

A Lutheran Congregation in Mission for Christ

Immanuel Lutheran News

A Message from Pastor Sue

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OUR MISSION STATE- MENT

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

Ask the Pastor – instead of doing a long rambling letter (as I often can do) I decided to do something different for the newsletter this month. I have asked the council members to give me the questions that people are asking related to things of the church. Over the last couple of years we have been through quite a lot together, and there are still questions that linger, particularly about our decision to leave the ELCA and join LCMC. Those questions are often shared with members of the council, or just talked about among friends at the coffee shop or grocery store, but they are not always brought to me directly – that's understandable. I think it's important to take the time to address your questions and concerns, and invite you to send me your unanswered questions related to faith, the church, and direction we are headed as a congregation. Instead of just putting them in the body of one big letter – you will find each question addressed in its own separate box in the newsletter. I hope these answers will be helpful and encouraging. I also hope that if your particular question

is not addressed that you will send it to me to put in the next newsletter. It is helpful if you let me know who it is that is asking the question – but I won't be putting your name in the newsletter. I've included two questions that have come up this month. By the way – thanks for asking!

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Sue

**Ask the Pastor...
would she really have left
Immanuel if the congrega-
tion didn't leave the ELCA?**

That's a loaded question – the direct and difficult answer is "yes" – but let me explain why. If Immanuel would have chosen to stay in the ELCA I feel I would have had to make a very painful decision to part ways – not because of you, but because the ELCA has become a church that I don't recognize as the same church into which I was ordained. The things I vowed to uphold when I was ordained I take

very seriously but over the years the ELCA has changed. As I see it, they are no longer adhering to the vows I took when I was ordained. At issue are things like: the authority of Scripture, claiming the name of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and the proclamation of Jesus as the only way to salvation. These are some of the things that have been compromised over the years. As long as I was a pastor in the ELCA I wore the banner of the denomination – essentially stating that I submit to and stand by everything for which they stand. The decisions of the church body in 2009 were about far more than a social statement – they were reflective of a direction the ELCA has gone that I could no longer in good conscience stand beside and support. My calling as a pastor is first, foremost, and only unto to God. For me, I could not remain faithful to God and still serve the ELCA. I am glad I did not have to make that decision because I truly love all of you at Immanuel and I love being here to serve you!

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Youth Group events for July

Wings of a Hero Christian Rock group will be performing a free concert on the lawn of Immanuel Lutheran at 7 PM on July 4th.

Popcorn and other goodies will also be sold during the day and during the fireworks.

Hope you can come and help out!



Help is need to frost cinnamon rolls. Come 6:00 AM on the 4th to help **9x13 pans needed**—bring to church by Saturday before the 4th

A note from Pastor Sue (continued)

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**Ask the Pastor...
If she expected Immanuel
to leave the ELCA**

I did not know what to expect. The only "expectation" I had for Immanuel was simply that she be willing to have conversation about the issues at hand. The process unfolded as I had hoped it would – that the leadership of the congregation would lead – and they did. The council took the lead – the executive committee made up of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer spent hours and hours researching not only the documents of the ELCA, but information provided by other Lutheran groups including: Word Alone, Lutheran CORE, LCMC, and response statements from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and Lutheran World Federation*. (All their study was made available to members of the congregation, infor-*

mation was placed in the newsletter along with reference to websites people could check on their own) After extensive study, that group presented to the council a recommendation for proceeding which led to having 4 congregational forums in which we discussed the Sexuality Statement, the Resolutions that had been adopted, we invited Bishop Justman of our synod to answer questions, and a follow up gathering to discuss how to proceed. After all of that the Council took action to recommend that we take it to the congregation for a vote. Certainly I took part in those conversations. I was asked directly by the Council to put my thoughts and reactions in writing which I did. As your pastor I recognized the very difficult position I was in with regard to this conversation. Whether we like it or not, pastors opinions do hold sway. I tried as best I could to separate my personal journey through this from the congregation's

journey. In the end, what direction the congregation took would be independent of what direction I would take. My hope was that we choose the same path – but that was not my expectation, and I tried diligently to step aside and let your elected leadership direct the process. I had made the commitment not to use the pulpit to discuss these issues and only did so with the council's knowledge and consent. Obviously I was pleased with the outcome – that we could continue on this journey together, but I did not expect it to be that way. Bottom line, Immanuel has been around for over a 100 years and has made many tough decisions in her lifetime reflective of her thoughtful and independent character. I did the best I could to honor that and respect whatever direction she chose for herself.

** These are organizations that have a relationship with the ELCA or had been working on cooperative efforts together.*

Church Council Minutes

MAY

Treasurer's Report:

- All transactions through April 30 have been entered into the new system and balanced/verified against the current CMTS system.
- January and February reports were complete and correct.
- March report was complete except the final Thrivent investment account which depended on the market.
- April report is complete except for the payment made on the principal for Immanuel Woods.
- She felt that transfer of funds via internet banking vs. running to Associated and/or Baylake would be advantageous.
- Council moved to close the Baylake money Market account and move it to Associated.
- Polka Fest netted approximately \$1500. Council moved to allocate 10% of the funds from future undesignated fundraisers to the Mission Fund.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor made 7 home and hospital calls.
- She conducted Sunday worship services throughout the month of April at Scandia Village.
- Thank you to all who participated in the Lenten, Palm Sunday and Easter services
- LCMC Leadership Conference was very inspiring, challenging and refreshingly Biblical.
- Lee and Nancy Nordgren will be our congregational representatives to keep us informed about the Bridges program.
- The Youth Group had a successful first event

at the church. There is a very interested group of young people who are excited about the possibilities available. There will be a band concert on June 1st at the church featuring "Wings of A Hero".

- License have been secured for showing movies for **Movie Night** and nearly \$900 of the \$2000 needed to purchase the complete set up has been received.
- Confirmands will have their Service of Public Witness on Saturday, May 19th at 5:00 p.m. and Confirmation Day on Sunday, May 20th.
- Summer schedule begins Memorial Day weekend.

• August 14-16 CORE Convocation and Theological Conference in Minneapolis.

• LCMC Annual Gathering in Denver, Oct. 7-10.

Vacation Schedule—Oct. 26-Nov. 4

Nov. 27-Dec. 3

Potential vacation for 2013—gone 2 ½ weeks in Jan/Feb

Jim Parent asked the council to review the proposed Constitution.

Jolynn Reinhardt video-taped the church properties for insurance purposes.

Committees:

- Jan Liss delivered local envelopes that were not picked up.
- Readers are needed for the worship services. Larry recommended that projection equipment be purchased from one business.

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Look for members of the Praise band and their award winning float during the 4th of July parade.

Church council minutes - continued

JUNE

Treasurer's Report:

The transition to the new system is complete
March report being completed and Thrivent is now set up in the system and gains and losses on our investments can now be posted correctly.
April report is also complete with our liability reduced by \$5,000 from \$65,000 to \$60,000.
Polka Fest transactions are now recorded as other fund raising and not outreach.
May report was provided in the new system format only and with a balance sheet as well as profit and loss sheet.
For the month of May alone we are just over \$1800 short of budgeted envelope offerings with some donation designated to other categories.
For 5 months, we are just over \$400 short of total offerings, but in the category of envelope offerings, we are just over \$3,000 short.
All financial accounts are now with Associated or Thrivent with the mission and money market accounts being moved from ELCA and Baylake accordingly.
We have given \$434 to Bridges in June. This includes \$134-10% from the Polka Fest. The balance of the Polka Fest funds is pending a specific use.
Our June 2nd offering (4 the Cross) netted \$511 for the electronic Bibles. Pastor will ask for any further donations on Father's Day.

Cynthia also mentioned memorial monies received and monies for missions. She also reviewed information on the land payments.

Pastor's Report:

Made 3 home and hospital calls
Has a wedding scheduled for June 15th
Conducted graveside internment for Terry Gerdman
Confirmed Joe Burlo, Lexie Joly and Jordan Pluff
Assisted at the Baccalaureate Service at Stella Maris in Fish Creek
Assisted at the Memorial Day service at Sister Bay Cemetery
Received a request for membership for Marvin and Alice Volden

She reminded the council of the several mission opportunities that our church has to consider.

Summer worship services are off and running. May and June usually have a slow start.

Committees:

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Readers are needed for worship services

Larry will be getting bids for the countertop in the kitchen and checking on movie equipment.

Helen reminded everyone about:

Concert on Friday, June 15th

Spuds & Splits after worship service on June 23rd

Help is needed to prepare the rolls for the July 4th sale.

Jim Jennings reported on:

Memorial from the family of Roger Marquardt

Scholarship request from Ashley Zahn

Memorial Book is being compiled and up-dated

Wish list for Immanuel

Next meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.



**Check out the new web site
for the church
www.immanuel-lutheran.org**



Cinnamon Rolls Sales July 3rd & 4th

Cinnamon rolls will be sold July 4th starting at 7 AM until they are all sold out. You may order in advance if you'd like.

- \$2.50 per cinnamon roll
- \$3.25 per caramel pecan roll

HELP NEEDED:

- 9 X 13 pans needed (400 rolls are being made this year)
- Help on July 3rd to bake, frost and package the rolls
- Help needed July 4th to sell rolls

To help or for more information contact Rozanna Gerdmann 839-2922 or Helen Mueller 839-2565

Out reach responses

Missions Report

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
NIV Acts 1:8

In the last couple of months we have had several opportunities to support missions in various ways. **LOCALLY:** we are supporting **Bridges of Friendship** (a ministry to American and International student workers in Door County) not only with financial contributions but also through members being "host" families, and teaching English (ESL classes). **NATIONALLY:** we are supporting our Troops through the **Faith Come By Hearing's** digital Bible Sticks (over \$500 received). **GLOBALLY:** we welcomed guest preacher Pastor Terry Kinney representing **Food For the Poor** and have been challenged to consider

School Supplies for Altrusa

Altrusa has asked for a monetary gift of \$200 instead of school supplies this year. They buy from Wal-Mart in large quantities where everything is all counted out for them, which makes it easier when they start setting up. This year they have 450 children who have requested help and that does not cover all of them. Last year they provided for 350 children. We will have a jar or something in the narthex soon to begin collecting. Please help with this worthwhile project where children can have a smile on their face going to school with all their new school supplies and backpacks. Lets help them get off to a good start on their first day of school.



raising funds to help build a home in Honduras. WOW! These are just a few of the ways that we are being Christ's witnesses at home and throughout the world. It's awesome to see just some of the ways we are being a Congregation in Mission for Christ! Well done!

FOOD FOR THE POOR



Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Pastor Kinney on his recent visit to your parish.

On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you are blessed by your generosity.

*In Christ,
The Food For The Poor Family*

How many loaves do you have?

"What are you going to do about all these hungry people?" That is the question before the disciples in John 6:1-21. It turns out that a boy holds the key to the whole situation. When his meager food supply is placed in the hands of Jesus, miraculous things happen. Today hunger still stalks the globe. In a world of plenty, many are starving to death.

It seems to me that we are required by Jesus to invest what we possess for the welfare of all. The serious error in our judgment is that we often think in negative terms: the church is too small, the community too unrespon-

sive, the resources of our people too limited. Christ calls us to give what we have, inadequate as it may seem, and let God use it.

God gives us the means to make a difference in the world, to help feed the famished. If we are going to accept the challenge, there are two things we should know. One, that faith will not alleviate human suffering. Faith by itself, without works, is no faith at all. Two, neither will bread alone stop hunger. It took God's power to turn the bread into plenty for all, but God used even the meager resources offered and produced a feast. Let's stop think-

ing we don't have enough and begin thinking that God can do amazing things with what we have to offer.....

We must not think of ourselves or our resources as insignificant. We are to come to Christ with what we have and who we are to be used and reshaped in the process for good. How many loaves do you have? Don't worry; it is more than enough for the work of ministry in Christ's name.

-by Jonathan R. Almond, excerpted from *The Clergy Journal*, May/June 1999, © Logos Productions

Health and Wellness News

The Northern Door Health and Wellness Ministry is hosting one more CHIP's (Community Health Information Program's) in the series on "Your Mind, Your Memory and more..." presented by Christy Wisniewski with the Ministry Memory Clinic at the Northern YMCA in Fish Creek. Sunday July 22 from 4-5 PM "Freedom with Dementia: Advocates and Adaptations", which will look at local resources and adaptive equipment that can assist those who have dementia in maintaining independence and quality of life.

Check out the web-site for Northern Door Health and Wellness Ministry for more community resources www.northerndoorhealthwellness.com

Door Tran is actively seeking volunteer drivers to transport Door County residents who cannot afford the half-price voucher program or do not have access to Door2Door or public transit connector services. Drivers will operate their personal vehicles and will be reimbursed mileage. Transportation

would be provided within Door County and to and from Green bay and Algoma.

Northern Door Support Groups

1. Caregivers Support Group 920-746-2542
Sister Bay/Liberty Grove Library
1 PM on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday
Sponsored by the Senior Resource Center, groups offer solutions and strength in providing care to a loved one
2. Door of Hope Grief and Loss Support Group 920-868-9471
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Baileys Harbor
2- 3:30 PM on the 2nd Monday (no meetings July or August)
Compassionate understanding, insights and hope in a confidential setting
3. Fibromyalgia Support Group 920-868-3660
Northern Door YMCA
1st Thursday
All who suffer from this condition are invited to join

4. Survivors of Incest Anonymous 920-868-3241
Stella Maris Parish (St Rosalia's) Sister Bay 7-8:30 PM Wednesdays
A 12 step, self-help support group for individuals who have experienced incest or other sexual abuse/assault
5. Cancer Support Group 868-1172
Shepherd of the Bay Church, Ellison Bay 2:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday





Golden Living – Dorchester
 Evelyn Burlo – Room 116
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 Ethel Holt
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 Debbie Overbeck
 Charlotte Kribbs
 Dorlene Larson
 Nancy Keehan
 Nancy Johnson
 Fyrn Ohman
 Dolores Moschea

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Jan Liss	Stewardship	839-2630

(*non-voting member)

Dan Linczmaier– Afghanistan
 Zach Hartl –stateside
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 Cole Barnowsky– Alaska
 Alaina & Zac Freeman-stateside
 Austin Lent—Stateside
 Joshua Pawlak— Japan

*Lord, keep our servicemen and women safe,
 whether they serve at home or overseas. Hold
 them in your loving hands and protect them as
 they protect us. Amen.*

Praying Together

Five smooth stones.

One sweet song.

Hearts to praise you all day long.

Courage, faith, trust, and love -

All are gifts from God above.

Amen.



**July
 2012**

July 1	Claire Brann
	Barb Shine
July 2	Daniel Linczmaier
July 11	Lois Pluff
July 15	Don Sitte
July 21	Julie Collins
July 22	Cynthia Crock
	Henry Meyer
July 26	Dennis Slyfield
July 28	Butch Hugenroth

*Thanks for the prayer shawl and everyone's thoughts
 and prayers. Mike is doing better each week. We ap-
 preciate your prayers. -Mike, Robin and Jamie Sodd
 (Pam Lent's sister and family)*

JULY

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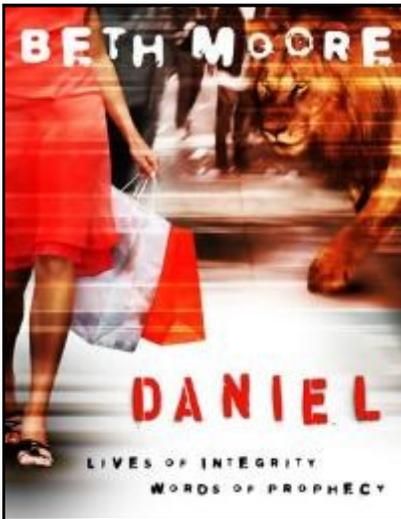
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 AM worship w/ communion	2 9:30 Exercise 9:30—noon <u>Woman's Project</u> <u>group</u>	3 Office Hours 9:30—12:30 <i>Cinnamon roll</i> <i>baking begins</i> 6 AM	4 Cinnamon roll sales 7 AM 7 PM WOAH rock concert 10 AM parade	5 9:30 AM Exercise 5 PM Praise Band	6 Office Hours 9:30—12:30	7 5 PM Praise Service
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David fights Goliath.

1 Samuel 17:1-58





Volunteers are needed to help during both Saturday night and Sunday morning services. Communion set-up, ushers, and readers are needed. Contact Jane Pluff if you can help or sign up on the chart posted on the bulletin board located in the narthex.

Looking Ahead to Fall

Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy by Beth Moore provides a personal study experience five days a week plus viewer guides for the group video sessions of this in-depth women's Bible study. Join Beth in a faith-building study of prophecy and learn how to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats. Today, believers in Jesus Christ face many of the same trials.

This Old Testament Bible study falls in two parts. The first portion, from Daniel chapters 1-6, deals with Daniel's life as he faced the kind of pressures and temptations Christians encounter today. Daniel models how to develop enduring integrity in an enticing world. The second portion, chapters 7-12, explores thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Coming in August.....

August 25th and 26th - Mark Vander Tuig from LCMC will be our guest preacher at both Saturday and Sunday services. We will be hosting a Q&A Potluck after the Saturday Service - Watch for more details in the August newsletter!

SAVE THE DATES!

A quick "heads-up" on our next Bible study beginning after Labor Day. We will be studying the Book of Daniel. This 12-week study will begin on September 6 and end November 29, the week after Thanksgiving.

The times of the day and week will continue to be
Thursdays at 10:15 AM and 6:30 PM.

Workbooks will be \$16.

We also have the opportunity to get pamphlets which amplify on the information in the workbooks and are a handy quick reference to the materials we're studying. (Similar to the resource for our study of the Tabernacle.) If you want that as well, your materials fee will be a total of \$20, not \$16.

We welcome anyone who is interested, members of our church or not, to join us.

Please let your friends know.

"Registration" and materials orders will be due the first part of August



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July highlights

- ◇ Tuesday July 3rd Baking day
- ◇ Wednesday July 4th Fun all day!!
10 AM parade—cinnamon roll sales—
Wings of a Hero outdoor concert—FUN!!!
- ◇ Wednesday July 18th Docks-ology sunset
worship 8 PM (in Ephraim - Wednesdays in Ju-
ly and August)
- ◇ Worship every Saturday 5 PM and Sunday 9 AM