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OUR MISSION
STATEMENT

We are a church family of Christian believers who celebrate with joy the renewing love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are committed to learning, sharing and living the Word of God and His sacraments in our worship, lives and community



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A Note from Pastor Sue

Dear Friends in Christ,
As I write this it's a nasty day outside – a little bit of rain mixed with snow, puddles every where along the highways, the air is heavy just prime for the fog to roll in. The temp hovering around freezing – can't quite decide what it wants to do. And I think about the variety of life metaphors that such scenes could conjure up – and then with a sigh I think, "This really is not a bad time to go on vacation!" Then I am hit with a bit of reality again - getting ready to go on vacation means a ton of stuff to do, people to check in with before I can go, details to make sure are covered for while I'm gone, and then there is making sure that I have a few things in place so returning won't be so chaotic. And then I start to think about Lent – yep, Lent, it's just around the corner. Christmas came and went so fast, winter has hardly seemed to show up and then to think of Lent, actually means we can begin to start thinking of spring. And then I wonder when

does the rat race slow down?

I know, it seems that I am rambling a bit and you are wondering where I am going with this. But I know I'm not the only one who feels at times that life is

**Love one another,
for love comes
from God.**

1 John 4:7



just moving faster and faster (they say that's what you experience with aging – if that's the case then I must be getting really old!) But it does seem that life, even in Door County, seems to be going at lightning speed. Many people I talk with have a hard time slowing down and catching their breath. Our lives seem way overscheduled; and for those of us with computers and cell phones it seems these devices

meant to make life easier have tethered us to the need to be in communication 24/7. The thought of vacation starts to give me hope that at least for a couple of weeks I can slow down, and take some time to breathe. I am reminded of the commercial that shows a group of young men driving all over remote trails looking for the place to camp out where their cell phones won't get a signal. Sometimes you just need to disconnect. But the problem with that is that we weren't designed to disconnect. We are hard wired to be in communication, to be connected. But maybe what most of us experience is not necessarily being in communication overload – but perhaps it's not being connected properly to the right power source. It's when we are not communicating well with God, the Lord and giver of Life, the source of all strength and energy, that we begin to feel frazzled and out of control.

Jesus said, **"Come to me, all of you that are weary**

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Immanuel at Work

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and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke fits perfectly and the burden I give you is light." (Matthew 11:28)

When I read or hear these words, I immediately feel a calm come over me. They remind me once again of our need to rest in Jesus. And that we can find that rest anytime, anywhere – we don't need to be wired up to a computer, don't need to check our battery power or cell signal – God's line is always open, always connected, always powered up, the signal strength is always strong – even when we don't feel it.

To renew your strength and energy, to regain focus for the day, to just slow down for a moment, go to Jesus. Don't get bogged down with thinking you don't have that much time to spend – think of the time it takes for you to send a text message, to jot a note down, or tweet – that's really all it takes to seek out Jesus in those rushed, "life is moving too fast" moments. Then remember that to help you get really fueled up there's worship on Sundays, and soon there will be the Wednesday Lenten services to help you re-focus even more. It doesn't take much in our lives these days to get out of sync and feel out of sorts. It also doesn't take much to regain your equilibrium. All it takes sometimes is just remembering Jesus' invitation

"Come to ME".

I would encourage you to write these words from Jesus down in places where you can just glance at them so that in a rushed moment you will see them and think "Jesus, I need Jesus".

Dave and I are blessed to be able to have vacation time to physically remove ourselves from the daily tasks that chase us down. But anytime we call on Jesus it can be a mini-vacation of sorts – a step away – a breather. Take advantage of Jesus' invitation – go to him – rest in him – and discover that in disconnecting even for a moment, you will reconnect to life more deeply and more powerfully because you are connected to the very source of life. God Bless you with life and peace,
Pastor Sue

Women of the Word

Winter is a wonderful time for us to be knitting and crocheting for charity. The women have been faithful to their task and many items are being produced to share with others. In our discussions, we have made a decision to hold a bazaar in conjunction with the Harvest Dinner in the fall of 2012. That means we are also working on handmade items that can be part of that event. We are looking for others who would be willing to donate handmade items to sell, with all proceeds going to charity.

projects are welcome.)

- ◇ hats for all ages
- ◇ scarves for all ages
- ◇ baby blankets, booties, mittens, sweaters, etc.
- ◇ handmade afghans
- ◇ dish cloths
- ◇ pot holders, casserole pads
- ◇ table runners
- ◇ place mats and coasters
- ◇ potato cookers (made with fabric)

If you are willing to join us, (either at church or at home) we have a suggested list of items we hope to display and sell. Winter months are a great time to keep the hands busy with lap work and home projects. (Items will be handmade and mostly knitted or crocheted. Some items may be quilted or sewn. Suggestions for other

The list may expand as we move through the months ahead. If you have questions, contact Cynthia Crock or Judy Miller, as well as any of the ladies in the group, for more details. We are excited about raising funds for a local worthwhile charity, and we can benefit from YOUR HELP.

Youth Programs

The youth, including past and present confirmands and Wed. School participants, had a lot of fun bowling. When you see them ask them their score?????????

Feb.15-class/project
Feb.22-NO CLASS!

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
at ST PAULS-Juddville

Feb.29-class/project followed by
Soup supper & worship

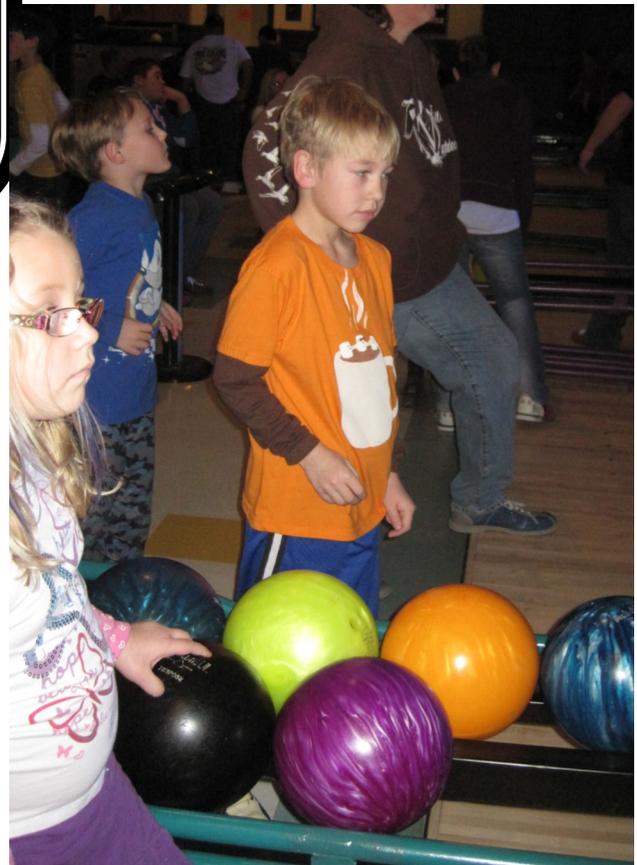
With 29 days this February it will also bring the beginning of Lent. Our schedule is:

Feb. 1-class/project
Feb. 8-class/project

DON'T FORGET WORSHIP SERVICES ON
SUNDAY @ 10:00

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

**Fun
Fellowship
Event**



Snow Cancellation Policy 2012

SUE CALLS:

Jim
Roberta/Paula/Lee
TV & Radio stations

JIM CALLS:

Council

ROBERTA CALLS:

Bible School Families

LEE CALLS:

Band Members

NOTE:

In the event that Pastor Sue is out of town, the Council President and Vice President should make the call on whether to cancel worship or not.

Then the Council President should make the calls to the Musician for the day and the TV/Radio stations. The Vice President should call the council members.

A decision should be made **NO LATER** than 7:30 a.m.

TV STATIONS:

WBAY – CHANNEL 2
WFRV – CHANNEL 5
WGBA – CHANNEL 26
WLUK – CHANNEL 11

RADIO STATIONS:

WDOR
WPF

NO-FEE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

Once again, through a program sponsored by the IRS and AARP, trained and certified volunteers will be conducting income tax preparation at no cost to the taxpayer. The program is designed for low to moderate incomes, with special attention to those age 60 and older. Membership in AARP is **NOT** required. All tax returns are "e-filed" to both the IRS and the State of Wisconsin.

Appointments need to be made and are held at two locations: Scandia Village on **Wednesdays** (854-2317) and on **Mondays** at the Baileys Harbor Town Hall (839-2157).

Health and Wellness

The Northern Door Health and Wellness Ministry is sponsoring a series of programs entitled "Recognizing Risky Youth Behavior" taking place from 4-5PM at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church in Ellison Bay.

On Feb 5 Jessica Holland BS will present "Bullying and Date Violence". Holland is a youth advocate with HELP of Door County.

On March 4 Pastor Bruce Foster will present

"Healthy Vs. Unhealthy Sexual Behavior". Foster is pastor at Shepherd of the Bay.

Door 2 Door- a shared ride taxi service has come to northern Door!!! For now, the service area includes the villages of Ephraim and Sister Bay, the Town of Gibraltar and the southern portion of the Town of Liberty Grove. It is available M-F from 7am-6PM, though hours and days may increase

if there is enough use. All vans are wheelchair accessible. The cost of a one-way ride is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 3-18 and \$3 for 60+ and those with disabilities. For a ride call 888-337-9485.

There are plans to expand this taxi service to cover the entire peninsula, so if you would benefit from this service but do not live in the service area, please call Door-Tran to let them know. This will help the expansion to come sooner. Call Pam Busch at 920-743-9999 or 877-330-

Door of Hope
Grief
Support—
Second
Mondays from
2:00 pm to
4:00 pm

February Volunteers

Usher: Dan Burlo Sr. for all Sundays in February

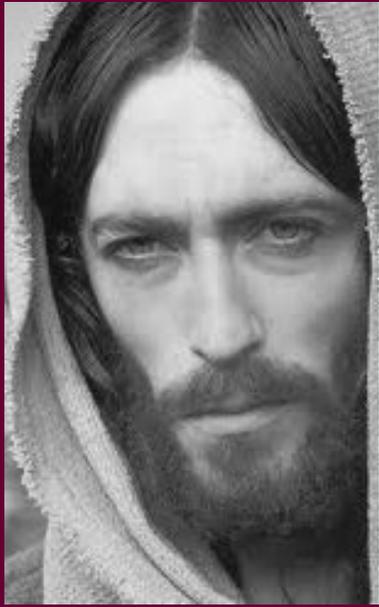
Communion setup/ assistant: 5th—Helen Mueller; 19th— Emilie Franke

Acolytes: 5th—Joe; 12th—Lexie; 19th—BYE WEEK; 26th—Jordan; WED 29th—Lexie

Readers: 5th— Roberta Burlo; 12th— Lori Gray; 19th— Roberta Burlo; 26th—Cynthia Crock.

Coffee set up: **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**





*Sign up
soon to
help with
soup
suppers*



**Wednesday Lenten Series:
"Invited to the Banquet of the King"**

Join us for a series of dramas about Christian Worship. "The story follows the allegorical path of a poor, mystified peasant on the way to a banquet with the King. Unworthy and unsure of why he has been invited, the peasant meets several citizens of the kingdom along the way who help him understand what his journey is all about."

(From the Introduction to "Invited to the Banquet of the King")

Opportunities to serve: Sign up now to help out with Soup Suppers by setting up or cleaning up, by providing soup, bread, salad or desert. Or consider helping with worship by ushering or reading.

Make Wednesday evenings an important part of your Lenten journey!

LENT IS COMING –

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 22nd. We will be worshipping with St. Paul's in Juddville again. Worship is at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Soup Suppers and Lenten Services are here again! Beginning on February 29th and continuing every Wednesday evening through March 28th. Soup Suppers at 6:00 p.m. with worship at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Bible Readings

Lent is a season of the church year when we think about the things Jesus did while he lived on earth and what it means to be God's followers. For some people it is also a time to pay attention to ways they can show self-disciplines through Bible reading and prayer. Following is a list of Bible readings to help you practice these disciplines.

Ash Wednesday	Mt.6:1-6,16-20	March 25	John 12:20-33
February 26	Mark 1:9-15	April 1	Mark 11: 1-11 Palm Sunday
March 4	Mark 8:31-38	April 5	John 13:1-17 Maundy Thurs.
March 11	John 2:13-22	April 6	John 18:1-19:42 Good Fri
March 18	John 3:14-21	April 8	John 20:1-18 Easter

Council Highlights

January 10, 2012

Vice-president Helen Mueller called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. All members were present. Pastor led us in devotions and prayer.

Election of officers followed with these results:

- * President-Jim Parent
- * V-Pres-Helen Mueller
- * Sec.-Roberta Burlo
- * Appointments were:
- * Treasurer-Cynthia Crock
- * Financial Sec.-Rozanna Gerdman

Jim mentioned that he would like to add a position for inviting the past president to act in an advisory capacity and attend any or all meetings. This will be added to the by-laws.

Treasurer Cynthia Crock voiced her concerns about the electric bill. Summer's bills average around \$200 per month, but the winter bills can range from \$500-\$700 per month. Larry stated that he has been investigating alternative heating options. Cynthia stated that the "Mission Investment Fund" monies are currently held by ELCA.

She mentioned that these funds be withdrawn and invested for our mission fund projects. Funds earned by the six youth of our church who will be participating in Gibraltar's 7th & 8th grade trip to Wash. D. C. in April will be paid to them.

Pastor reported that the Christmas services went well and attendance was good. She thanked everyone involved with the Christmas program and gave a special thanks to Ward & Judy Miller for making the stable. She also thanked the folks who put the decorations up and took them down.

She reported that the LCMC meeting in Wausau on Saturday, January 7th was very inspiring. Jan Liss, Dave Gunderson and Pastor Sue along with about 120 people were present as they formally constituted the Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula of MI District of the LCMC. A leadership team of 7 was elected and Dave Gunderson was among them. He has been elected for a 3-year term.

Pastor will be on vacation from Jan. 28th-Feb. 12th. Pulpit supply: 1/29-Paula Eggert, 2/5-Pastor Tom Zehnder and 2/12-Roberta Burlo. Pastoral care coverage will be handled by Pastor Michael Brecke and Gary Scharrig.

Lenten and Easter services are approaching. We will be at St. Paul's for Ash Wednesday services. Volunteers are needed for weekly soup suppers, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter breakfast.

We will be working on updating our church directory. Many people would like to have a photo directory; Pastor would like to work this in with the soup suppers during Lent.

An Ecumenical service will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. Stella Maris Parish in Sister Bay will be hosting this service with a Fellowship Reception following. Our Praise Band will be supplying the Prelude music. A "UNI" award will be given to the congregation with the most attendees.

Immanuel's website is presently a "work in progress" in the final stages.

Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 17th @ 6:00 p.m. to begin work on setting goals and objectives for the 2012 year.

There were no specific committee reports at this time. We will be studying the specific purpose of each committee and determine if there are any changes or combinations need to be made.

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012

February

2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 4 PM Bible School & Confirmation ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	2 9:30 AM Exercise Beth Moore Bible Study 10:15 AM & 6:30 PM ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	3 Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	4 ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	
5 10 AM Worship w/ communion ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	6 9:30 AM Exercise 9:30—noon Women's project group ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	7 Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	8 Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 4 PM Bible School & Confirmation ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	9 9:30 AM Exercise Beth Moore Bible Study 10:15 AM & 6:30 PM <u>5 PM Praise Band</u> ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	10 Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	11 ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	
12 10 AM Praise Service ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	13 9:30 AM Exercise 9:30—noon Women's project group 2—4 PM <u>Door of Hope—Grief Support</u> ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	14 Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 7 PM Church Council ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	15 Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 4 PM Bible School & Confirmation ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	16 9:30 AM Exercise Beth Moore Bible Study 10:15 AM & 6:30 PM ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	17 Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Newsletter deadline ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	18 8 AM Men's breakfast and Bible study ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	
19 10 AM Worship w/ communion ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	20 9:30 AM Exercise 9:30—noon Women's project group ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	21 Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	22 ASH WEDNESDAY 4 PM Bible School & Confirmation 7 PM Worship at St. Paul's Juddville ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	23 9:30 AM Exercise Beth Moore Bible Study 10:15 AM & 6:30 PM <u>5 PM Praise Band</u> ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	24 Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	25 ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	
26 10 AM Praise Service ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	27 9:30 AM Exercise 9:30—noon Women's project group Print newsletter ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	28 Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	29 Office Hours 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM 4 PM Bible School & Confirmation 6 PM Soup Meal 7 PM Lenten Worship ←————— Pastor Sue on vacation —————→	<div style="border: 2px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px;"> <p>THANK YOU</p> <p>Dave and I would like to thank the congregation for remembering us so thoughtfully this Christmas. We are thankful for all of the Christmas gifts we received. Your generous hearts means so much to us. We are so blessed to be your servants.</p> <p>In Christ's Love, Pastor Sue and Dave</p> </div>			

Maybe I'm not making big changes in the world, but if I have somehow helped or encouraged somebody along the journey then I've done what I'm called to do.

-Sister Thea Bowman

2011 Statements of Giving are now available in the Narthex of Immanuel. We would appreciate it if you could pick yours up as well as other family members so we can avoid mailing costs. If you have any questions about your statement please call Rozanna Gerdman, Financial Secretary at 920-839-2922



Did all of the pins fall down???

LCMC DISTRICT NEWS

On Jan. 7th, Jan Liss, Pastor Sue and Dave attended the constituting meeting of the Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula of MI District in Wausau, WI. Here is the press release from that day:

Wisconsin-Upper Peninsula of Michigan District of LCMC Forms in Convening Conference

More than 100 Lutherans gathered in Wausau Saturday, January 7 to witness the formation of the Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula of Michigan District of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). Delegates from many of the 56 LCMC congregations in the region were on hand at Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Wausau to pass a mission statement and constituting by-laws, and to elect a leadership team. The gathering also worshipped together, and held brainstorming discussions regarding how the district should serve congregations.

The mission passed by the new district states, "The Wisconsin & Upper Peninsula of Michigan District exists for the glory of God to support, guide and expand the congregations of LCMC."

A seven member leadership team was elected by the delegates. They include **Dave Gunderson of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Baileys Harbor WI**; Kurt Haebig of Cornerstone Lutheran Church, Wausau WI; Dean Kallenbach, Faith Lutheran Mission Church, Eau Claire WI; Scott McKenzie of Grace Lutheran Church, Hayward WI; Rev. Carole Neitzel of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Champion MI; Jayme Silber of Grace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire WI; and Daniel Wright of St. John's Lutheran Church, Gillett WI.

The leadership team was charged with developing communication systems that will allow the congregations of the district to network on such issues as missions, youth activities, and training of pastors and lay members. The bylaws passed at Saturday's gathering also direct the leadership team to develop a Congregational Service Team which will be available to help congregations with such things as calling pastors or dealing with conflict issues.

LCMC is one of the fastest growing Lutheran bodies in America. In Wisconsin, the number of LCMC congregations has grown from 13 to 50 in the past 30 months, while all six upper Michigan congregations have joined LCMC since the summer of 2009. LCMC defines itself as a centrist, congregational-based Lutheran church body which recognizes Scripture as the sole source and norm of faith and life. Details about LCMC and its mission can be found at www.lcmc.net.

Congratulations Dave on the appointment to the leadership team!