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## Immanuel Lutheran Church

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There are a few different events coming up in August that I'd like to highlight in my newsletter article this month.

If you haven't heard, MacKenzie Voecks is a 12-year-old girl from Stanton who has been diagnosed with transverse myelitis, a neurological disorder caused by inflammation across both sides of one level of the spinal cord. This disorder has paralyzed MacKenzie below the belly button. About one-third of people affected with transverse myelitis experience good or full recovery from their symptoms. Another one-third show only partial recovery. The remaining one-third show no recovery at all, remaining wheelchair-bound for life. Unfortunately, making predictions about individual cases is difficult, so right now, we're waiting for time to pass to see MacKenzie's results. She has spent most of her summer at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, strengthening her upper body and learning how to get around in a wheelchair. You can imagine how large the medical bills will be for the Voecks family. To help them with their expenses, a fundraiser has been scheduled for Sunday, August 9th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the VFW Club in Stanton, located at 1106 Veterans Avenue. A Fish Fry will be served for lunch for \$5 a plate.

A raffle drawing and bake sale will also be held. Both a silent auction and a live auction will take place at 2 p.m. Organizers of the fundraiser are looking for any bake sale goods or auction donations. Supplemental funding will be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. It would be wonderful if you could attend this event, and/or make a donation to the bake sale or auctions. Feel free to talk with me for more information about this event.

Second, if you take a look at Immanuel's August Calendar of Events, you'll notice several Renewed/New Members Classes scheduled toward the end of the month. Over the past several months, we have had nearly 20 different non-members join us for worship and other community-of-faith events. At times, I have heard some of these folks make references to joining Immanuel's membership. Back in March, our church council approved some steps people could take in order to familiarize themselves with Immanuel and feel comfortable becoming a member of the body of Christ at our church. These steps include:

- Attending a minimum of 6 worship services, to understand the importance of worship life at Immanuel, and how it shapes who we are as disciples of Jesus Christ.

- Read & review the brochure Lutheran Basics, which is available in the church office
- Attend three renewed/new member classes.

- 1)Reviewing Lutheran Basics
- 2)Learning about the ELCA Churchwide Organization & Ministries

- 3)Learning about Immanuel: Past, Present, & Future

- Public Affirmation of Faith (or Baptism for the non-baptized) during a worship service

The Renewed/New Members Classes have been given this name so that everyone is invited to come and be a part of these classes. Perhaps current or lifelong members can learn just as much as new members, and/or they can share some of their favorite memories and insights as to why Immanuel is the place where they connect with God. Parish Ministry Associate Jacquie Samway will be leading the classes offered on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. following worship, and I will be leading the same classes Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. If you know someone who has been considering joining Immanuel's membership, or wants to renew their understanding of being a member, please invite them, or grab them by the elbow and bring them to these three classes. We'll be glad to see them.~~Pastor Justin

### **July 2009 Council Meeting**

The July 6<sup>th</sup> council meeting was called to order by President Rod Doolittle at 6:35 P.M. All members and Pastor Wiese were present. Pastor opened with a prayer and then presented his report. The Rick Johnson and Shelby Avery wedding will be here at 4:00 P.M. on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The rehearsal will be the night before. Sept. 14-15 will be First Call Theological Education at Camp Carol Joy Holling. Marlin read the June secretary's report. Kelley presented the June treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$28,159 and the ending balance was \$28,108.

**Property CMTE:** Rod will check into the water leak between the old and new structure.

**Old Business:** We discussed the Wednesday night services. At the quarterly meeting Bonnie Gall suggested forming a committee to organize and schedule people for making the meals. It was also suggested to check into the idea of only 2 mid week services a month. For the pancake dinner Pastor has checked availability of the city auditorium and reserved it for Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. A few people signed up to help on the committees. It was agreed to activate the committees and start something if we have any ideas.

**New Business:** We discussed the pastoral compensation package. At the quarterly meeting a motion was made to form a committee to go through the package. Jackie Samway and Bonnie Gall will be on the committee to look into the insurance. Anita Thompson would be willing to help. The next council meeting will be August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Pastor closed with a prayer and blessing. Secretary- Marlin Kaser

### **June 2009 Quarterly Meeting**

The June 28<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting was called to order by President Rod Doolittle at 10:07 A.M. 24 members were present. Pastor Wiese opened with a prayer. Marlin read the minutes from the March quarterly meeting. Kelley Berglund presented the treasurer's report. The general fund balance on March 29<sup>th</sup> was \$29,192.20. The balance on June 28<sup>th</sup> was \$26,285.37.

Property- Rod has the water damage in the basement fixed and pretty much ready for painting. Evangelism- The council has decided to have a fund raiser for MacKenzie Voecks, who is a member of St. Lukes in Stanton. She has become paralyzed from the waist on down. They are having a fund raiser for her on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We then discussed the Pastor's compensation package for the last 6 months of 2009, and discussed the health insurance premiums. Judy Schroeder made a motion to approve that the 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 months of the compensation package be the same as the 1<sup>st</sup> 6 months, and to form a committee to look into the whole pastoral package. For the fourth of July parade, the theme is "Hanging out with the Stars". We will build the float on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. So far the Wednesday night meal and message is going very well. It was agreed to start up again in Sept. The wall hanging photo album has arrived and has been installed. On June 7<sup>th</sup> Stanton and Pilger voted to extend a call to Naomi Olson. Pilger voted for her, but Stanton was not a majority vote for her, so their call process continues. Jackie suggested that we get in contact with Stanton as soon as possible, and to form a committee to do this. The lot south of the church has been leveled and seeded with grass. It is for sale and the asking price is \$12,000. The ELCA is having a video contest from June 15<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>. We can make a 30-90 second video based on the phrase; God's work, our hands. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$5,000 for a church or \$2,500 for an individual. Rod has made replica crosses of the cross on the front of the church. They are available for sale for a donation price of \$30. It is Immanuel's turn to volunteer in August at the food pantry. A few more volunteers are needed. Secretary- Marlin Kaser

# August 2009/Worship Assistants

August 2, 2009 The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## 9:00am WOV WORSHIP W/ HOLY COMMUNION

Greeters: Donna Mavis  
Organist: Jolene Ziebell  
Usher: Donna Mintken

Worship Assistant: Shania Knapp  
Altar Care Set-up: Linda Mintken  
Fellowship treats: WELCA

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August 9, 2009 The 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## 9:00am WOV Worship

Greeters: Wayne & Betty Cross  
Organist: Iris Doolittle  
Usher: Donna Mintken

Worship Assistant: Shania Knapp  
Fellowship treats: Cleaning Com.

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August 16, 2009 The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## 9:00am LBW Worship w/ Holy Communion

Greeters: Tamie & Judy  
Organist: Bonnie Gall  
Usher: Donna Mintken

Worship Assistant: Shania Knapp  
Altar Care Set-up: Linda Mintken  
Fellowship treats: Altar Care Team

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August 23, 2009 The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## 9:00am LBW Worship

Greeters: Don & Esther Dittberner  
Organist: Jillian Wiese  
Usher: Donna Mintken

Worship Assistant: Shania Knapp  
Fellowship treats: Cleaning Com.

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August 30, 2009 The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## 9:00am WOV Worship

Greeters: Glenn & Audrey Wedekind  
Organist: Jolene Ziebell

Worship Assistant: Jordyn Berglund  
Usher: Donna Mintken  
Fellowship treats: Evening Welca

**August Cleaning committee: Donna & Linda Mintken & Casey & Anita Thompson**

September Cleaning Committee: Kelley and Michelle Berglund

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS  
MONTH TO:**

August 3 Hailey Berglund  
 August 7 Melody Knapp  
 August 10 Glen Nordby  
 August 11 Kent Biehle  
 August 19 Wayne Cross  
 August 20 Paula Biehle  
 August 20 Jasmine Scott  
 August 23 Jared Knapp  
 August 25 Rick Field  
 August 26 Eugene Luetkenhaus  
 August 27 Michelle Berglund



**Offerings for May 2009**

	<u>Offerings –</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Misc. Income</u>
	<b>6-7-09</b>	<b>\$ 428.00</b>	<b>\$ 549.75</b>
	<b>6-14-09</b>	<b>\$1,358.50</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
	<b>6-21-09</b>	<b>\$1,075.00</b>	<b>\$ 13.00</b>
	<b>6-28-09</b>	<b>\$ 985.00</b>	<b>\$1,965.84</b>
		<b><u>Totals</u></b>	
		<b>\$3,846.50</b>	<b>\$2,533.59</b>

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY THIS  
MONTH TO:**

August 4 Don & Esther Dittberner

\*\*If your birthday or wedding anniversary is not listed, please let us know so we can change our records. For accuracy in our church records, we need the full date of birth or anniversary.\*\*

**Statement of Funds**  
**General Fund**

As of June 30, 2009

General Offering	\$3846.50
Miscellaneous Inc.	\$2533.59
Monthly Expenses	\$6380.09



**Other Accounts**

Please remember in your prayers, prayers of healing for: Jerry Wiese, Carl Putman, MacKenzie Voecks, Ben Choutka, Linda Nelson (Jolene Ziebell's sister), Deb Cover, Marjorie Field, Sandy Junge (Jillian Wiese's aunt), Joe Korth, Glenn Wedekind, and all those in need of God's healing touch.
















Camp Fund	\$1340.75
Building Fund	\$6362.54
Organ Fund	\$ 361.47
Memorials	\$2804.65
Total Cash in Bank	\$28,107.87

**Daily Bible Readings—August 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.

- Sat. 1- Exodus 13:3-10; Matthew 16:5-12; Psalm 78:23-29  
Sun. 2- Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35  
Mon. 3- Numbers 11:16-23, 31-32; Ephesians 4:17-24; Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43  
Tues. 4- Deuteronomy 8:1-20; 1 Corinthians 12:27-31; Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43  
Wed. 5- Isaiah 55:1-9; Mark 8:1-10; Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43  
Thurs. 6- 1 Samuel 28:20-25; Romans 15:1-6; Psalm 34:1-8  
Fri. 7- 2 Samuel 17:15-29; Galatians 6:1-10; Psalm 34:1-8  
Sat. 8- 1 Kings 2:1-9; Matthew 7:7-11; Psalm 34:1-8  
Sun. 9- 1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34:1-8; Ephesians 4:25–5:2; John 6:35, 41-51  
Mon. 10- 1 Kings 17:1-16; Ephesians 5:1-14; Psalm 81  
Tues. 11- Ruth 2:1-23; 2 Peter 3:14-18; Psalm 81  
Wed. 12- Jeremiah 31:1-6; John 6:35-40; Psalm 81  
Thurs. 13- Job 11:1-20; Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 34:9-14  
Fri. 14- Job 12:1-25; Romans 16:17-20; Psalm 34:9-14  
Sat. 15- Job 13:1-19; John 4:7-26; Psalm 34:9-14  
Sun. 16- Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58  
Mon. 17- Genesis 43:1-15; Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 36  
Tues. 18- Genesis 45:1-15; Acts 7:9-16; Psalm 36  
Wed. 19- Genesis 47:13-26; Mark 8:14-21; Psalm 36  
Thurs. 20- Joshua 22:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Psalm 34:15-22  
Fri. 21- Joshua 22:10-20; Romans 13:11-14; Psalm 34:15-22  
Sat. 22- Joshua 22:21-34; Luke 11:5-13; Psalm 34:15-22  
Sun. 23- Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-59  
Mon. 24- Nehemiah 9:1-15; Ephesians 5:21–6:9; Psalm 119:97-104  
Tues. 25- Nehemiah 9:16-31; Ephesians 6:21-24; Psalm 119:97-104  
Wed. 26- Isaiah 33:10-16; John 15:16-25; Psalm 119:97-104  
Thurs. 27- Exodus 32:1-14; James 1:1-8; Psalm 15  
Fri. 28- Exodus 32:15-35; James 1:9-16; Psalm 15  
Sat. 29- Exodus 34:8-28; John 18:28-32; Psalm 15  
Sun. 30- Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
Mon. 31- Deuteronomy 4:9-14; 1 Timothy 4:6-16; Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48

# AUGUST 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p>  <p><i>Pastor on vacation</i>  <b>9:00 AM</b> LBW Worship  <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship with coffee &amp; treats  <b>7:00 PM</b> Immanuel Youth Group Gathering</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Pastor on vacation</i></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>  <p><b>2:00 PM</b> Pastor leads Chapel/Bible Study @ Countryside Home</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p>  <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Immanuel Staffing the Food Pantry</p>
<p>2</p>  <p><b>9:00 AM</b> WOV Worship w/ communion  <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship with coffee &amp; treats</p>	<p>3</p>  <p><b>12:30 PM</b> Pastor to sing/lead devotions @ Senior Center  <b>3:30 PM</b> Pastor to lead Hymn Sing @ Countryside Home</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Cluster Text Study @ St. John's/Norfolk</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>  <p><b>5:30 PM</b> Madison Ministerial Association Meeting @ Food Pantry  <b>6:30 PM</b> Immanuel Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>  <p><i>Pastor Justin at 10-year class reunion all day</i>  <b>9:00 AM</b> Immanuel Staffing the Food Pantry</p>
<p>9</p>  <p><b>9:00 AM</b> WOV Worship  <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship with coffee &amp; treats  <b>11:00 AM</b> MacKenzie Voecks Fundraiser @ VFW Club/Stanton: Fish Fry, Bake Sale, Raffle, and Auctions until 4 p.m.  <b>5:00 PM</b> TBD--Wedding Ceremony Planning: Tammi &amp; Joel</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>  <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Immanuel Staffing the Food Pantry</p>
<p>16</p>  <p><b>9:00 AM</b> LBW Worship w/ communion  <b>10:00 AM</b> Fellowship with coffee &amp; treats  <b>10:00 AM</b> Renewed/New Member Class: Lutheran Basics</p>	<p>17</p>  <p><i>Madison Schools Start</i>  <b>7:30 PM</b> St. Luke's/Stanton Council Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>10:00 AM</b> Cluster Text Study @ Immanuel-Zion/rural Albion</p>	<p>19</p>  <p><b>2:00 PM</b> WELCA Afternoon Circle Meeting  <b>7:00 PM</b> Renewed/New Member Class: Lutheran Basics</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>  <p><b>9:00 AM</b> Immanuel Staffing the Food Pantry</p>
<p>23</p>  <p><b>9:00 AM</b> LBW Worship</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>  <p><b>MEMBERSHIP CLASS</b></p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

**10:00 AM** Fellowship with coffee & treats  
**10:00 AM** Renewed/New Member Class: About the ELCA

**7:00 PM**  
Renewed/New Member Class: About the ELCA



**9:00 AM** Immanuel Staffing the Food Pantry

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**9:00 AM** WOV Worship  
**10:00 AM** Fellowship with coffee & treats  
**10:00 AM** Renewed/New Member Class: Immanuel—Past, Present, & Future  
**7:00 PM** Immanuel Youth Group Gathering

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**7:00 PM**  
Renewed/New Member Class: Immanuel—Past, Present, & Future