marlin Kaser

General Offering	\$4643.00
Miscellaneous Inc.	\$ 388.61
Monthly Expenses	\$7003.19
Balance 3-31-09	\$17307.97
	<u>Other Accounts</u>
Camp Fund	\$2140.75
Building Fund	\$6451.04
Organ Fund	\$ 361.47
Memorials	\$2802.43
Total Cash in Bank	\$29,063.66

JUNE 2009

Worship Assistants

June 7, 2009 The Holy Trinity

9:00am LBW WORSHIP

Greeters: Elmer & DeAnna Choutka	Worship Assistant: Jordyn Berglund
Organist: To be determined	Altar Care Set-up: Iris Doolittle
Usher: Betty Cross	Fellowship treats: WELCA

June 14, 2009 The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00_am LBW Worship w/ Holy Communion

Greeters: Duane & Denise Schwarz	Worship Assistant: Jordyn Berglund
Organist: Bonnie Gall	Fellowship treats: Cleaning Com.
Usher: Betty Cross	Altar Care Setup: Iris Doolittle

June 21, 2009 The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am WOV Worship w/ Holy Communion

Greeters: Rod & Iris Doolittle	Worship Assistant: Jordyn Berglund
Organist: Jolene Ziebell	Fellowship treats: Altar Care Team
Usher: Betty Cross	

June 26, 2009 The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00am LBW Worship

Greeters: Glen & Darlene Nordby	Worship Assistant: Jordyn Berglund
Organist: Jillian Wiese	Fellowship treats: Cleaning Com.
Usher: Betty Cross	

June Cleaning Committee: Jacquie & Jolene

July Cleaning Committee: Glen & Darlene Nordby & Marlin Kaser






Daily Bible Readings–June 2009 [Year B]
Reprinted from Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings, © 2005
Consultation on Common Texts (CCT).

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.

- Mon. 1-Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**
Tues. 2-Genesis 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Wed. 3-Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Thurs. 4-Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8; Psalm 29
Fri. 5-Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11; Psalm 29
Sat. 6-Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27; Psalm 29
Sun. 7-Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17
Mon. 8-Numbers 9:15-23; Revelation 4:1-8; Psalm 20
Tues. 9-Exodus 25:1-22; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10; Psalm 20
Wed. 10-Numbers 6:22-27; Mark 4:21-25; Psalm 20
Thurs. 11-Genesis 3:14-24; Hebrews 2:5-9; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Fri. 12-1 Kings 10:26–11:8; Hebrews 11:4-7; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Sat. 13-2 Kings 14:1-14; Mark 4:1-20; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Sun. 14-Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34
Mon. 15-Ezekiel 31:1-12; Galatians 6:11-18; Psalm 52
Tues. 16-Jeremiah 21:11-14; Revelation 21:22–22:5; Psalm 52
Wed. 17-Jeremiah 22:1-9; Luke 6:43-45; Psalm 52
Thurs. 18-Job 29:1-20; Acts 20:1-16; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Fri. 19-Job 29:21–30:15; Acts 21:1-16; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Sat. 20-Job 37:1-13; Luke 21:25-28; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Sun. 21-Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41
Mon. 22-Exodus 7:14-24; Acts 27:13-38; Psalm 65
Tues. 23-Exodus 9:13-35; Acts 27:39-44; Psalm 65
Wed. 24-Joshua 10:1-14; Mark 6:45-52; Psalm 65
Thurs. 25-Lamentations 1:16-22; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16; Psalm 30
Fri. 26-Lamentations 2:1-12; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; Psalm 30
Sat. 27-Lamentations 2:18-22; Luke 4:31-37; Psalm 30
Sun. 28-Lamentations 3:23-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
Mon. 29-Leviticus 21:1-15; 2 Corinthians 8:16-24; Psalm 88
Tues. 30-Leviticus 15:19-31; 2 Corinthians 9:1-5; Psalm 88

JUNE 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31  Pentecost 8:20 AM Grace Matters Redux 9:00 AM WOV Worship w/ Communion 10:00 AM Fellowship over Coffee & Treats 12:30 PM Pastor Justin & Confirmands leave Madison for Camp	1 Pastor Justin & Confirmands @ Carol Joy Holling Camp/Ashland	2  Pastor Justin & Confirmands @ Carol Joy Holling Camp/Ashland	3 Pastor Justin & Confirmands @ Carol Joy Holling Camp/Ashland	4 Pastor Justin & Confirmands @ Carol Joy Holling Camp/Ashland	5 Nebraska Synod Assembly @ Midland Lutheran College/Fremont 4:00 PM Confirmands leave Carol Joy Holling Camp	6  Nebraska Synod Assembly @ Midland Lutheran College/Fremont
7  Nebraska Synod Assembly @ Midland Lutheran College/Fremont Trinity Sunday 8:20 AM Grace Matters Redux 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship over Coffee & Treats	8 12:30 PM Pastor to sing/lead devotions @ Senior Center 3:30 PM Pastor to lead Hymn Sing @ Countryside Home 5:30 PM Madison Ministerial Association Meeting @ Food Pantry	9	10	11  6:30 PM Immanuel Church Council Meeting	12	13
14  8:20 AM Grace Matters Redux 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship over Coffee & Treats 2:00 PM Dupsky/Dietz Premarital Counseling 7:00 PM Immanuel Youth Group Meets	15 7:30 PM St. Luke's Council Meeting	16 10:00 AM Cluster Text Study @ Christ the Servant/Norfolk	17 5:30 PM Meal & Message Night @ Immanuel--BBQ Pork Sandwiches	18  11:00 AM Immanuel to serve canteen @ Bloodmobile @ City Auditorium	19 	20  4:00 PM Ordination of Dale Topp at Christ Lutheran/Wisner
21  Father's Day First Day of Summer 8:20 AM Grace Matters Redux 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Fellowship over Coffee & Treats	22	23	24  2:00 PM WELCA hosts Strawberries @ Countryside Home 5:30 PM Meal & Message Night @ Immanuel--Spaghetti	25	26	27
28  8:20 AM Grace Matters Redux 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Quarterly Meeting following worship, with coffee & treats	29 	30	1 5:30 PM Meal & Message Night @ Immanuel--Grill Out!	2 5:30 PM Madison Ministerial Association Mtg. @ Food Pantry	3	4 Independence Day